



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2333

~~medical marijuana fund, education, intervention~~

NOW: medical marijuana fund; purposes

Sponsor: Representative Orr

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**DPA/SE** Committee on Health

**DPA** Caucus and COW

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## OVERVIEW

HB 2333 allows monies in the MMF, subject to availability, to be spent for specific purposes.

## HISTORY

Laws 1973, Chapter 158 established the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) by consolidating the State Department of Health, the Arizona Health Planning Authority, Crippled Children Services, the Arizona State Hospital and the Anatomy Board. ADHS sets the standard for personal and community health and is responsible for protecting and improving public health and providing publicly funded behavioral health programs. Currently, ADHS has three divisions including various bureaus, offices and programs within each division.

Passed in 2010, Proposition 203, the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act called on ADHS to develop a medical marijuana program. Chapter 28.1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) outlines the Arizona Medical Marijuana Program (MMP). As of December 2013 there are 44,675 active medical marijuana cardholders, 554 designated care givers and 973 dispensary agents. A.R.S. § 36-2517 establishes the MMF consisting of fees collected, civil penalties imposed and private donations.

## PROVISIONS

- Allows ADHS to combine or link information relating to the MMP with other public health lists or databases in order for ADHS to administer the program and ensure public health and safety.
- Stipulates that monies, subject to availability, in the MMF may be spent in the following manner:
  - Not be used for expenditures on capital construction projects, lobbying activities involving elected officials or political campaigns for an individual or any ballot proposal.
  - For programs to discourage marijuana use among persons who are under 24 years of age, through public health education programs, including grants to local police departments to provide school resource officers in high schools to provide drug education and intervention services, and other programs that are focused on child abuse and neglect prevention.
  - Be used to supplement monies that are appropriated by the legislature for health education purposes and not be used to supplant those appropriated monies.
  - Be spent for:
    - Contracts with county health departments, qualifying community health centers, Indian tribes, accredited schools, nonprofit organizations, community colleges and

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universities for education programs that are designed to prevent or reduce marijuana use among persons who are under 24 years of age that will be overseen by ADHS.

- Administrative expenditures related to implementing and operating a program developed and to award and oversee contracts for education programs, including obtaining experts services to assist in evaluating requests for proposals and responses to those requests.
- ADHS expenditures for developing and delivering education programs that are designed to prevent or reduce marijuana use, including radio, television, or print media costs.
- Allows monies in the MMF to be allocated to the biomedical research commission for marijuana research that is approved by an institutional research review board in the state that is conducted in a university setting with the intent to conduct thorough, objective clinical research on the safety, efficacy and adverse events with marijuana.
- Requires ADHS to evaluate the programs and submit a written report of its findings every two years to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to provide a copy of the report to the Secretary of State and the first report is due on or before November 15, 2014.
- Contains a Proposition 105 Clause.