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FISCAL NOTE

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S.241 An Act Relating to the Regulation of Marijuana

House Ways and Means Committee Amendment

First Amendment:

In Section 2 the money for the Education and Prevention programs is appropriated from the Substance Abuse and Youth Prevention and Education Fund.

Second Amendment:

These amendments to Section 3 allow for limited possession and cultivation of marijuana with a \$125 permit from the Department of Health's Substance Abuse and Youth Prevention and Education Fund. The fee of \$125 is estimated to raise approximately \$450,000 annually. This estimate is based on SAMHSA survey data of drug use in Vermont, VT population and household data, as well as information on home-grown rates from several sources. There is a high degree of uncertainty with regard to the number dwelling units that will register for a cultivation permit as there are no other comparative jurisdictions that have a similar structure.

Third Amendment:

This amendment deletes the Department of Public Safety Appropriations for FY 2017

Fourth and Fifth Amendments:

These amendments strike Section 14 and replace it with a new section establishing a Marijuana Advisory Commission with eight members and a Director. The Commission begins meeting on or before August 1, 2016 and issues its final report on or before December 31, 2017. There is an appropriation from an of \$100,000 the Substance Abuse Youth Prevention and Education Fund in FY 2017 to support the Director position and expenses of the Commission.

- 2 members of the public appointed by the Governor
- 2 member from the House
- 2 member from the Senate
- the Attorney General or designee
- a member from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Sixth Amendment: revised effective dates

SUMMARY of costs and revenues:	FY 2017
Sec. 2 Dept. of Health	\$350,000
<u>Sec. 15 Marijuana Advisory Committee</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
Subtotal	\$450,000
New Permit Fee revenue estimate	\$450,000