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Senate Bill 505 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act to prohibit the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) from issuing a registry identification card to an individual designated as a primary caregiver if the individual had been convicted of a felony.

The Act requires LARA to issue registry identification cards to qualifying patients who submit certain information in accordance with the Department's rules, including the name, address, and date of birth of the patient's primary caregiver, if any. The Department also must issue a registry identification card to a primary caregiver named in a qualifying patient's approved application. 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.

Each qualifying patient may have only one primary caregiver, and a primary caregiver may assist no more than five qualifying patients with their medical use of marihuana.

Under the bill, LARA could not issue a registry identification card to an individual designated as a primary caregiver if the individual had been convicted of a felony.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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