

**Michigan Medical Marihuana Act  
Program Information and Financial Data  
For Fiscal Year 2015**

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## **Executive Summary:**

Public Act 84 of 2015 requires the following:

*Sec. 507. The department shall submit a report by January 1 to the standing committees on appropriations of the senate and house of representatives, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget director that includes all of the following information for the prior fiscal year regarding the medical marihuana program under the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430:*

*(a) The number of initial applications received.*

*(b) The number of initial applications approved and the number of initial applications denied.*

*(c) The average amount of time, from receipt to approval or denial, to process an initial application.*

*(d) The number of renewal applications received.*

*(e) The number of renewal applications approved and the number of renewal applications denied.*

*(f) The average amount of time, from receipt to approval or denial, to process a renewal application.*

*(g) The percentage of initial applications not approved or denied within the time requirements established in section 6 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426.*

*(h) The percentage of renewal applications not approved or denied within the time requirements established in section 6 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426.*

*(i) The percentage of registry cards for approved initial applications not issued within the time requirements established in section 6 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426.*

*(j) The percentage of registry cards for approved renewal applications not issued within the time requirements established in section 6 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426.*

*(k) The amount collected from the medical marihuana program application and renewal fees authorized in section 5 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26425.*

*(l) The costs of administering the medical marihuana program under the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430.*

Pursuant to this requirement, this report has been prepared and issued electronically to the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees, House and Senate Fiscal Agencies, and the state budget director to meet the January 1 reporting requirement. In addition, this report is also online under the following locations:

- The Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) website at: [www.michigan.gov/bpl](http://www.michigan.gov/bpl).
- The All About LARA section - Legislative Reports of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs website at: [www.michigan.gov/lara](http://www.michigan.gov/lara).

**Background:**

The Michigan Medical Marihuana Program (MMMP) is a state registry program within the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL), Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The program administers the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act as approved by Michigan voters on November 4, 2008. The program implements the statutory tenets of this act in such a manner that protects the public and assures the confidentiality of its participants.

Specifically, the information provided is based on data from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

**Required Information for Section 507:**

(a) The number of initial applications received.

81,090

(b) The number of initial applications approved and the number of initial applications denied.

Approved: 70,526  
Denied: 15,096

\* The total initial applications approved and initial applications denied adds to more than the total initial applications received. This occurs because renewals become initial applications if they are not processed before the registration expiration date. A renewal application can be processed within the statutory timeframe of 15 business days, but the registration may expire before the renewal application is processed.

(c) The average amount of time, from receipt to approval or denial, to process an initial application.

7.14 Days

(d) The number of renewal applications received.

22,879

(e) The number of renewal applications approved and the number of renewal applications denied.

Approve – 14,259

Denied – 1,814

\*\* The total renewal applications approved and denied is less than the total renewal applications. This occurs because renewals become initial applications if they are not processed before the registration expiration date. A renewal application can be processed within the statutory timeframe of 15 business days, but the registration may expire before the renewal application is processed.

\*\*\* Total initial and renewal applications approved and denied are less than the total initial and renewal applications received because we received more applications than we processed this fiscal year.

(f) The average amount of time, from receipt to approval or denial, to process a renewal application.

7.9 Days

(g) The percentage of initial applications not approved or denied within the time requirements established in section 6 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426.

0.19%

(h) The percentage of renewal applications not approved or denied within the time requirements established in section 6 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426.

0.35%

(i) The percentage of registry cards for approved initial applications not issued within the time requirements established in section 6 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426.

0.05%

(j) The percentage of registry cards for approved renewal applications not issued within the time requirements established in section 6 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426.

0.22%

(k) The amount collected from the medical marihuana program application and renewal fees authorized in section 5 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26425.

\$7,086,259.41

(l) The costs of administering the medical marihuana program under the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430.

\$4,756,904.50

**Summary:**

The BPL executive and legislative charge is to fulfill health care and occupational licensing and regulatory responsibilities to the people of Michigan. This includes the administration and oversight of the MMMP. The information contained in this report is required pursuant to Section 507 of PA 84 of 2015 and provides specific information regarding initial and renewal medical marihuana applications as well as program expenditure and revenue information for the time period beginning October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.