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# Fiscal Note

**Drafting Number:** LLS 22-0082  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Tipper

**Date:** February 22, 2022  
**Bill Status:** House Business  
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**Bill Topic:** MARIJUANA RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATIONS

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue                | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer               | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill modifies marijuana responsible vendor designations to allow an individual employee to obtain a designation and to clarify how a business obtains a designation. The bill increases state workload in FY 2022-23 only.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a medical or retail marijuana business may receive a responsible vendor designation after employees and owners complete a state-approved vendor server and selling training program. The designation is valid for two years and can be considered a mitigating factor in administrative action against the licensee.

Under the bill, a licensed employee, manager, or controlling beneficial owner may receive a responsible vendor designation after completing the training. If all the employees, managers, and controlling beneficial owners of a marijuana business have a responsible vendor designation, the business is considered to have the designation. The bill sets procedures for new staff to complete the training and for staff to take the designation to a new employer. Employers and businesses must maintain records of their training.

The bill also aligns training requirements for marijuana hospitality licensees with the bill's provisions by requiring employees to have a valid responsible vendor designation instead of completing an annual training.

## State Expenditures

In FY 2022-23, the bill increases workload for the Department of Revenue to update rules, materials, and procedures to align with the changes in the bill. No change in appropriations is required.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Law                      Revenue