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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADDRESS EFFICIENCY IN THE REGULATION
102 OF EXISTING MARIJUANA LICENSEES.

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.)

Current law allows the transfer of immature plants, seeds, and genetic material between a medical or retail cultivation facility and certain people, including people approved by rule. **Sections 1, 7, and 10** of the bill allow this transfer from or to a medical or retail marijuana cultivation facility from or to a person permitted by another jurisdiction to possess or cultivate marijuana. The medical or retail cultivation facility

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SENATE Amended 2nd Reading April 26, 2024 must confirm that the purchaser is 21 years of age or older. The cultivation facility may accept online payments for the transfer. The state licensing authority may promulgate rules to implement the provision, but limits are placed on the rules that the state licensing authority may adopt.

Section 2 limits the frequency at which regulated marijuana and a regulated marijuana product need to be tested to no more than once for each required test and otherwise requires the elimination of redundant testing. Section 2 also exempts the fungi in the genus aspergillus from product testing.

Current law requires beneficial owners and people who have access to the limited access areas of a medical marijuana business or retail marijuana business to have identification cards. **Section 2** repeals the requirement that beneficial owners have identification cards, but retains the requirement that people with access to the limited access areas need to have identification cards.

Section 2 also specifies that a licensee need not use radio frequency identification tags to tag or track marijuana and marijuana products.

Current law requires the marijuana enforcement division in the department of revenue (division) to promulgate rules requiring testing of marijuana and marijuana products for contaminants or substances that are harmful to health. Section 2 clarifies that these tests should be made to determine whether the contaminants or substances are present in amounts that are harmful to health. Current law allows a licensee to remediate marijuana or marijuana products that have failed a test. Section 2 removes a requirement that the licensee identify on the labeling that the product has failed a test when the product subsequently passed the same test. Section 2 also authorizes retesting when the marijuana or marijuana product has failed a test.

Current law authorizes the division to establish procedures to issue a conditional employee identification card, which allows an individual to work for a license holder, after the individual has submitted an initial application and the division has conducted an investigation regarding the application but before the fingerprint record check is finished. **Section 2** requires the division to promulgate rules and issue the employee identification card upon initial review of the application.

The division is required to adopt rules authorizing a licensee to conduct fewer tests than normal upon demonstrating that the licensee's standard operating procedures and production practices result in consistent passing test results (program). **Section 2** specifically authorizes this program and sets an expiration date for reduced testing under the program at 3 years.

Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11 extend the initial license and license renewal periods from one year to 2 years.

Section 3 requires the division to establish a system that allows a

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medical or retail marijuana business that transports marijuana or marijuana products to use an electronic manifest system.

Section 5 requires the division to retain fingerprints submitted for initial licensure for use in a criminal history record check for license renewal. Section 5 also authorizes a person who holds multiple licenses or affiliated persons who hold multiple licenses to submit a unified application for license renewal. The license holders must elect to have one or more licenses expire in less than 2 years in order to coordinate the expiration date.

Section 12 requires the division to promulgate rules categorizing each violation as a safety violation or a technical violation. The division will expunge technical violations from a licensee's record on the later date of one year after the violation is reported or when the license is renewed.

Section 13 reduces the amount of time for which a marijuana licensee must retain books and records that show the business's transactions from 3 years to one year.

Current law requires that excise tax be levied on the first transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana. **Section 14** specifies that the transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana exclusively for microbial control is not the first transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana for taxation purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-103, amend 3 (18); and **add** (16.5) as follows: 4 **44-10-103. Definitions - rules.** As used in this article 10, unless 5 the context otherwise requires: 6 (16.5)(a) "GENETIC MATERIAL" MEANS CANNABIS MATERIAL USED 7 TO PROPAGATE CANNABIS PLANTS. 8 (b) "GENETIC MATERIAL" INCLUDES: 9 (I) IMMATURE PLANTS CONTAINING A DELTA-9 10 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION OF NO MORE THAN 11 THREE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT ON A DRY WEIGHT BASIS; 12 (II) CANNABIS SEEDS; 13 (III) TISSUE CULTURE; AND 14 (IV) SMALL AMOUNTS OR FRAGMENTS OF THE CANNABIS PLANT

