

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 806

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to medical marijuana; amending 63  
9 O.S. 2021, Section 427.14, as last amended by Section  
10 2, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022,  
11 Section 427.14), which relates to medical marijuana  
12 business license; requiring an applicant to submit  
13 verification of ownership or lease of a licensed  
14 medical marijuana business premises; updating  
15 statutory reference; authorizing the Oklahoma Medical  
16 Marijuana Authority to require certain application  
17 for transfer of license; prohibiting transfer without  
18 approval; allowing Authority to revoke license or  
19 forbid future licenses; establishing fee for  
20 application; providing for promulgation of rules;  
21 prohibiting transfers during certain investigations;  
22 allowing for only one transfer per year; providing  
23 for codification; and providing an effective date.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.14, as  
20 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp.  
21 2022, Section 427.14), is amended to read as follows:

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

- 1 1. Medical marijuana commercial grower;
- 2 2. Medical marijuana processor;
- 3 3. Medical marijuana dispensary;
- 4 4. Medical marijuana transporter; and
- 5 5. Medical marijuana testing laboratory.

6 B. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, with the aid of  
7 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, shall develop a  
8 website for medical marijuana business applications.

9 C. The Authority shall make available on its website in an  
10 easy-to-find location, applications for a medical marijuana  
11 business.

12 D. The annual, nonrefundable application fee for a medical  
13 marijuana business license shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred  
14 Dollars (\$2,500.00).

15 E. All applicants seeking licensure or licensure renewal as a  
16 medical marijuana business shall comply with the following general  
17 requirements:

18 1. All applications for licenses and registrations authorized  
19 pursuant to this section shall be made upon forms prescribed by the  
20 Authority;

21 2. Each application shall identify the city or county in which  
22 the applicant seeks to obtain licensure as a medical marijuana  
23 business;

1       3. Applicants shall submit a complete application to the  
2 Authority before the application may be accepted or considered;

3       4. All applications shall be complete and accurate in every  
4 detail;

5       5. All applications shall include all attachments or  
6 supplemental information required by the forms supplied by the  
7 Authority;

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

11       7. All applicants shall be approved for licensing review that,  
12 at a minimum, meet the following criteria:

13           a. twenty-five (25) years of age or older,

14           b. if applying as an individual, proof that the applicant  
15 is a resident of this state pursuant to paragraph 11  
16 of this subsection,

17           c. if applying as an entity, proof that seventy-five  
18 percent (75%) of all members, managers, executive  
19 officers, partners, board members or any other form of  
20 business ownership are residents of this state  
21 pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,

22           d. if applying as an individual or entity, proof that the  
23 individual or entity is registered to conduct business  
24 in this state,

- 1 e. disclosure of all ownership interests pursuant to the  
2 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act,  
3 ~~and~~
- 4 f. proof that the medical marijuana business, medical  
5 marijuana research facility, medical marijuana  
6 education facility and medical marijuana waste  
7 disposal facility applicant or licensee has not been  
8 convicted of a nonviolent felony in the last two (2)  
9 years, or any other felony conviction within the last  
10 five (5) years, is not a current inmate in the custody  
11 of the Department of Corrections, or currently  
12 incarcerated in a jail or corrections facility, and
- 13 g. proof that the applicant has possessory right to the  
14 real estate where the business will operate by  
15 submission of a copy of an executed deed of conveyance  
16 or a signed lease for the property;

17 8. There shall be no limit to the number of medical marijuana  
18 business licenses or categories that an individual or entity can  
19 apply for or receive, although each application and each category  
20 shall require a separate application and application fee. A  
21 commercial grower, processor and dispensary, or any combination  
22 thereof, are authorized to share the same address or physical  
23 location, subject to the further restrictions set forth in the  
24 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act; provided,

1 that no address or physical location shall be permitted to have  
2 multiple licenses within the same category;

3 9. All applicants for a medical marijuana business license,  
4 research facility license or education facility license authorized  
5 by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, or for  
6 a renewal of such license, shall undergo a state criminal history  
7 background check conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
8 Investigation (OSBI) within thirty (30) days prior to the  
9 application for the license including:

- 10 a. individual applicants applying on their own behalf,
- 11 b. individuals applying on behalf of an entity,
- 12 c. all principal officers of an entity, and
- 13 d. all owners of an entity as defined by the Oklahoma  
14 Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

15 10. All applicable fees charged by the OSBI are the  
16 responsibility of the applicant and shall not be higher than fees  
17 charged to any other person or industry for such background checks;

18 11. In order to be considered a resident of this state for  
19 purposes of a medical marijuana business application, all applicants  
20 shall provide proof of state residency for at least two (2) years  
21 immediately preceding the date of application or five (5) years of  
22 continuous state residency during the preceding twenty-five (25)  
23 years immediately preceding the date of application. Sufficient  
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1 documentation of proof of state residency shall include a  
2 combination of the following:

- 3 a. an unexpired state-issued driver license,
- 4 b. a state-issued identification card,
- 5 c. a utility bill preceding the date of application,  
6 excluding cellular telephone and Internet bills,
- 7 d. a residential property deed to property in this state,  
8 and
- 9 e. a rental agreement preceding the date of application  
10 for residential property located in this state.

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

14 12. All license applicants shall be required to submit a  
15 registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and  
16 Dangerous Drugs Control as provided in Sections 2-302 through 2-304  
17 of this title;

18 13. All applicants shall establish their identity through  
19 submission of a color copy or digital image of one of the following  
20 unexpired documents:

- 21 a. front of a state-issued driver license,
- 22 b. front of a state-issued identification card,
- 23 c. a United States passport or other photo identification  
24 issued by the United States government, or

1 d. a tribal identification card approved for  
2 identification purposes by the Department of Public  
3 Safety; and

4 14. All applicants shall submit an applicant photograph.

5 F. The Authority shall review the medical marijuana business  
6 application; approve, reject or deny the application; and mail the  
7 approval, rejection, denial or status-update letter to the applicant  
8 within ninety (90) business days of receipt of the application.

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

12 2. Approved applicants shall be issued a medical marijuana  
13 business license for the specific category applied under, which  
14 shall act as proof of their approved status. Rejection and denial  
15 letters shall provide a reason for the rejection or denial.  
16 Applications may only be rejected or denied based on the applicant  
17 not meeting the standards set forth in the provisions of the  
18 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and Sections  
19 420 through 426.1 of this title, improper completion of the  
20 application, or for a reason provided for in the Oklahoma Medical  
21 Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and Sections 420 through 426.1  
22 of this title. If an application is rejected for failure to provide  
23 required information, the applicant shall have thirty (30) days to  
24 submit the required information for reconsideration. No additional

1 application fee shall be charged for such reconsideration. Unless  
2 the Authority determines otherwise, an application that has been  
3 resubmitted but is still incomplete or contains errors that are not  
4 clerical or typographical in nature shall be denied.

5 3. Status-update letters shall provide a reason for delay in  
6 either approval, rejection or denial should a situation arise in  
7 which an application was submitted properly but a delay in  
8 processing the application occurred.

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

12 H. A license for a medical marijuana business, medical  
13 marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or  
14 medical marijuana waste disposal facility shall not be issued to or  
15 held by:

16 1. A person until all required fees have been paid;

17 2. A person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony  
18 within two (2) years of the date of application, or within five (5)  
19 years for any other felony;

20 3. A corporation, if the criminal history of any of its  
21 officers, directors or stockholders indicates that the officer,  
22 director or stockholder has been convicted of a nonviolent felony  
23 within two (2) years of the date of application, or within five (5)  
24 years for any other felony;



1 4. A person under twenty-five (25) years of age;

2 5. A person licensed pursuant to this section who, during a  
3 period of licensure, or who, at the time of application, has failed  
4 to:

5 a. file taxes, interest or penalties due related to a  
6 medical marijuana business, or

7 b. pay taxes, interest or penalties due related to a  
8 medical marijuana business;

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

11 7. A person whose authority to be a caregiver, as defined in  
12 Section 427.2 of this title, has been revoked by the Authority; or

13 8. A person who was involved in the management or operations of  
14 any medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility,  
15 medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste  
16 disposal facility that, after the initiation of a disciplinary  
17 action, has had a medical marijuana license revoked, not renewed, or  
18 surrendered during the five (5) years preceding submission of the  
19 application and for the following violations:

20 a. unlawful sales or purchases,

21 b. any fraudulent acts, falsification of records or  
22 misrepresentation to the Authority, medical marijuana  
23 patient licensees, caregiver licensees or medical  
24 marijuana business licensees,

- 1 c. any grossly inaccurate or fraudulent reporting,
- 2 d. threatening or harming any medical marijuana patient,
- 3 caregiver, medical practitioner or employee of the
- 4 Authority,
- 5 e. knowingly or intentionally refusing to permit the
- 6 Authority access to premises or records,
- 7 f. using a prohibited, hazardous substance for processing
- 8 in a residential area,
- 9 g. criminal acts relating to the operation of a medical
- 10 marijuana business, or
- 11 h. any violations that endanger public health and safety
- 12 or product safety.

13 I. In investigating the qualifications of an applicant or a  
14 licensee, the Authority and municipalities may have access to  
15 criminal history record information furnished by a criminal justice  
16 agency subject to any restrictions imposed by such an agency.

17 J. The failure of an applicant or licensee to provide the  
18 requested information by the Authority deadline may be grounds for  
19 denial of the application.

20 K. All applicants and licensees shall submit information to the  
21 Authority in a full, faithful, truthful and fair manner. The  
22 Authority may recommend denial of an application where the applicant  
23 or licensee made misstatements, omissions, misrepresentations or  
24 untruths in the application or in connection with the background

1 investigation of the applicant. This type of conduct may be grounds  
2 for administrative action against the applicant or licensee. Typos  
3 and scrivener errors shall not be grounds for denial.

4 L. A licensed medical marijuana business premises shall be  
5 subject to and responsible for compliance with applicable provisions  
6 consistent with the zoning where such business is located as  
7 described in the most recent versions of the Oklahoma Uniform  
8 Building Code, the International Building Code and the International  
9 Fire Code, unless granted an exemption by a municipality or  
10 appropriate code enforcement entity.

11 M. All medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research  
12 facility, medical marijuana education facility and medical marijuana  
13 waste disposal facility licensees shall pay the relevant licensure  
14 fees prior to receiving licensure to operate.

15 N. A medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research  
16 facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana  
17 waste disposal facility that attempts to renew its license after the  
18 expiration date of the license shall pay a late renewal fee in an  
19 amount to be determined by the Executive Director of the Authority  
20 to reinstate the license. Late renewal fees are nonrefundable. A  
21 license that has been expired for more than ninety (90) days shall  
22 not be renewed.

23 O. No medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research  
24 facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana

1 waste disposal facility shall possess, sell, or transfer medical  
2 marijuana or medical marijuana products without a valid, unexpired  
3 license issued by the Authority.

4 P. A medical marijuana business license holder shall require  
5 all individuals employed under their license to be issued a  
6 credential pursuant to the provisions of Section ~~3 of this act~~  
7 427.14a of this title prior to employment.

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 427.14c of Title 63, unless  
10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 A. After the effective date of this act, no medical marijuana  
12 business license shall be transferred without approval of an  
13 application to transfer by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority.

14 B. For purposes of this act, the "application to transfer"  
15 shall include all information required of a new licensee for the  
16 transferee including, but not limited to, a detailed inventory of  
17 all seeds, plant tissue, clones, plants, usable marijuana or trim,  
18 leaves and other plant matter, batches of extract, and marijuana  
19 concentrates that are to be transferred. Attempts to transfer the  
20 medical marijuana business license or substantially all of the  
21 listed medical marijuana products of a medical marijuana business  
22 outside of the normal course of business without approval from the  
23 Authority shall be grounds for revocation of the license and denial  
24 for further licenses.

1 C. The application fee for the application to transfer shall be  
2 the same as the fee charged for the underlying license application.

3 D. The Authority shall promulgate rules regarding the approval  
4 and denial of transfers of licenses. Transfers shall not be allowed  
5 for any licensee who is under investigation by the Authority or any  
6 other law enforcement agency. No business license shall be  
7 transferred more than once in a calendar year.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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