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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THAT APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR
9 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR QUALIFYING PATIENTS
10 CARDS MAY CAUSE FINANCIAL STRAIN FOR QUALIFYING
11 PATIENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA
12 PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS AND MILITARY
13 VETERANS; AND TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 HEALTH PROMULGATE RULES TO ALLEVIATE THE FINANCIAL
15 BURDEN OF REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR
16 QUALIFYING PATIENTS.

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19 **Subtitle**

20 TO RECOGNIZE THAT FEES FOR REGISTRY
21 IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR QUALIFYING
22 PATIENTS CAUSE A FINANCIAL STRAIN FOR
23 PERSONS AND TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 HEALTH PROMULGATE RULES TO EASE THE
25 FINANCIAL BURDEN.

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27 WHEREAS, the adoption of the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of
28 2016, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, established the Medical Marijuana
29 Program; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Department of Finance and Administration model predicted
32 thirty thousand (30,000) Arkansans would participate in the program; and

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34 WHEREAS, today, over ninety-two thousand (92,000) people hold active
35 registry identification cards for qualifying patients; and

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