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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022) 3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 4 By: Frix HOUSE BILL NO. 4102 5 6 7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE An Act relating to medical marijuana; amending 63 8 O.S. 2021, Section 421, which relates to licensing 9 requirements for medical marijuana dispensaries; providing exception to certain restriction on retail sales of marijuana; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Sections 10 427.2 and 427.14, which relate to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act; 11 modifying definitions; creating licenses for portable medical marijuana dispensaries; stating license and 12 renewal fees; providing requirements for obtaining 1.3 license; and providing an effective date. 14 15 16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 421, is 18 amended to read as follows: 19 Section 421. A. The State Department of Health shall, within 20 thirty (30) days of passage of this initiative, make available on 21 its website in an easy-to-find location an application for a medical 22 marijuana dispensary license. The application fee shall be Two 23 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). A method of payment 24 shall be provided on the website of the Department. Dispensary

- applicants must all be residents of Oklahoma. Any entity applying
 for a dispensary license must be owned by an Oklahoma resident and
 must be registered to do business in Oklahoma. The Department shall
 have ninety (90) business days to review the application; approve,
 reject or deny the application; and mail the approval, rejection or
 denial letter stating reasons for the rejection or denial to the
 applicant.
- 8 B. The State Department of Health shall approve all 9 applications which meet the following criteria:

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- 1. The applicant must be twenty-five (25) years of age or older;
- The applicant, if applying as an individual, must show
 residency in the State of Oklahoma;
 - 3. All applying entities must show that all members, managers, and board members are Oklahoma residents;
 - 4. An applying entity may show ownership of non-Oklahoma residents, but that percentage ownership may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%);
 - 5. All applying individuals or entities must be registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma; and
- 6. All applicants must disclose all ownership interests in the dispensary.
- Applicants with a nonviolent felony conviction in the last two

 (2) years, any other felony conviction in the last five (5) years,

inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections or any person currently incarcerated shall not qualify for a medical marijuana dispensary license.

- C. Licensed medical marijuana dispensaries shall be required to complete a monthly sales report to the State Department of Health. This report shall be due on the fifteenth of each month and provide reporting on the previous month. This report shall detail the weight of marijuana purchased at wholesale and the weight of marijuana sold to licensed medical marijuana patients and licensed caregivers and account for any waste. The report shall show total sales in dollars, tax collected in dollars, and tax due in dollars. The State Department of Health shall have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown is accounted for.
- D. Only a licensed medical marijuana dispensary or portable medical marijuana dispensary may conduct retail sales of marijuana or marijuana derivatives. Beginning on the effective date of this act, licensed medical marijuana dispensaries and portable medical marijuana dispensaries shall be authorized to package and sell prerolled marijuana to licensed medical marijuana patients and licensed caregivers. The products described in this subsection shall contain only the ground parts of the marijuana plant and shall not include marijuana concentrates or derivatives. The total net weight of each pre-roll packaged and sold by a medical marijuana dispensary shall

not exceed one (1) gram. These products shall be tested, packaged and labeled in accordance with Oklahoma law and rules promulgated by the State Commissioner of Health.

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No medical marijuana dispensary or portable medical marijuana dispensary shall offer or allow a medical marijuana patient licensee, caregiver licensee or other member of the public to handle or otherwise have physical contact with any medical marijuana not contained in a sealed or separate package. Provided, such prohibition shall not preclude an employee of the medical marijuana dispensary or portable medical marijuana dispensary from handling loose or nonpackaged medical marijuana to be placed in packaging consistent with the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the rules promulgated by the Authority for the packaging of medical marijuana for retail sale. Provided, further, such prohibition shall not prevent a medical marijuana dispensary or portable medical marijuana dispensary from displaying samples of its medical marijuana in separate display cases, jars or other containers and allowing medical marijuana patient licensees and caregiver licensees the ability to handle or smell the various samples as long as the sample medical marijuana is used for display purposes only and is not offered for retail sale.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.2 As used in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act:

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- 1. "Advertising" means the act of providing consideration for the publication, dissemination, solicitation, or circulation, of visual, oral, or written communication to induce directly or indirectly any person to patronize a particular medical marijuana business, or to purchase particular medical marijuana or a medical marijuana product. Advertising includes marketing, but does not include packaging and labeling;
 - 2. "Authority" means the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority;
- 3. "Batch number" means a unique numeric or alphanumeric identifier assigned prior to testing to allow for inventory tracking and traceability;
- 4. "Cannabinoid" means any of the chemical compounds that are active principles of marijuana;
- 5. "Caregiver" means a family member or assistant who regularly looks after a medical marijuana license holder whom a physician attests needs assistance;
 - 6. "Child-resistant" means special packaging that is:
 - a. designed or constructed to be significantly difficult for children under five (5) years of age to open and not difficult for normal adults to use properly as defined by 16 C.F.R. 1700.15 (1995) and 16 C.F.R. 1700.20 (1995),

b. opaque so that the outermost packaging does not allow the product to be seen without opening the packaging material, and

- c. resealable to maintain its child-resistant effectiveness for multiple openings for any product intended for more than a single use or containing multiple servings;
- 7. "Clone" means a nonflowering plant cut from a mother plant that is capable of developing into a new plant and has shown no signs of flowering;
 - 8. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;
- 9. "Complete application" means a document prepared in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, rules promulgated pursuant thereto, and the forms and instructions provided by the Department, including any supporting documentation required and the applicable license application fee;
 - 10. "Department" means the State Department of Health;
- 11. "Director" means the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority;
- 12. "Dispense" means the selling of medical marijuana or a medical marijuana product to a qualified patient or the designated caregiver of the patient that is packaged in a suitable container

appropriately labeled for subsequent administration to or use by a qualifying patient;

- 13. "Dispensary" means a medical marijuana dispensary, an entity that has been licensed by the Department pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to purchase medical marijuana or medical marijuana products from a licensed medical marijuana commercial grower or licensed medical marijuana processor, to prepare and package noninfused pre-rolled medical marijuana, and to sell medical marijuana or medical marijuana products to licensed patients and caregivers as defined in this section, or sell or transfer products to another licensed dispensary. The term dispensary shall include traditional brick—and-mortar dispensaries serving customers in a permanently fixed building and portable dispensaries that are designed and built to be lifted and moved to different locations;
- 14. "Edible medical marijuana product" means any medicalmarijuana-infused product for which the intended use is oral
 consumption including, but not limited to, any type of food, drink
 or pill;
- 15. "Entity" means an individual, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, trust, estate, association, corporation, cooperative or any other legal or commercial entity;
- 16. "Flower" means the reproductive organs of the marijuana or cannabis plant referred to as the bud or parts of the plant that are

- 1 harvested and used for consumption in a variety of medical marijuana
 2 products;
 - 17. "Flowering" means the reproductive state of the marijuana or cannabis plant in which there are physical signs of flower or budding out of the nodes of the stem;

- 18. "Food-based medical marijuana concentrate" means a medical marijuana concentrate that was produced by extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana through the use of propylene glycol, glycerin, butter, olive oil, coconut oil or other typical food-safe cooking fats;
- 19. "Harvest batch" means a specifically identified quantity of medical marijuana that is uniform in strain, cultivated utilizing the same cultivation practices, harvested at the same time from the same location and cured under uniform conditions;
- 20. "Harvested marijuana" means postflowering medical marijuana not including trim, concentrate or waste;
- 21. "Heat- or pressure-based medical marijuana concentrate"

 means a medical marijuana concentrate that was produced by

 extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana through the use of
 heat or pressure;
- 22. "Immature plant" means a nonflowering marijuana plant that has not demonstrated signs of flowering;
- 23. "Inventory tracking system" means the required tracking system that accounts for the entire life span of medical marijuana

and medical marijuana products, including any testing samples thereof and medical marijuana waste;

