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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Boyle

From: Cathlene Hanaman, Legislative Attorney, (608) 267-9810

Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2007 AB 550** (LRB-2455/1) by **DHFS**

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file.

If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

Date: November 9, 2007

To: Cathlene M. Hanaman
Attorney
Legislative Reference Bureau

From: Ellen Hadidian
Department of Health and Family Services

Re: Technical Note to LRB 2455/1 (AB 550)

AB 550 requires the Department to establish a registry for individuals who want to use marijuana for medical purposes and funds the registry by allowing the Department to charge a fee to be placed on the registry. AB 550 also creates a new appropriation, s.20.435 (6) (gm) into which registry fees are to be deposited.

The registry is created in Chapter 146, Miscellaneous Health Provisions. Within the Department, the Division of Public Health (DPH) is currently responsible for administering the provisions in Chapter 146. Administrative funding for DPH is provided under s.20.435 (1) of the Statutes. Administrative funding for the Divisions of Long Term Care, Quality Assurance, and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is provided in s. 20.435 (6). DPH will have the responsibility for administering the medical marijuana program in this bill. In order for the division to be able to use the fee revenue for the purpose intended, it would be necessary to create the new appropriation in s.20.435 (1) rather than in s.20.435 (6).