



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DA 11/3/2009

LRB Number	<b>09-3644/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-368</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Medical use of marijuana, the regulation of marijuana distribution organizations, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, making appropriations, and providing a penalty					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Prosecutors provided differing responses concerning the potential enactment of this bill. The majority said that it would dramatically increase costs of DA offices because they will be involved in investigating and prosecuting legal marijuana distribution organizations as well as illegal organizations. In addition, the DAs anticipate significant problems with growers, wholesalers, retailers, and the whole delivery system. Most DAs expect that enactment of this bill would cause much more time to be spent on possession cases.

Some DAs believe enactment of the bill would provide savings or not increase their costs because many of those with a prescription card would no longer need to be prosecuted and because the other thorough investigative work would continue to be conducted whether or not this bill is enacted.

Based on differing responses from prosecutors, it is difficult to calculate a fiscal estimate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

As stated above, due to differing opinions of DAs, it is difficult to provide an estimate of the long-term fiscal impact of enactment of this law.