

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2659</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Proposed Committee Substitute</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>7304</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

**Research Analysis**

The proposed committee substitute for HB 2659 allows medical marijuana patient licensees to legally possess marijuana harvested from six mature marijuana plants, as well as 72 ounces of topical marijuana. The measure also deems the possession of up to 1.5 ounces of marijuana by persons who can state a medical condition, but are not in possession of a license, a civil infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$400. The measure also provides that caregivers shall be either real persons or medical marijuana business entities.

Additionally, the measure authorizes the sale of tinctures, oils suitable for vaporization or capsules containing cannabinoids beginning November 1, 2021, and directs the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) to promulgate rules regarding the storing, mixing and labeling of such products, as well as any training necessary for dispensary employees. Dispensaries and their employees that compound preparations are required to have a food-handling license, but are not required to have additional licenses or pay fees solely related to the compound preparations. Such compounding is not considered processing and does not require any change in zoning eligibility. Preparation that changes the chemical state or synthesis of molecules other than the dissolving of ingredients is prohibited.

Finally, the measure amends the definition of *dispensary* to authorize dispensaries to prepare and package non-infused, pre-rolled medical marijuana, as well as purchase products from and sell or transfer products to other dispensaries, including the tinctures and oils authorized by the bill.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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**Other Considerations**

None.