

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 12, 2026

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1305

By: Coleman

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6 An Act relating to medical marijuana; amending
7 Section 3, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 2022, as last amended
8 by Section 1, Chapter 389, O.S.L. 2025 (63 O.S. Supp.
9 2025, Section 427.14b), which relates to credentials
10 required for employees to work in licensed medical
11 marijuana business; allowing the Oklahoma Medical
12 Marijuana Authority to approve certain third-party
13 vendor; requiring Authority to approve or deny
14 certain vendor within certain time period; providing
15 certain requirements for certain vendor; requiring
16 certain hours of training for certain subjects;
17 updating statutory language; providing an effective
18 date; and declaring an emergency.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 328, O.S.L.
21 2022, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 389, O.S.L. 2025 (63
22 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 427.14b), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 427.14b. A. Beginning January 1, 2024, the Oklahoma
24 Medical Marijuana Authority shall require employees of a medical
marijuana business licensee to apply for and receive a credential
authorizing the employee to work in a licensed medical marijuana
business.

1 B. The Authority may contract with one or more third-party
2 vendors to provide the credentialing services necessary to carry out
3 the provisions of this section.

4 C. The Authority shall determine the services to be provided by
5 such third-party vendor and shall establish costs and prices. If
6 contracted for credentialing services, a third-party vendor shall on
7 behalf of the Authority conduct the background checks and verify
8 eligibility for any employees of a medical marijuana business
9 license holder to obtain a credential.

10 D. Upon successful completion of the national fingerprint-based
11 background check conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of
12 Investigation within thirty (30) days prior to the application,
13 completion of the educational training required pursuant to the
14 provisions of this section, and verification of eligibility for an
15 employee, the Authority shall issue a credential to the employee.
16 The applicant shall submit proof of completion of the required
17 educational training in the credential application, and the results
18 of background checks and verifications shall be provided to the
19 Authority by the third-party vendor.

20 E. Beginning January 1, 2027, in order to receive an employee
21 credential, all employees of a licensed medical marijuana business
22 shall annually complete an educational training course ~~provided by~~
23 ~~or~~ approved by the Authority. The employee shall submit proof of
24 completion of the required educational training in order to receive

1 an employee credential. Such training may include an overview of
2 state statutes and administrative rules, patient privacy
3 requirements, and the safe handling and storage of medical
4 marijuana.

5 F. If the third-party vendor determines that an employee of a
6 medical marijuana business holder does not meet the minimum
7 statutory requirements for a credential, the applicant or employee
8 shall have no recourse against the third-party vendor but may appeal
9 such adverse determination to the Authority.

10 G. The third-party vendor shall not be civilly liable to an
11 applicant, licensee, or employee of a licensee for any acts taken in
12 good-faith compliance with the provisions of Section 420 et seq. of
13 this title and the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection
14 Act and the rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana
15 Authority.

16 H. 1. The Authority shall review the medical marijuana
17 credential application; approve, reject, or deny the application;
18 and send the approval, rejection, or denial letter to the applicant
19 by the same method in which the application was submitted to the
20 Authority.

21 2. Each approved applicant shall be issued a credential, which
22 shall act as proof of his or her approved status, to be worn or
23 displayed during the hours of work of the employee. Rejection and
24 denial letters shall provide a reason for the rejection or denial.

1 Applications may only be rejected or denied for failure to meet the
2 standards set forth in the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical
3 Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or rules promulgated by the
4 Executive Director of the Authority. If an application is rejected
5 for failure to provide required information, the applicant shall
6 have thirty (30) days to submit the required information for
7 reconsideration. Unless the Authority determines otherwise, an
8 application that has been resubmitted but is still incomplete or
9 contains errors that are not clerical or typographical in nature
10 shall be denied.

11 I. The Authority may approve any third-party vendor meeting the
12 requirements of subsection J of this section to provide the
13 educational training course necessary to carry out the provisions of
14 subsection E of this section. The Authority shall have thirty (30)
15 days to approve or deny any vendor's application to provide such
16 educational training.

17 J. To be approved by the Authority, the vendor shall:

18 1. Be an association related to the medical marijuana industry
19 in this state with an IRS Letter 947 determining 509(a)(2) public
20 charity status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
21 of 1986, as amended, with an effective date of exemption prior to
22 January 1, 2026; and

23 2. Provide an educational training course plan that includes an
24 overview of state statutes and administrative rules, patient privacy

1 requirements, and the safe handling and storage of medical
2 marijuana. The educational training shall provide a minimum of one
3 (1) hour of in-person training for each subject addressed in the
4 educational training course plan.

5 K. The Executive Director of the Authority may promulgate rules
6 to implement the provisions of this section.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

8 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
9 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INSURANCE
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