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1	CONTAINING A DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION OF
2	NO MORE THAN THREE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT ON A DRY-WEIGHT BASIS.
3	(18) "Immature plant" means a nonflowering marijuana plant that
4	is no taller than eight FIFTEEN inches and no wider than eight FIFTEEN
5	inches AND is produced from a cutting, clipping, or seedling. and is in a
6	cultivating container.
7	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-203, amend
8	(2) introductory portion, (2)(d)(III)(A), (2)(d)(III)(B), (2)(e), (2)(t),
9	(2)(dd)(XIV), and (3)(h) as follows:
10	44-10-203. State licensing authority - rules. (2) Mandatory
11	rule-making. Rules promulgated pursuant to section 44-10-202 (1)(c)
12	must include but need not be limited to the following subjects:
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14	(d) (III) (A) If test results indicate the presence of quantities of
15	any A substance determined to be injurious to health, the medical
16	marijuana or retail marijuana licensee shall immediately quarantine the
17	products and notify the state licensing authority. The state licensing
18	authority shall give the licensee an opportunity to remediate, INCLUDING
19	RETESTING TO DEMONSTRATE THE REMEDIATION OF, the product if the test
20	indicated the presence of a microbial. If the licensee is unable to
21	remediate the product, the licensee shall document and properly destroy
22	the adulterated product. If the LICENSEE IS ABLE TO REMEDIATE THE
23	PRODUCT AND THE REMEDIATED PRODUCT PASSES THE RETESTING, THE
24	LICENSEE NEED NOT INDICATE ON THE LABEL THAT THE PRODUCT FAILED
25	THE TEST BEFORE THE PRODUCT WAS REMEDIATED.
26	(B) If retail marijuana or retail marijuana product test results
27	indicate the presence of quantities of any A substance determined to be

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injurious to health, INCLUDING PESTICIDES, the state licensing authority shall give the licensee an opportunity to retest the retail marijuana or retail marijuana product.

- (e) Security requirements for any premises licensed pursuant to this article 10, including, at a minimum, lighting, physical security, video, and alarm requirements, and other minimum procedures for internal control as deemed necessary by the state licensing authority to properly administer and enforce the provisions of this article 10, including BIENNIAL reporting requirements for changes, alterations, or modifications to the premises;
- (t) Development of individual identification cards for natural persons who are controlling beneficial owners, and any person operating, INDIVIDUALS working in or having unescorted access to the limited access areas of the licensed premises of a medical marijuana business or retail marijuana business, including a fingerprint-based criminal history record check as may be required by the state licensing authority prior to issuing a card;

- (dd) Requirements for medical marijuana and medical marijuana products delivery as described in section 44-10-501 (11) and section 44-10-505 (5) and retail marijuana and retail marijuana products delivery as described in section 44-10-601 (13) and section 44-10-605 (5), including:
- (XIV) (A) Requirements for areas where medical marijuana and medical marijuana products or retail marijuana and retail marijuana products orders are stored, weighed, packaged, prepared, and tagged,

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1	including requirements that medical marijuana and medical marijuana
2	products or retail marijuana and retail marijuana products cannot be
3	placed into a delivery vehicle until after an order has been placed and that
4	all delivery orders must be packaged on the licensed premises of a
5	medical marijuana store or retail marijuana store or its associated state
6	licensing authority-authorized storage facility as defined by rule after an
7	order has been received. and
8	(B) By January 1, 2027, the state licensing authority shall
9	PROMULGATE RULES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE LICENSEES TO USE RADIO
10	FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY TO TRACK REGULATED
11	MARIJUANA IN SEED-TO-SALE TRACKING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
12	ESTABLISHED BY RULE.
13	(3) In promulgating rules pursuant to this section, the state
14	licensing authority may seek the assistance of the department of public
15	health and environment when necessary before promulgating rules on the
16	following subjects:
17	(h) A requirement that every medical marijuana store and retail
18	marijuana store post, at all times and in a prominent place AT EVERY
19	POINT OF SALE, a warning that has a minimum height of three inches and
20	a width of six inches and that reads:
21	Warning: Using marijuana, in any form, while you are
22	pregnant or breastfeeding passes THC to your baby and
23	may be harmful to your baby. There is no known safe
24	amount of marijuana use during pregnancy or
25	breastfeeding.
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27	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-313, amend

