

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency/Dept. of Public Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:

April 5, 2004

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 420 - Medical Marijuana Identification Card Implementation Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive and File

BACKGROUND: The Compassionate Use Act of 1996 was passed by California voters with intent to allow individuals who suffered from chronic disease or conditions to use marijuana for medicinal purposes, under the advice of a physician, to relieve their pain and suffering. A mechanism to distinguish individuals who legitimately used marijuana from those who illegally used it was not put in place with this law.

Departmental Concurrence

In order to rectify this, Senator Vasconcellos introduced SB 420 which would provide identification cards for individuals legitimately using medical marijuana. SB 420 took effect on January 1, 2004. This bill created a state-mandated local program. However, due to the current fiscal crisis in California along with the recent change in administration, the California State Department of Health Services has not yet developed the protocols, policies and procedures which will guide the Local Health Departments in implementation of SB 420.

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Susan Harrington, Director
Department of Public Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Dan Martin

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent
- Policy
- Policy

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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