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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PROVISIONS TO ALLOW MARIJUANA BUSINESSES TO**
102 **OPERATE MORE EFFICIENTLY.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill allows a medical marijuana center and a retail marijuana store to apply for an endorsement that allows the center or store to deliver marijuana. The centers and stores with the delivery endorsement may use an employee or contract with a medical or retail marijuana transporter to make the deliveries. The endorsements for medical marijuana begin January 2, 2018, and the endorsements for retail marijuana begin January

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

2, 2019.

The bill allows the state licensing authority to authorize single-instance transfers of retail marijuana or retail marijuana products from a retail marijuana licensee to a medical marijuana licensee based on a business need due to a change in local, state, or federal law or enforcement policy. If granted, the transfer must be completed within 6 months of the date the transfer was approved.

Under current law, the department of revenue determines the average market rate for purposes of excise tax collection on retail marijuana every 6 months. The bill gives the authority to calculate the average market rate to the marijuana state licensing authority and requires calculation on a quarterly basis. The average market rate cannot include taxes paid on sales or transfers. The bill requires a separate average market rate for unprocessed marijuana for extraction that is lower than the average market rate for unprocessed marijuana for direct sale. The bill states that the average market rate should be used to calculate the excise tax on affiliated transactions, and the contract price should be used to calculate the excise tax on unaffiliated transactions.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.3-202, amend**

3 (1)(a) as follows:

4 **12-43.3-202. Powers and duties of state licensing authority -**

5 **rules. (1) The state licensing authority shall:**

6 (a) Grant or refuse state licenses for the cultivation, manufacture,
7 distribution, and sale of medical marijuana as provided by law; suspend,
8 fine, restrict, or revoke such licenses, WHETHER ACTIVE, EXPIRED, OR
9 SURRENDERED, upon a violation of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.3, or a rule
10 promulgated pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.3; and impose any penalty
11 authorized by this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.3 or any rule promulgated pursuant
12 to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.3. The state licensing authority may take any
13 action with respect to a registration pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.3
14 as it may with respect to a license pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.3,
15 in accordance with the procedures established pursuant to this ~~article~~

1 ARTICLE 43.3.

2 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.3-401, **add** (4)
3 as follows:

4 12-43.3-401. Classes of licenses. (4) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA
5 LICENSEE MAY ACCEPT A TRANSFER OF RETAIL MARIJUANA OR RETAIL
6 MARIJUANA PRODUCTS FROM A RETAIL MARIJUANA LICENSEE AUTHORIZED
7 PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS IN
8 SECTION 12-43.4-401 (5).

9 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.4-202, **amend**
10 (2)(a), (3)(a) introductory portion, and (3)(a)(XIX); and **add** (3)(a)(XXI)
11 as follows:

12 12-43.4-202. Powers and duties of state licensing authority -
13 rules. (2) The state licensing authority has the authority to:

14 (a) Grant or refuse state licenses for the cultivation, manufacture,
15 distribution, sale, and testing of retail marijuana and retail marijuana
16 products as provided by law; suspend, fine, restrict, or revoke such
17 licenses, WHETHER ACTIVE, EXPIRED, OR SURRENDERED, upon a violation
18 of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.4 or any rule promulgated pursuant to this
19 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.4; and impose any penalty authorized by this ~~article~~
20 ARTICLE 43.4 or any rule promulgated pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE
21 43.4. The state licensing authority may take any action with respect to a
22 registration pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.4 as it may with respect to
23 a license pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.4, in accordance with the
24 procedures established pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43.4.

25 (3) (a) Rules promulgated pursuant to ~~paragraph (b) of subsection~~
26 (2) SUBSECTION (2)(b) of this section must include, but need not be
27 limited to, the following subjects:

1 (XIX) Nonescorted visitors in limited access areas; and
2 (XXI) ONE-TIME COMPLETE INVENTORY CONVERSION AND
3 LICENSE SURRENDER.