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1	(6)(b) as follows:
2	44-10-313. Licensing in general - <u>rules - repeal.</u> (6) (b) (I) All
3	IF ISSUED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, regulated marijuana
4	business licenses and licenses granted to a controlling beneficial owner
5	pursuant to this article 10 are valid for a period of one year TWO YEARS
6	after the date of issuance unless revoked or suspended pursuant to this
7	article 10 or the rules promulgated pursuant to this article 10 OR UNLESS
8	THE LICENSEE ELECTS FOR THE LICENSE TO EXPIRE SOONER THAN TWO
9	YEARS UNDER SECTION 44-10-314 (3). <u>A LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY</u>
10	MAY DETERMINE WHETHER EACH TYPE OF LICENSE, INCLUDING AN
11	ASSOCIATED MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT, ISSUED BY THE LOCAL
12	LICENSING AUTHORITY IS VALID FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS.
13	(II) (A) This subsection (6)(b) applies to licenses issued
14	AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, AS AMENDED.
15	(B) This subsection (6)(b)(II) is repealed, effective July 1,
16	<u>2026.</u>
17	SECTION <u>4.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-314, <u>add</u> (4)
18	as follows:
19	44-10-314. License renewal - unified renewal applications -
20	rules. (4) On or after January 1, 2026, the state licensing
21	AUTHORITY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AUTHORIZING MULTIPLE
22	REGULATED MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSEES WITH IDENTICAL
23	CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO SUBMIT A SINGLE INITIAL
24	APPLICATION OR A SINGLE RENEWAL APPLICATION THROUGH A UNIFIED
25	APPLICATION PROCESS. A UNIFIED APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO A LOWER
26	FEE FOR EACH APPLICATION THAN FOR APPLICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL
27	LICENSES.

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1	SECTION <u>5.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-501, amend
2	$\underline{(3)(g)}$ and $\underline{(11)(a)(II)}$ as follows:
3	44-10-501. Medical marijuana store license. (3) (g) When
4	completing a sale of medical marijuana concentrate, the medical
5	marijuana store shall provide the patient with PHYSICALLY ATTACH TO
6	THE PATIENT'S RECEIPT OF SALE, PRODUCT CONTAINER, OR EXIT
7	PACKAGING the tangible educational resource created by the state
8	licensing authority pursuant to section 44-10-202 (8) regarding the use of
9	medical marijuana concentrate.
10	(11) (a) (II) A medical marijuana delivery permit is valid for one
11	year TWO YEARS and may be renewed annually upon renewal of the
12	medical marijuana store license.
13	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-502, amend
14	(7)(a) introductory portion, (7)(a)(II), (7)(a)(III), (7)(b)(I) introductory
15	portion, (7)(b)(I)(B), (7)(b)(I)(C), and (7)(b)(I)(D); repeal (7)(b)(II); and
16	add $(7)(b)(III)$, $(7)(b)(IV)$, $(7)(b)(V)$, $(7)(c)$, and $(7)(d)$ as follows:
17	44-10-502. Medical marijuana cultivation facility license -
18	rules - definitions. (7) (a) In accordance with the rules promulgated by
19	the state licensing authority, a medical marijuana cultivation facility may
20	obtain immature plants, marijuana seeds, and marijuana genetic material
21	as genetic material is defined in rule of the state licensing authority, from:
22	(II) A MEDICAL OR retail marijuana testing facility;
23	(III) An entity licensed or otherwise approved to operate in
24	another jurisdiction A PERSON LICENSED BY, APPROVED BY, OR PERMITTED
25	BY ANOTHER JURISDICTION TO POSSESS OR CULTIVATE PLANTS OF THE
26	GENUS CANNABIS; or
2.7	(b) (I) The state licensing authority shall promulgate rules

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1	allowing a regulated marijuana cultivation facility to transfer immature
2	plants, marijuana seeds, and marijuana genetic material, as genetic
3	material is defined in rule of the state licensing authority, from A
4	MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY MAY <u>SELL</u> , <u>TRANSFER</u> , <u>OR</u>
5	<u>SHIP</u> GENETIC MATERIAL TO:
6	(B) A MEDICAL OR retail marijuana testing facility;
7	(C) An entity licensed or otherwise approved to operate in another
8	jurisdiction A PERSON LICENSED BY, APPROVED BY, OR PERMITTED BY
9	ANOTHER JURISDICTION TO POSSESS OR CULTIVATE PLANTS OF THE GENUS
10	CANNABIS; or
11	(D) Any other source PERSON permitted by rule of the state
12	licensing authority.
13	(II) The rules promulgated under this subsection (7)(b) must
14	include inventory tracking, reporting, and record-keeping, requirements.
15	(III) FOR SALES, TRANSFERS, OR SHIPMENTS TO AN INDIVIDUAL, A
16	MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY SHALL ESTABLISH PROCESSES
17	AND PROCEDURES TO CONFIRM THAT THE PURCHASING OR RECEIVING
18	INDIVIDUAL IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER USING AN AGE
19	VERIFICATION PROCESS, SUCH AS AUTHENTICATION VERIFICATION,
20	BIOMETRIC VERIFICATION, OR DOCUMENT VERIFICATION.
21	(IV) A LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY
22	MAY ACCEPT PAYMENT ONLINE FOR THE <u>SALE, TRANSFER, OR SHIPMENT</u> OF
23	GENETIC MATERIAL.
24	(V) A LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY
25	SHALL NOT TRANSFER GENETIC MATERIAL DIRECTLY TO CONSUMERS WHO
26	ARE PRESENT ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.
27	(c) The state licensing authority may promulgate rules to

