

REFERENCE TITLE: **medical marijuana; fee; exemption; veterans**

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## **HB 2261**

Introduced by  
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-2804.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1,  
3 section 1, Constitution of Arizona, section 36-2804.02, Arizona Revised  
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 36-2804.02. Registration of qualifying patients and  
6 designated caregivers; fee exemption

7 A. A qualifying patient may apply to the department for a registry  
8 identification card by submitting:

9 1. Written certification issued by a physician within the ninety  
10 days immediately preceding the date of application.

11 2. The application fee.

12 3. An application, including:

13 (a) **THE** name, mailing address, residence address and date of birth  
14 of the qualifying patient, except that if the applicant is homeless no  
15 address is required.

16 (b) **THE** name, address and telephone number of the qualifying  
17 patient's physician.

18 (c) **THE** name, address and date of birth of the qualifying patient's  
19 designated caregiver, if any.

20 (d) A statement signed by the qualifying patient pledging not to  
21 divert marijuana to anyone who is not allowed to possess marijuana  
22 pursuant to this chapter.

23 (e) A signed statement from the designated caregiver, if any,  
24 agreeing to be the patient's designated caregiver and pledging not to  
25 divert marijuana to anyone who is not allowed to possess marijuana  
26 pursuant to this chapter.

27 (f) A designation as to who will be allowed to cultivate marijuana  
28 plants for the qualifying patient's medical use if a registered nonprofit  
29 medical marijuana dispensary is not operating within twenty-five miles of  
30 the qualifying patient's home.

31 B. The application for a qualifying patient's registry  
32 identification card shall ask whether the patient would like the  
33 department to notify ~~him~~ **THE PATIENT** of any clinical studies needing human  
34 subjects for research on the medical use of marijuana. The department  
35 shall notify interested patients if it is notified of studies that will be  
36 conducted in the United States.

37 **C. A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO HAS BEEN**  
38 **HONORABLY DISCHARGED IS EXEMPT FROM THE APPLICATION FEE PRESCRIBED IN**  
39 **SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.**

40 Sec. 2. Requirements for enactment; three-fourths vote

41 Pursuant to article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona,  
42 section 36-2804.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, is  
43 effective only on the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the  
44 members of each house of the legislature.