- 24. "Licensed patient" or "patient" means a person who has been issued a medical marijuana patient license by the State Department of Health or Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority;
- 25. "Licensed premises" means the premises specified in an application for a medical marijuana business license, medical marijuana research facility license or medical marijuana education facility license pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act that are owned or in possession of the licensee and within which the licensee is authorized to cultivate, manufacture, distribute, sell, store, transport, test or research medical marijuana or medical marijuana products in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and rules promulgated pursuant thereto;
- 26. "Manufacture" means the production, propagation, compounding or processing of a medical marijuana product, excluding marijuana plants, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural or synthetic origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis;
- 27. "Marijuana" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in Section 2-101 of this title;

28. "Material change" means any change that would affect the qualifications for licensure of an applicant or licensee;

- 29. "Mature plant" means a harvestable female marijuana plant that is flowering;
- 30. "Medical marijuana business (MMB)" means a licensed medical marijuana dispensary, portable medical marijuana dispensary, medical marijuana processor, medical marijuana commercial grower, medical marijuana laboratory, medical marijuana business operator or a medical marijuana transporter;
- 31. "Medical marijuana concentrate" or "concentrate" means a specific subset of medical marijuana that was produced by extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana. Categories of medical marijuana concentrate include water-based medical marijuana concentrate, food-based medical marijuana concentrate, solvent-based medical marijuana concentrate, and heat- or pressure-based medical marijuana concentrate;
- 32. "Medical marijuana commercial grower" or "commercial grower" means an entity licensed to cultivate, prepare and package medical marijuana or package medical marijuana as pre-rolls, and transfer or contract for transfer medical marijuana and medical marijuana pre-rolls to a medical marijuana dispensary, medical marijuana processor, any other medical marijuana commercial grower, medical marijuana research facility or medical marijuana education facility. A commercial grower may sell seeds, flower or clones to

commercial growers pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

- 33. "Medical marijuana education facility" or "education facility" means a person or entity approved pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to operate a facility providing training and education to individuals involving the cultivation, growing, harvesting, curing, preparing, packaging or testing of medical marijuana, or the production, manufacture, extraction, processing, packaging or creation of medical-marijuana-infused products or medical marijuana products as described in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 34. "Medical-marijuana-infused product" means a product infused with medical marijuana including, but not limited to, edible products, ointments and tinctures;
- 35. "Medical marijuana product" or "product" means a product that contains cannabinoids that have been extracted from plant material or the resin therefrom by physical or chemical means and is intended for administration to a qualified patient including, but not limited to, oils, tinctures, edibles, pills, topical forms, gels, creams, vapors, patches, liquids, and forms administered by a nebulizer, excluding live plant forms which are considered medical marijuana;
- 36. "Medical marijuana processor" means a person or entity licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient

Protection Act to operate a business including the production,
manufacture, extraction, processing, packaging or creation of
concentrate, medical-marijuana-infused products or medical marijuana
products as described in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient
Protection Act;

- 37. "Medical marijuana research facility" or "research facility" means a person or entity approved pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to conduct medical marijuana research. A medical marijuana research facility is not a medical marijuana business;
- 38. "Medical marijuana testing laboratory" or "laboratory" means a public or private laboratory licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to conduct testing and research on medical marijuana and medical marijuana products;
- 39. "Medical marijuana transporter" or "transporter" means a person or entity that is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act. A medical marijuana transporter does not include a medical marijuana business that transports its own medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products to a property or facility adjacent to or connected to the licensed premises if the property is another licensed premises of the same medical marijuana business;

40. "Medical marijuana waste" or "waste" means unused, surplus, returned or out-of-date marijuana, plant debris of the plant of the genus Cannabis including dead plants and all unused plant parts and roots, except the term shall not include roots, stems, stalks and fan leaves;