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1	IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION (7) TO SET REQUIREMENTS FOR INVENTORY
2	TRACKING, REPORTING, AND RECORD KEEPING. IN PROMULGATING THE
3	RULES AND CONDUCTING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
4	(7), THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY <u>MAY:</u>
5	(I) Require inventory tracking of genetic material $\underline{\text{only}}$
6	<u>WHEN</u> THE GENETIC MATERIAL IS:
7	(A) On the licensed premises of a medical marijuana or
8	RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS; OR
9	(B) BEING TRANSFERRED BETWEEN <u>REGULATED MARIJUANA</u>
10	BUSINESSES LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10;
11	(II) ONLY CONFIRM THE LICENSEE HAS ESTABLISHED PROCESSES
12	AND PROCEDURES TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (7)(b)(III)
13	OF THIS SECTION; OR
14	(III) MONITOR OR TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION ASSOCIATED WITH
15	A LICENSEE'S GENETIC MATERIAL ACTIVITIES THAT OCCUR ONLY ON THE
16	LICENSED PREMISES.
17	(d) This subsection (7) does not limit the applicability of
18	ANOTHER STATE'S LAW, THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL LAW, OR
19	ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL AGENCIES.
20	SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-505, amend
21	(5)(a)(II) as follows:
22	44-10-505. Medical marijuana transporter license - definition.
23	(5) (a) (II) A medical marijuana delivery permit is valid for one year TWO
24	YEARS and may be renewed annually upon renewal of the medical
25	marijuana transporter license.
26	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-601, amend
27	(3)(d) and (13)(a)(II) as follows:

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1	44-10-601. Retail marijuana store license - rules - definitions.
2	(3) (d) When completing a sale of retail marijuana concentrate, the retail
3	marijuana store shall provide the customer with PHYSICALLY ATTACH TO
4	THE CUSTOMER'S RECEIPT OF SALE, PRODUCT CONTAINER, OR EXIT
5	PACKAGING the tangible educational resource created by the state
6	licensing authority through rule-making pursuant to section 44-10-202 (8)
7	regarding the use of medical marijuana concentrate.
8	(13) (a) (II) A retail marijuana delivery permit is valid for one
9	<u>year TWO</u> YEARS and may be renewed annually upon renewal of the retail
10	marijuana store license or retail marijuana transporter license.
11	SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-602, amend
12	(12)(a) introductory portion, (12)(a)(II), (12)(a)(III), (12)(b)(I)
13	introductory portion, (12)(b)(I)(B), (12)(b)(I)(C), and (12)(b)(I)(D);
14	repeal (12)(b)(II); and add (12)(b)(III), (12)(b)(IV), (12)(b)(V), (12)(c),
15	and (12)(d) as follows:
16	44-10-602. Retail marijuana cultivation facility license - rules
17	- definitions. (12) (a) In accordance with the rules promulgated by the
18	state licensing authority, a retail marijuana cultivation facility may obtain
19	immature plants, marijuana seeds, and marijuana genetic material as
20	genetic material is defined in rule of the state licensing authority, from:
21	(II) A MEDICAL OR retail marijuana testing facility;
22	(III) An entity licensed or otherwise approved to operate in
23	another jurisdiction A PERSON LICENSED BY, APPROVED BY, OR PERMITTED
24	BY ANOTHER JURISDICTION TO POSSESS OR CULTIVATE PLANTS OF THE
25	GENUS CANNABIS; or
26	(b) (I) The state licensing authority shall promulgate rules
27	allowing a regulated marijuana cultivation facility to transfer immature