4 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.4-401, **add** (5)
5 as follows:

6 **12-43.4-401. Classes of licenses.** (5) (a) A RETAIL MARIJUANA
7 STORE, RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY, OR RETAIL MARIJUANA
8 PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER THAT LAWFULLY POSSESSES RETAIL
9 MARIJUANA OR RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS MAY ENGAGE IN A ONE-TIME
10 COMPLETE INVENTORY CONVERSION AND LICENSE SURRENDER UNDER THE
11 FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

12 (I) (A) THE RETAIL MARIJUANA LICENSEE PROVIDES WRITTEN
13 NOTICE TO THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY ON A FORM APPROVED BY
14 AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY. THE
15 NOTICE MUST IDENTIFY EACH MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTER, MEDICAL
16 MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER, OR MEDICAL
17 MARIJUANA OPTIONAL PREMISES CULTIVATION OPERATION THAT WILL
18 RECEIVE RETAIL MARIJUANA OR RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS AS A
19 RESULT OF THE INVENTORY CONVERSION AND SHALL IDENTIFY THE RETAIL
20 MARIJUANA OR RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE
21 TRANSFERRED AS A RESULT OF THE INVENTORY CONVERSION.

22 (B) THE WRITTEN NOTICE MUST INCLUDE EVIDENCE THAT ANY
23 APPLICABLE EXCISE TAX DUE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 28.8 OF TITLE 39 HAS
24 BEEN PAID; EXCEPT THAT, IN THE CASE OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA
25 CULTIVATION FACILITY, ANY UNPAID APPLICABLE EXCISE TAX DUE
26 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 28.8 OF TITLE 39 SHALL BE PAID AT THE TIME OF
27 TRANSFER FROM THE RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY.

1 (II) THE RETAIL MARIJUANA LICENSEE SHALL HAVE ONE HUNDRED
2 EIGHTY DAYS AFTER PROVIDING THE TRANSFER WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE
3 STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE THE INVENTORY CONVERSION.
4 ANY RETAIL MARIJUANA OR RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCT NOT
5 TRANSFERRED AS PART OF AN INVENTORY CONVERSION WITHIN ONE
6 HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE
7 STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL BE DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
8 THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY'S RULES.

9 (III) THE RETAIL MARIJUANA LICENSEE'S LICENSE SHALL BE
10 DEEMED SURRENDERED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS DAYS FROM THE
11 DATE OF THE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

12 (IV) UPON AN INVENTORY CONVERSION AND LICENSE SURRENDER
13 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (5), THE RETAIL MARIJUANA OR
14 RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCT TRANSFERRED SHALL BE DEEMED MEDICAL
15 MARIJUANA OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS.

16 (V) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTER, MEDICAL
17 MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER, OR MEDICAL
18 MARIJUANA OPTIONAL PREMISES CULTIVATION OPERATION RECEIVING
19 RETAIL MARIJUANA OR RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCT PURSUANT TO THIS
20 SECTION THAT CAUSES THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSEE TO EXCEED
21 THE INVENTORY LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY ARTICLE 43.3 OF TITLE 12 SHALL
22 FULLY COMPLY WITH THE INVENTORY LIMITS WITHIN SIX MONTHS FROM
23 THE DATE THE INVENTORY CONVERSION IS COMPLETE.

24 (VI) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTER, MEDICAL
25 MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER, OR MEDICAL
26 MARIJUANA OPTIONAL PREMISES CULTIVATION OPERATION RECEIVING
27 RETAIL MARIJUANA OR RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCT PURSUANT TO THIS

1 SUBSECTION (5) MAY ONLY RECEIVE RETAIL MARIJUANA OR RETAIL
2 MARIJUANA PRODUCT IF IT IS LAWFUL FOR IT TO POSSESS THE
3 CORRESPONDING TYPE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA OR MEDICAL
4 MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS.

5 (b) (I) A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE, RETAIL MARIJUANA
6 CULTIVATION FACILITY, OR RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS
7 MANUFACTURER LICENSE THAT IS SUBJECT TO A SUSPENSION IS NOT
8 ELIGIBLE FOR AN INVENTORY CONVERSION AND LICENSE SURRENDER
9 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5).

10 (II) RETAIL MARIJUANA OR RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCT SUBJECT
11 TO ADMINISTRATIVE HOLD SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO AN INVENTORY
12 CONVERSION.

