

Memo



Date: Feb. 24, 2012

To: Law and Justice Interim Committee
From: Ron Alsbury, chief, Probation and Parole Bureau

Re: Montana Department of Corrections observations about the status of offenders and issuance of medical marijuana cards under Senate Bill 423.

The Department of Public Health and Human Services is checking all applicants against the Department of Corrections CON (offender look-up) site when someone applies for a medical marijuana card.

When the DOC finds an offender under the supervision of the DOC who has a card but should not have one, we report that to DPPHS and that department, as the issuing agency, revokes the card. Such occurrence has been relatively minimal.

DOC also has added recommendations to the pre-sentence investigations that we prepare for the District Courts. The additional language encompass the requirements of the new law (46-18-202(f)) pertaining to the "surrender of any registry identification card issued under 50-46-303."

We are finding the provisions of SB423 are serving the purposes of the probation and parole mission adequately.