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1	plants, marijuana seeds, and marijuana genetic material, as genetic
2	material is defined in rule of the state licensing authority, from A RETAIL
3	MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY MAY <u>SELL</u> , <u>TRANSFER</u> , <u>OR SHIP</u>
4	GENETIC MATERIAL TO:
5	(B) A MEDICAL OR retail marijuana testing facility;
6	(C) An entity licensed or otherwise approved to operate in another
7	jurisdiction A PERSON LICENSED BY, APPROVED BY, OR PERMITTED BY
8	ANOTHER JURISDICTION TO POSSESS OR CULTIVATE PLANTS OF THE GENUS
9	CANNABIS; or
10	(D) Any other source PERSON permitted by rule of the state
11	licensing authority.
12	(II) The rules promulgated under this subsection (12)(b) must
13	include inventory tracking, reporting, and record-keeping requirements.
14	(III) FOR SALES, TRANSFERS, OR SHIPMENTS TO AN INDIVIDUAL, A
15	RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY SHALL ESTABLISH PROCESSES
16	AND PROCEDURES TO CONFIRM THAT THE PURCHASING OR RECEIVING
17	INDIVIDUAL IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER USING AN AGE
18	VERIFICATION PROCESS, SUCH AS AUTHENTICATION VERIFICATION,
19	BIOMETRIC VERIFICATION, OR DOCUMENT VERIFICATION.
20	(IV) A LICENSED RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY MAY
21	ACCEPT PAYMENT ONLINE FOR THE SALE, TRANSFER, OR SHIPMENT OF
22	GENETIC MATERIAL.
23	(V) A LICENSED RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY SHALL
24	NOT TRANSFER GENETIC MATERIAL DIRECTLY TO CONSUMERS WHO ARE
25	PRESENT ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.
26	(c) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO
27	IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION (12) TO SET REQUIREMENTS FOR INVENTORY

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1	TRACKING, REPORTING, <u>AND RECORD KEEPING.</u> IN PROMULGATING THE
2	RULES <u>AND CONDUCTING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS</u> UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
3	(12), THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY <u>MAY:</u>
4	(I) Require inventory tracking of genetic material $\underline{\text{only}}$
5	<u>WHEN</u> THE GENETIC MATERIAL IS:
6	(A) On the licensed premises of a medical marijuana or
7	RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS; OR
8	(B) Being transferred between <u>regulated marijuana</u>
9	BUSINESSES LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10;
10	(II) ONLY CONFIRM THE LICENSEE HAS ESTABLISHED PROCESSES
11	AND PROCEDURES TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (12)(b)(III)
12	OF THIS SECTION; OR
13	(III) MONITOR OR TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION ASSOCIATED WITH
14	A LICENSEE'S GENETIC MATERIAL ACTIVITIES THAT OCCUR ONLY ON THE
15	LICENSED PREMISES.
16	(d) This subsection (12) does not limit the applicability of
17	ANOTHER STATE'S LAW, THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL LAW, OR
18	ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL AGENCIES.
19	SECTION <u>10.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-605, amend
20	(5)(a)(II) as follows:
21	44-10-605. Retail marijuana transporter license - definition.
22	(5) (a) (II) A retail marijuana delivery permit is valid for one year TWO
23	YEARS and may be renewed annually upon renewal of the retail marijuana
24	transporter license.
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26	SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-28.8-302,
27	amend (1)(a)(I); and add (1)(c) as follows:

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39-28.8-302. Retail marijuana - excise tax levied at first
transfer from retail marijuana cultivation facility - tax rate.
(1) (a) (I) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1)(b) SUBSECTION
(1)(b) OR (1)(c) of this section, there is levied and shall be collected, in
addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to part 1 of article 26 of this
title 39 and part 2 of this article 28.8, a tax on the first sale or transfer of
unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation facility, at
a rate of fifteen percent of the average market rate of the unprocessed
retail marijuana if the transaction is between affiliated retail marijuana
business licensees. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1)(b)
SUBSECTION (1)(b) OR (1)(c) of this section, there is levied and shall be
collected, in addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to part 1 of article
26 of this title 39 and part 2 of this article 28.8, a tax on the first sale or
transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana by a retail marijuana cultivation
facility, at a rate of fifteen percent of the contract price for unprocessed
retail marijuana if the transaction is between unaffiliated retail marijuana
business licensees. Retail marijuana excise tax shall also be calculated as
fifteen percent of the contract price when the first transfer of retail
marijuana that has been harvested for sale at a retail marijuana store or
extraction by a retail marijuana product manufacturing facility is between
unaffiliated retail marijuana cultivation facilities. The tax shall be
imposed at the time when the retail marijuana cultivation facility first
sells or transfers unprocessed retail marijuana from the retail marijuana
cultivation facility to a retail marijuana product manufacturing facility or
a retail marijuana store.

(c) The Transfer of Unprocessed Retail Marijuana exclusively for Microbial Control is Deemed to not be the first

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1	TRANSFER OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA FOR THE PURPOSES OF
2	THIS SECTION.
3	SECTION 12. Act subject to petition - effective date -
4	applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
5	the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
6	general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant
7	to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
8	item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
9	section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
10	general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take
11	effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
12	governor.
13	(2) This act applies to acts committed on or after the applicable
14	effective date of this act.

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