13 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-28.8-101, **amend**
14 **the introductory portion and (1); and add (1.5) and (2.5) as follows:**

15 **39-28.8-101. Definitions.** Unless the context otherwise requires,
16 **any terms not defined in this article shall ARTICLE 28.8 have the meanings**
17 **set forth in article 26 of this title TITLE 39. As used in this article ARTICLE**
18 **28.8, unless the context otherwise requires:**

19 (1) "Average market rate" means the average price, as determined
20 by the department on a biannual basis in six-month intervals, of all
21 unprocessed retail marijuana that is sold or transferred from retail
22 marijuana cultivation facilities in the state to retail marijuana product
23 manufacturing facilities, retail marijuana stores, or other retail marijuana
24 cultivation facilities. An "average market rate" may be based on the
25 purchaser or transferee of unprocessed retail marijuana or on the nature
26 of the unprocessed retail marijuana that is sold or transferred "AFFILIATED
27 MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSEES" MEANS MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSEES

1 THAT ARE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE SAME OR RELATED INTERESTS,
2 WHERE "RELATED INTERESTS" INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RELATED
3 BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE OR ENTITIES THAT ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY
4 CONTROLLED BY AN ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL OR RELATED INDIVIDUALS.

5 (1.5) "AVERAGE MARKET RATE" MEANS THE AVERAGE PRICE, AS
6 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, OF ALL
7 UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA THAT IS SOLD OR TRANSFERRED FROM
8 RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES IN THE STATE TO RETAIL
9 MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURING FACILITIES OR RETAIL MARIJUANA
10 STORES, LESS TAXES PAID ON THE SALES OR TRANSFERS. AN "AVERAGE
11 MARKET RATE" MAY BE BASED ON THE PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE OF
12 UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA OR ON THE NATURE OF THE
13 UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA THAT IS SOLD OR TRANSFERRED. THE
14 "AVERAGE MARKET RATE" MUST INCLUDE ONE OR MORE RATES THAT
15 COVER UNPROCESSED MARIJUANA THAT IS ALLOCATED TO EXTRACTIONS,
16 AND THE INITIAL RATES FOR THESE PRODUCT TYPES MUST BE LOWER THAN
17 THE RATE FOR UNPROCESSED MARIJUANA THAT IS ALLOCATED FOR DIRECT
18 SALE TO CONSUMERS.

19 (2.5) "CONTRACT PRICE" MEANS THE INVOICE PRICE CHARGED BY
20 A RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY TO EACH LICENSED
21 PURCHASER FOR EACH SALE OR TRANSFER OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL
22 MARIJUANA, EXCLUSIVE OF ANY TAX THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN
23 INVOICE PRICE, AND EXCLUSIVE OF ANY DISCOUNT OR OTHER REDUCTION.
24 IN THE CASE OF MULTIPLE INVOICES REFLECTING MULTIPLE PRICES FOR THE
25 SAME TRANSACTION, "CONTRACT PRICE" IS THE HIGHEST SUCH PRICE.

26 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-28.8-302, amend
27 (1)(a)(I) as follows:

1 **39-28.8-302. Retail marijuana - excise tax levied at first**
2 **transfer from retail marijuana cultivation facility - tax rate.**

3 ~~(1) (a) (I) Beginning January 1, 2014, Except as otherwise provided in~~
4 ~~subparagraph (H) of this paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of this~~
5 ~~subsection (1) SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, there is levied and~~
6 ~~shall be collected, in addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to part 1~~
7 ~~of article 26 of this title TITLE 39 and part 2 of this article ARTICLE 28.8,~~
8 ~~a tax on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a~~
9 ~~retail marijuana cultivation facility, at a rate of fifteen percent of the~~
10 ~~average market rate of the unprocessed retail marijuana IF THE~~
11 ~~TRANSACTION IS BETWEEN AFFILIATED RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS~~
12 ~~LICENSEES. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF~~
13 ~~THIS SECTION, THERE IS LEVIED AND SHALL BE COLLECTED, IN ADDITION~~
14 ~~TO THE SALES TAX IMPOSED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 26 OF THIS~~
15 ~~TITLE 39 AND PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE 28.8, A TAX ON THE FIRST SALE OR~~
16 ~~TRANSFER OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA BY A RETAIL MARIJUANA~~
17 ~~CULTIVATION FACILITY, AT A RATE OF FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE CONTRACT~~
18 ~~PRICE FOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA IF THE TRANSACTION IS~~
19 ~~BETWEEN UNAFFILIATED RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSEES. The tax~~
20 ~~shall be imposed at the time when the retail marijuana cultivation facility~~
21 ~~first sells or transfers unprocessed retail marijuana from the retail~~
22 ~~marijuana cultivation facility to a retail marijuana product manufacturing~~
23 ~~facility OR a retail marijuana store. or another retail marijuana cultivation~~
24 ~~facility.~~

