

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2201**

Introduced by

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Representatives Dockter, Mock, O'Brien

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 19-24.1-04, subdivision a of
2 subsection 3 of section 19-24.1-18, and subsection 1 of section 19-24.1-24 of the North Dakota
3 Century Code, relating to medical marijuana certification and criminal history record check fees;
4 and to provide for a legislative management study regarding the administrative costs of medical
5 marijuana compassion center certification and the impact of those costs on patients.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 19-24.1-04 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 3. Except as provided in section 19-24.1-04.1, a criminal history record check conducted
10 under section 12-60-24 must be performed upon initial application and biennially
11 thereafter and at any other time upon the request of the department. All fees
12 associated with the criminal history record check must be paid by the
13 applicant~~department~~.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 3 of section 19-24.1-18 of the
15 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16 a. All applicable fees associated with the required criminal history record checks
17 must be paid by the ~~compassion center or the agent~~department.

18 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 19-24.1-24 of the North Dakota
19 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20 1. A manufacturing facility shall grow an amount of marijuana sufficient to meet the
21 qualifying patient population demands. For every five hundred plants in excess of one
22 thousand plants a manufacturing facility possesses, the manufacturing facility shall
23 pay the department an additional certification fee of ~~ten thousand~~seven thousand five

1 hundred dollars. This fee is due at the time of increase and again at renewal of the
2 compassion center registration certificate under section 19-24.1-16.

3 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - COMPASSION CENTER**

4 **CERTIFICATION.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management, in collaboration with
5 the department of health and human services, shall study the administrative costs involved in
6 certifying a compassion center. The study must include information on the amount and
7 frequency of certification fees, a description of additional costs associated with certification, an
8 explanation of how the department uses the certification fees once they are collected, a
9 recommendation of the best way to lower administrative costs while maintaining the integrity of
10 the department's medical marijuana program, and a prediction on whether the lowering of
11 administrative costs will help to lower consumer costs on medical marijuana purchased from a
12 compassion center. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations
13 to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.