

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1369

By: Representative House

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016 REGARDING THE TAXATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS; TO CREATE THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMISSION FUND AND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATIONS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016 REGARDING THE TAXATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS; AND TO CREATE VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to § 23 of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, also known as the "Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016", Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, § 17, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17. Taxation and distribution of proceeds.

(a) The sale of usable marijuana is subject to all state and local sales taxes at the same rate as other goods.

(b) The ~~states~~ state sales tax revenues received by the Department of Finance and Administration from the sale of usable marijuana under this amendment shall be distributed as follows:



(1) All moneys received as part of this amendment are designated as special revenue and the funds collected shall be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Implementation and Operations Fund;

(2) All moneys received as part of this amendment prior to the effective date of this section shall be immediately transferred to the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Implementation and Operations Fund upon the effective date of this section;

(3) In order for the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to determine the expenses that state agencies incurred due to the passage of this amendment, the following state entities shall submit a report to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State no later than May 1 of each year of the projected expenses for the next fiscal year, including without limitation expenses as set out in subdivision (b)(4) of this section:

(A) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Finance and Administration;

(B) The Department of Health;

(C) The Medical Marijuana Commission; and

(D) Any other state agency that incurs implementation, administration, or enforcement expenses related to this amendment; and

(4)(A) From time to time, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State the amounts as set out in subdivision (b)(3) of this section or so much as is available in proportion to the amount identified by each agency in subdivision (b)(3) of this section from the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Implementation and Operations Fund to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Department of Health, the Medical Marijuana Commission Fund, and any other fund necessary to the implementation, administration, or enforcement of this amendment to pay for or reimburse personal services, operating expenses, professional fees, equipment, monitoring, auditing, and other miscellaneous expenses of this amendment.

(B) At the end of each fiscal year, any unobligated balances of the amounts transferred shall be deducted from the amount transferred in the next fiscal year as authorized in subdivision (b)(4)(A) of

this section.

(C) Any unanticipated expenses or expenses over the amount transferred may be added from time to time to the transfer amount authorized in subdivision (b)(4)(A) of this section.

(D) The Department of Finance and Administration shall report at the end of the fiscal year to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee if during a legislative session the following information:

(i) The total annual amount received as a result of this amendment;

(ii) The amount transferred to each agency; and

(iii) Copies of the report submitted to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State identifying estimated expenses as set out in subdivision (b)(3) of this section.

(c) After the transfer described in subsection (b) of this section, the amounts remaining in the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Implementation and Operations Fund shall be distributed one hundred percent (100%) to the General Revenue Fund Account.

~~(1) Five percent (5%) to the Department of Health paying account or its successor fund or fund account;~~

~~(2) Two percent (2%) to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund or its successor fund or fund account to be used exclusively by the Department of Finance and Administration—Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration Division or its successor;~~

~~(3) Two percent (2%) to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund or its successor fund or fund account to be used exclusively by the Department of Finance and Administration—Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division or its successor;~~

~~(4)(A) One percent (1%) to a special revenue account credited to the Medical Marijuana Commission Fund or its successor fund or fund account to be used exclusively by the Medical Marijuana Commission;~~

~~(B) The General Assembly shall by law created the Medical Marijuana Commission Fund no later than July 1, 2017;~~

~~(5)(A) Ten percent (10%) to the Skills Development Fund or its successor fund or fund account, to be used exclusively by the Office of Skills Development of the Department of Career Education or its successor for the development and implementation of workforce training programs.~~

~~(B) The Office of Skills Development of the Department of Career Education or its successor may use revenues received under subdivision (b)(6)(A) of this section to:~~

~~(i) Supplement or enhance existing programs, including without limitation grant programs; or~~

~~(ii) Establish new programs, including without limitation grant programs.~~

~~(C) If the Office of Skills Development of the Department of Career Education or its successor establishes a new program under subdivision (b)(6)(B) of this section, it shall promulgate rules to implement the program;~~

~~(6)(A) Fifty percent (50%) to a special revenue account credited to the Vocational and Technical Training Special Revenue Fund or its successor fund or fund account, to be used exclusively by the Department of Finance and Administration or its successor for grants to technical institutes and vocational technical schools for personal services and operating expenses, scholarships, research, development and delivery of education coursework and math and science coursework, land acquisition, equipment acquisition, and infrastructure costs, including without limitation site development costs, construction, improvements, landscaping, renovation, dormitory renovation, major maintenance, and the building of roads and parking lots.~~

~~(B) The General Assembly shall by law create the Vocational and Technical Training Special Revenue Fund no later than July 1, 2017.~~

~~(C) The Department of Finance and Administration or its successor shall promulgate rules to implement the grant program described in this subdivision (b)(7) by July 1, 2017;~~

~~(7) Thirty percent (30%) to the General Revenue Fund.~~

~~(e)(d)~~ An entity receiving a grant of state sales tax revenue under subsection (b) of this section may make one (1) or more successive grant applications for the same project or projects.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301, concerning the enumeration of special revenues, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(255) All sales tax revenues collected by the Department of Finance and Administration from the sale of usable marijuana under the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 6, Subchapter 8, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

19-6-833. Arkansas Medical Marijuana Implementation and Operations Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue fund to be known as the "Arkansas Medical Marijuana Implementation and Operations Fund".

(b) The fund shall consist of:

(1) Moneys obtained pursuant to Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, § 17, from taxation of medical marijuana; and

(2) Any other revenues as may be authorized by law.

(c) The fund shall be used to pay expenses of state agencies incurred due to the passage of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, and for transfers of the distributions as set out by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98.

19-6-834. Medical Marijuana Commission Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue fund to be known as the "Medical Marijuana Commission Fund".

(b) The fund shall consist of:

(1) Funds distributed under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, § 17(b); and

(2) Other revenues and funds authorized by law.

(c) The Medical Marijuana Commission shall use the fund for the administration of the commission and other purposes under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98.

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. Review distribution of proceeds.

During the 2019 General Session of the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall:

(1) Review and reexamine the distribution of the proceeds

received from medical marijuana under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, also known as the "Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016"; and
(2) Consider redirecting the proceeds or a portion of the proceeds received from medical marijuana under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, also known as the "Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016", to workforce education within the state.

/s/House