- 41. "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, use, delivery, transfer or transportation of medical marijuana, medical marijuana products, medical marijuana devices or paraphernalia relating to the administration of medical marijuana to treat a licensed patient;
- 42. "Mother plant" means a marijuana plant that is grown or maintained for the purpose of generating clones, and that will not be used to produce plant material for sale to a medical marijuana processor or medical marijuana dispensary;
- 43. "Oklahoma physician" or "physician" means a physician
 licensed by and in good standing with the State Board of Medical
 Licensure and Supervision, the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners
 or the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners;
- 44. "Oklahoma resident" means an individual who can provide proof of residency as required by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 45. "Owner" means, except where the context otherwise requires,
 a direct beneficial owner including, but not limited to, all persons
 or entities as follows:

a. all shareholders owning an interest of a corporate entity and all officers of a corporate entity,

b. all partners of a general partnership,

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- c. all general partners and all limited partners that own an interest in a limited partnership,
- d. all members that own an interest in a limited liability company,
- e. all beneficiaries that hold a beneficial interest in a trust and all trustees of a trust,
- f. all persons or entities that own interest in a joint venture,
- g. all persons or entities that own an interest in an association,
- h. the owners of any other type of legal entity, and
- i. any other person holding an interest or convertible note in any entity which owns, operates or manages a licensed facility;
- 46. "Package" or "packaging" means any container or wrapper that may be used by a medical marijuana business to enclose or contain medical marijuana;
- 47. "Person" means a natural person, partnership, association, business trust, company, corporation, estate, limited liability company, trust or any other legal entity or organization, or a manager, agent, owner, director, servant, officer or employee

thereof, except that "person" does not include any governmental organization;

48. "Pesticide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest or any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant, except that the term "pesticide" shall not include any article that is a "new animal drug" as designated by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

49. "Production batch" means:

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- a. any amount of medical marijuana concentrate of the same category and produced using the same extraction methods, standard operating procedures and an identical group of harvest batch of medical marijuana, or
- b. any amount of medical marijuana product of the same exact type, produced using the same ingredients, standard operating procedures and the same production batch of medical marijuana concentrate;
- 50. "Public institution" means any entity established or controlled by the federal government, state government, or a local government or municipality including, but not limited to, institutions of higher education or related research institutions;

51. "Public money" means any funds or money obtained by the holder from any governmental entity including, but not limited to, research grants;

- 52. "Recommendation" means a document that is signed or electronically submitted by a physician on behalf of a patient for the use of medical marijuana pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 53. "Registered to conduct business" means a person that has provided proof that the business applicant or licensee is in good standing with the Oklahoma Secretary of State;
- 54. "Remediation" means the process by which a harvest batch or production batch that fails testing undergoes a procedure to remedy the harvest batch or production batch and is retested in accordance with Oklahoma laws, rules and regulations;
- 55. "Research project" means a discrete scientific endeavor to answer a research question or a set of research questions related to medical marijuana and is required for a medical marijuana research license. A research project shall include a description of a defined protocol, clearly articulated goals, defined methods and outputs, and a defined start and end date. The description shall demonstrate that the research project will comply with all requirements in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and rules promulgated pursuant thereto. All research

and development conducted by a medical marijuana research facility shall be conducted in furtherance of an approved research project;

- 56. "Revocation" means the final decision by the Department that any license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act is rescinded because the individual or entity does not comply with the applicable requirements set forth in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or rules promulgated pursuant thereto;
- 57. "School" means a public or private elementary, middle or high school used for school classes and instruction. A homeschool, daycare or child-care facility shall not be considered a "school" as used in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 58. "Shipping container" means a hard-sided container with a lid or other enclosure that can be secured in place. A shipping container is used solely for the transport of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate, or medical marijuana products between medical marijuana businesses, a medical marijuana research facility, or a medical marijuana education facility;
- 59. "Solvent-based medical marijuana concentrate" means a medical marijuana concentrate that was produced by extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana through the use of a solvent approved by the Department;

