



Please vote YES on HB16-1064

Local Government Medical Marijuana Testing Licenses

Sponsors: Rep. Brown/Sen. Roberts

CCI urges your support of this enabling legislation to give local communities the opportunity to expand the types of marijuana businesses that are permitted. It is viewed as both a public safety measure and a potential job creation measure.

During the 2015 session the General Assembly expanded the types of licenses the state can issue for medical marijuana facilities to include Medical Marijuana Testing Labs. Testing of retail (a.k.a. recreational) marijuana has been in existence since 2013, when the state passed a package of bills in the wake of Amendment 64. Counties and municipalities already have the statutory authority to issue licenses for **retail** marijuana testing facilities. HB 1064 simply extends this authority to the licensing of medical marijuana testing facilities as well.

Currently, each marijuana business applicant must apply to **both** the state and the local authority for a license - this legislation is in keeping with the current dual licensing process that is already in place for all other types of marijuana facilities allowed by local communities.

Testing of medical marijuana for both potency and banned substances (pesticides, etc.) is viewed as an essential public safety measure, and is scheduled to begin later this year around the state.

Every county and municipality around the state is currently able to decide whether to allow or ban medical and retail marijuana facilities, and this legislation will simply round out that regulatory structure and ensure consistency at the state and local level.

CCI asks for your YES vote on HB16-1064

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