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Senate Bill 418 (as introduced 6-8-11)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act to specify that nothing in the Act could be construed to create a private cause of action against the State or a political subdivision of the State.

The Act requires the Department of Licensing and Regulation (LARA) to issue registry identification cards to qualifying patients and primary caregivers who submit certain information in accordance with the Department's rules. (Originally, the initiated law required the Department of Community Health to administer the medical marihuana program, but Executive Order 2011-4 transferred that function to LARA.) A qualifying patient or primary caregiver who has been issued and possesses a registry identification card is not subject to arrest, prosecution, or penalty for the medical use of marihuana if the amount does not exceed quantities specified in the Act and the possession and use of marihuana meet specified standards.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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