60. "State Question" means Oklahoma State Question No. 788, Initiative Petition No. 412, approved by a majority vote of the citizens of Oklahoma on June 26, 2018;

- 61. "Strain" means the name given to a particular variety of medical marijuana that is based on a combination of factors which may include, but is not limited to, botanical lineage, appearance, chemical profile and accompanying effects. An example of a "strain" would be "OG Kush" or "Pineapple Express";
- 62. "THC" means tetrahydrocannabinol, which is the primary psychotropic cannabinoid in marijuana formed by decarboxylation of naturally tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, which generally occurs by exposure to heat;
- 63. "Transporter agent" means a person who transports medical marijuana or medical marijuana products as an employee of a licensed medical marijuana business and holds a transporter agent license specific to that business pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 64. "Universal symbol" means the image established by the State Department of Health or Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority and made available to licensees through its website indicating that the medical marijuana or the medical marijuana product contains THC;
- 65. "Usable marijuana" means the dried leaves, flowers, oils, vapors, waxes and other portions of the marijuana plant and any

- mixture or preparation thereof, excluding seeds, roots, stems,
 stalks and fan leaves; and
 - 66. "Water-based medical marijuana concentrate" means a concentrate that was produced by extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana through the use of only water, ice or dry ice.
- 6 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.14, is 7 amended to read as follows:

Section 427.14 A. There is hereby created the medical marijuana business license, which shall include the following categories:

- 1. Medical marijuana commercial grower;
- 2. Medical marijuana processor;

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- 3. Medical marijuana dispensary;
- 4. Medical marijuana transporter; and
- 5. Medical marijuana testing laboratory; and
- 16 6. Portable medical marijuana dispensary.
 - B. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, with the aid of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, shall develop a website for medical marijuana business applications.
 - C. The Authority shall make available on its website in an easy-to-find location, applications for a medical marijuana business.
- D. The 1. Except as provided for in paragraph 2 of this subsection, the annual, nonrefundable application fee for a medical

1 marijuana business license shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred 2 Dollars (\$2,500.00).

- 2. The initial, nonrefundable application fee for a portable medical marijuana dispensary license shall be Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) with a yearly renewal fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). There shall be no more than ten portable medical marijuana dispensary licenses approved and issued at any one time by the Authority. As a condition of licensure, applicants shall provide proof of ownership to the Authority of no less than five portable medical marijuana dispensaries. The applicant shall allow the Authority access to the portable medical marijuana dispensaries to inspect the equipment and ensure that each portable unit is not motorized or self-propelled and does not have wheels or axles. Each portable unit shall be equipped with, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. a bank-rated bulletproof window with a minimum Level 1

 UL rating,
 - b. steel security doors,
 - c. a safe room,

- <u>d.</u> <u>generator capabilities, and</u>
- e. an external steel structure.
- 3. Applicants who are issued a portable medical marijuana
 dispensary license shall also be authorized to erect a tent or other
 nonrigid shelter or designate a specific area as a temporary medical

marijuana consumption lounge immediately adjacent to or within two hundred (200) feet from the portable medical marijuana dispensary.

- 4. Applicants who are issued a portable medical marijuana dispensary license shall be authorized to operate multiple portable medical marijuana dispensaries at different locations throughout the state at any one time; provided, the necessary permits have been obtained from the counties or municipalities where the portable medical marijuana dispensaries will be temporarily situated.
- E. All applicants seeking licensure or licensure renewal as a medical marijuana business shall comply with the following general requirements:
- 1. All applications for licenses and registrations authorized pursuant to this section shall be made upon forms prescribed by the Authority;
- 2. Each application shall identify the city or county in which the applicant seeks to obtain licensure as a medical marijuana business;
- 3. Applicants shall submit a complete application to the Department before the application may be accepted or considered;
- 4. All applications shall be complete and accurate in every detail;
- 5. All applications shall include all attachments or supplemental information required by the forms supplied by the Authority;

