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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Pocan

From: Cathlene Hanaman, Deputy Chief, (608) 267-9810

Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2009 AB 554** (LRB-2517/1) **by DHS**

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: December 11, 2009

To: Cathlene M. Hanaman
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Legislative Reference Bureau

From: Ellen Hadidian
Department of Health Services

Re: Technical Note to LRB 2517/1 (AB 554)

AB 554 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 554 further requires the Department to license and regulate nonprofit "compassion centers" that provide marijuana for medical use. AB 554 creates two new appropriations, s.20.435 (1) (gq), to receive registry fees, and s.20.435 (1) (jm) to receive licensing fees from the compassion centers.

Two divisions in DHS will be affected by this legislation. The Division of Public Health, which is responsible for programs in s.20.435 (1), will administer the registry. Funds received from registrants in appropriation s.20.435 (1) (gq) will support the registry.

The Division of Quality Assurance (DQA), which is responsible for programs in s. 20.435 (6), will license the compassion centers. In order for DQA to be able to use compassion center fee revenue to support its licensing activities, as provided in s.20.435 (6) (jm), it would be necessary to create the licensing fee appropriation in s.20.435 (6) rather than in s.20.435 (1).