25 **SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-2-114, amend**
26 **(1)(a) and (2)(a) as follows:**

27 **29-2-114. Retail marijuana excise tax - county - municipality**

1 **- election.** (1) (a) In addition to any sales tax imposed pursuant to section
2 29-2-103 and articles 26 and 28.8 of title 39, C.R.S., and in addition to
3 the excise tax imposed pursuant to article 28.8 of title 39, C.R.S., each
4 county in the state is authorized to levy, collect, and enforce a county
5 excise tax on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by
6 a retail marijuana cultivation facility authorized by the county; except that
7 a county is not authorized to levy, collect, and enforce a county excise tax
8 on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail
9 marijuana cultivation facility pursuant to this subsection (1) within any
10 municipality that levies such an excise tax pursuant to subsection (2) of
11 this section. The tax shall be imposed at the time when the retail
12 marijuana cultivation facility first sells or transfers unprocessed retail
13 marijuana from the retail marijuana cultivation facility to a retail
14 marijuana product manufacturing facility OR a retail marijuana store. or
15 another retail marijuana cultivation facility. The tax rate imposed
16 pursuant to this paragraph (a) shall SUBSECTION (1)(a) MAY not exceed
17 five percent of the average market rate, as determined by the department
18 of revenue pursuant to section 39-28.8-101 (1), C.R.S., of the
19 unprocessed retail marijuana.

20 (2) (a) In addition to any sales tax imposed pursuant to section
21 29-2-102 and articles 26 and 28.8 of title 39, C.R.S., and in addition to
22 the excise tax imposed pursuant to article 28.8 of title 39, C.R.S., each
23 municipality in the state is authorized to levy, collect, and enforce a
24 municipal excise tax on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail
25 marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility. The tax shall be
26 imposed at the time when the retail marijuana cultivation facility first
27 sells or transfers unprocessed retail marijuana from the retail marijuana

1 cultivation facility to a retail marijuana product manufacturing facility OR
2 a retail marijuana store. or another retail marijuana cultivation facility.
3 The tax rate imposed by any statutory municipality pursuant to this
4 paragraph (a) shall SUBSECTION (2)(a) MAY not exceed five percent of the
5 average market rate, as determined by the department of revenue pursuant
6 to section 39-28.8-101 (1), C.R.S., of the unprocessed retail marijuana.

7 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-1004, **amend**
8 **(10)(a) and (10)(b) as follows:**

9 **32-1-1004. Metropolitan districts - additional powers and**
10 **duties.** (10) (a) In addition to the excise tax imposed pursuant to article
11 28.8 of title 39, C.R.S., a metropolitan district with boundaries entirely
12 within the unincorporated area of a county is authorized to levy, collect,
13 and enforce a metropolitan district excise tax on the first sale or transfer
14 of unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility.
15 The tax shall be imposed at the time when the retail marijuana cultivation
16 facility first sells or transfers unprocessed retail marijuana from the retail
17 marijuana cultivation facility to a retail marijuana product manufacturing
18 facility OR a retail marijuana store. or another retail marijuana cultivation
19 facility.

20 (b) If the boundaries of a metropolitan district are within a county
21 that imposes an additional excise tax on the first sale or transfer of
22 unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility
23 pursuant to section 29-2-114, C.R.S., the excise tax rate imposed by the
24 metropolitan district pursuant to this subsection (10) shall not exceed such
25 tax rate imposed by the county. In no event shall the tax rate imposed
26 pursuant to this subsection (10) exceed five percent of the average market
27 rate, as determined by the department of revenue pursuant to section

1 39-28.8-101 (1), C.R.S., of the unprocessed retail marijuana.

2 **SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
5 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
6 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
7 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
8 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
9 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
10 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
11 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.