6. All applications shall be accompanied by a full remittance for the whole amount of the application fees. Application fees are nonrefundable;

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- 7. All applicants shall be approved for licensing review that, at a minimum, meets the following criteria:
 - a. twenty-five (25) years of age or older,
 - b. if applying as an individual, proof that the applicant is an Oklahoma resident pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,
 - c. if applying as an entity, proof that seventy-five percent (75%) of all members, managers, executive officers, partners, board members or any other form of business ownership are Oklahoma residents pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,
 - d. if applying as an individual or entity, proof that the individual or entity is registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma,
 - e. disclosure of all ownership interests pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, and
 - f. proof that the medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility and medical marijuana waste disposal facility applicant or licensee has not been

convicted of a nonviolent felony in the last two (2) years, or any other felony conviction within the last five (5) years, is not a current inmate in the custody of the Department of Corrections, or currently incarcerated in a jail or corrections facility;

8. There Except as provided in paragraph 2 of subsection D of this section, there shall be no limit to the number of medical marijuana business licenses or categories that an individual or entity can apply for or receive, although each application and each category shall require a separate application and application fee.

A commercial grower, processor and dispensary, or any combination thereof, are authorized to share the same address or physical location, subject to the restrictions set forth in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

- 9. All applicants for a medical marijuana business license, research facility license or education facility license authorized by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, or for a renewal of such license, shall undergo an Oklahoma criminal history background check conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) within thirty (30) days prior to the application for the license, including:
 - a. individual applicants applying on their own behalf,
 - b. individuals applying on behalf of an entity,
 - c. all principal officers of an entity, and

d. all owners of an entity as defined by the Oklahoma

Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

- 10. All applicable fees charged by the OSBI are the responsibility of the applicant and shall not be higher than fees charged to any other person or industry for such background checks;
- 11. In order to be considered an Oklahoma resident for purposes of a medical marijuana business application, all applicants shall provide proof of Oklahoma residency for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of application or five (5) years of continuous Oklahoma residency during the preceding twenty-five (25) years immediately preceding the date of application. Sufficient documentation of proof of residency shall include a combination of the following:
 - a. an unexpired Oklahoma-issued driver license,
 - b. an Oklahoma identification card,
 - c. a utility bill preceding the date of application, excluding cellular telephone and Internet bills,
 - d. a residential property deed to property in the State of Oklahoma, and
 - e. a rental agreement preceding the date of application for residential property located in the State of Oklahoma.

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Applicants that were issued a medical marijuana business license prior to August 30, 2019, are hereby exempt from the two-year or five-year Oklahoma residence requirement mentioned above;

- 12. All license applicants shall be required to submit a registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control as provided in Sections 2-302 through 2-304 of this title;
- 13. All applicants shall establish their identity through submission of a color copy or digital image of one of the following unexpired documents:
 - a. front of an Oklahoma driver license,
 - b. front of an Oklahoma identification card,
 - c. a United States passport or other photo identification issued by the United States government, or
 - d. a tribal identification card approved for identification purposes by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety; and
 - 14. All applicants shall submit an applicant photograph.
- F. The Authority shall review the medical marijuana business application; approve, reject or deny the application; and mail the approval, rejection, denial or status-update letter to the applicant within ninety (90) business days of receipt of the application.

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G. 1. The Authority shall review the medical marijuana business applications and conduct all investigations, inspections and interviews before approving the application.

