

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 72

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Sponsor: Senator Tim Melson

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Senate Bill 72 as reported by the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry would allow the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission to issue two additional integrated facility licenses which would increase receipts to the Commission by \$100,000 annually. This bill would also increase the obligations of the Commission by an undetermined amount to pay the cost of a nationally recognized consultant with expertise in financial auditing and selected by the Chief Examiner of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts in consultation with the Director of Finance and the State Health Officer, to evaluate and select applicants for the integrated facility licenses. Further, this bill would also save the Commission an estimated minimum of \$20,000 per hearing held by removing the requirement to hold a public investigative hearing upon the request of the applicant after the denial of a license.