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- 2. Approved applicants shall be issued a medical marijuana business license for the specific category applied under, which shall act as proof of their approved status. Rejection and denial letters shall provide a reason for the rejection or denial. Applications may only be rejected or denied based on the applicant not meeting the standards set forth in the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and Sections 420 through 426.1 of this title, improper completion of the application, or for a reason provided for in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and Sections 420 through 426.1 of this title. If an application is rejected for failure to provide required information, the applicant shall have thirty (30) days to submit the required information for reconsideration. No additional application fee shall be charged for such reconsideration. Unless the Department determines otherwise, an application that has been resubmitted but is still incomplete or contains errors that are not clerical or typographical in nature shall be denied.
- 3. Status-update letters shall provide a reason for delay in either approval, rejection or denial should a situation arise in which an application was submitted properly but a delay in processing the application occurred.

4. Approval, rejection, denial or status-update letters shall be sent to the applicant in the same method the application was submitted to the Department.

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- H. A license for a medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility shall not be issued to or held by:
 - 1. A person until all required fees have been paid;
- 2. A person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony within two (2) years of the date of application, or within five (5) years for any other felony;
- 3. A corporation, if the criminal history of any of its officers, directors or stockholders indicates that the officer, director or stockholder has been convicted of a nonviolent felony within two (2) years of the date of application, or within five (5) years for any other felony;
 - 4. A person under twenty-five (25) years of age;
- 5. A person licensed pursuant to this section who, during a period of licensure, or who, at the time of application, has failed to:
 - a. file taxes, interest or penalties due related to a medical marijuana business, or
 - b. pay taxes, interest or penalties due related to a medical marijuana business;

6. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer or prosecuting officer, or an officer or employee of the Authority or municipality;

- 7. A person whose authority to be a caregiver, as defined in Section 427.2 of this title, has been revoked by the Department; or
- 8. A person who was involved in the management or operations of any medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility that, after the initiation of a disciplinary action, has had a medical marijuana license revoked, not renewed, or surrendered during the five (5) years preceding submission of the application and for the following violations:
 - a. unlawful sales or purchases,

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- b. any fraudulent acts, falsification of records or misrepresentation to the Authority, medical marijuana patient licensees, caregiver licensees or medical marijuana business licensees,
- c. any grossly inaccurate or fraudulent reporting,
- d. threatening or harming any medical marijuana patient, caregiver, medical practitioner or employee of the Department,
- e. knowingly or intentionally refusing to permit the Department access to premises or records,
- f. using a prohibited, hazardous substance for processing in a residential area,

g. criminal acts relating to the operation of a medical marijuana business, or

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- h. any violations that endanger public health and safety or product safety.
- I. In investigating the qualifications of an applicant or a licensee, the Department, Authority and municipalities may have access to criminal history record information furnished by a criminal justice agency subject to any restrictions imposed by such an agency.
- J. The failure of an applicant or licensee to provide the requested information by the Authority deadline may be grounds for denial of the application.
- K. All applicants and licensees shall submit information to the Department and Authority in a full, faithful, truthful and fair manner. The Department and Authority may recommend denial of an application where the applicant or licensee made misstatements, omissions, misrepresentations or untruths in the application or in connection with the background investigation of the applicant. This type of conduct may be grounds for administrative action against the applicant or licensee. Typos and scrivener errors shall not be grounds for denial.
- L. A licensed medical marijuana business premises shall be subject to and responsible for compliance with applicable provisions consistent with the zoning where such business is located as

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described in the most recent versions of the Oklahoma Uniform

Building Code, the International Building Code and the International

Fire Code, unless granted an exemption by a municipality or

appropriate code enforcement entity.
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- M. All medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility and medical marijuana waste disposal facility licensees shall pay the relevant licensure fees prior to receiving licensure to operate.
- N. A medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility that attempts to renew its license after the expiration date of the license shall pay a late renewal fee in an amount to be determined by the Department to reinstate the license. Late renewal fees are nonrefundable. A license that has been expired for more than ninety (90) days shall not be renewed.
- O. No medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility shall possess, sell or transfer medical marijuana or medical marijuana products without a valid, unexpired license issued by the Department.
- SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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