OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE CONFERENCE **COMMITTEE REPORT**

May 22, 2025

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

<u>SB697</u>

By: Coleman of the Senate and Turner of the House

Title: Medical marijuana licenses; establishing certain requirements for license issuance, allowing certain actions by certain licensees; requiring certain information to be documented in certain inventory manifest prior to certain action. Effective date.

together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. Conferees unable to agree.

Respectfully submitted, SENATE CONFEREES:

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Alvord

Reinhardt

Standridge Brooks

HOUSE CONFEREES:

Conference Committee on Health and Human Services Oversight

House Action

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1	ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
2	ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 697 By: Coleman of the Senate
3	and
4	Marti of the House
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7	An Act relating to medical marijuana licenses; 63
8	O.S. 2021, Section 427.16, as last amended by Section 140, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,
9	Section 427.16), which relates to medical marijuana transporter license; establishing certain
10	requirements for license issuance; updating statutory language; allowing certain actions by certain
11	licensee; requiring certain information to be documented in certain inventory manifest prior to
12	certain action; and providing an effective date.
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16	AUTHOR: Remove Representative Marti as principal House author and
17	substitute with Representative Turner
18	AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, Line 13 1/2, delete Section 1 in its
19	entirety and insert a new Section 1 to read:
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	"SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2-309, as
21	last amended by Section 6, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp.
22	2024, Section 2-309), is amended to read as follows:
23	Section 2-309. A. 1. Except for dosages medically required
24	for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours which are

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1 administered by or on direction of a practitioner, other than a pharmacist, or medication dispensed directly by a practitioner, 2 other than a pharmacist, to an ultimate user, no controlled 3 dangerous substance included in Schedule II, which is a prescription 4 5 drug as determined under regulation promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy, shall be dispensed without an electronic prescription of a 6 7 practitioner; provided, that in emergency situations, as prescribed by the Board of Pharmacy by regulation, such drug may be dispensed 8 9 upon oral prescription reduced promptly to writing and filed by the pharmacist in a manner to be prescribed by rules and regulations of 10 11 the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous 12 Drugs Control.

2. Electronic prescribing shall be utilized for Schedules II,
 III, IV and V, subject to the requirements set forth in 21 CFR,
 Section 1311 et seq.

3. An electronic prescription with electronic signature may
serve as an original prescription, subject to the requirements set
forth in 21 CFR, Section 1311 et seq.

Prescriptions shall be retained in conformity with the
 requirements of this section and Section 2-307 of this title. No
 prescription for a Schedule II substance may be refilled.

5. The electronic prescription requirement provided for in this section shall not apply to prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances issued by any of the following:

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1	a.	a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine,
2	b.	a practitioner who experiences temporary technological
3		or electrical failure or other extenuating
4		circumstance that prevents the prescription from being
5		transmitted electronically; provided, however, that
6		the practitioner documents the reason for this
7		exception in the medical record of the patient,
8	с.	a practitioner, other than a pharmacist, who dispenses
9		directly to an ultimate user,
10	d.	a practitioner who orders a controlled dangerous
11		substance to be administered through an on-site
12		pharmacy in:
13		(1) a hospital as defined in Section 1-701 of this
14		title,
15		(2) a nursing facility as defined in Section 1-1902
16		of this title,
17		(3) a hospice inpatient facility as defined in
18		Section 1-860.2 of this title,
19		(4) an outpatient dialysis facility,
20		(5) a continuum of care facility as defined in
21		Section 1-890.2 of this title, or
22		(6) a penal institution listed in Section 509 of
23		Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
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1 a practitioner who orders a controlled dangerous e. 2 substance to be administered through a hospice program including but not limited to a hospice program that 3 4 provides hospice services in the private residence of 5 a patient or in a long-term care facility where the patient resides. As used in this subparagraph, 6 7 "hospice program" has the same meaning as provided by Section 1-860.2 of this title, 8

- 9 f. a practitioner who writes a prescription to be 10 dispensed by a pharmacy located on federal property, 11 provided the practitioner documents the reason for 12 this exception in the medical record of the patient,
- g. a practitioner that has received a waiver or extension
 from his or her licensing board,
- h. a practitioner who prescribes a controlled dangerous
 substance for a supply that when taken as prescribed
 would be consumed within seventy-two (72) hours, or
 a practitioner who determines that an electronic
 prescription cannot be issued in a timely manner and
 - the condition of the patient is at risk.
- 21 6. Electronic prescriptions may be utilized under the following 22 circumstances:
- 23 a. compounded prescriptions,

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b. compounded infusion prescriptions, or

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c. prescriptions issued under approved research protocols.

7. A pharmacist who receives a written, oral or facsimile
prescription shall not be required to verify that the prescription
falls under one of the exceptions provided for in paragraph 6 of
this subsection. Pharmacists may continue to dispense medications
from otherwise valid written, oral or facsimile prescriptions that
are consistent with the provisions of this section.

9 8. Practitioners shall indicate in the health record of a
10 patient that an exception to the electronic prescription requirement
11 was utilized.

9. All prescriptions issued pursuant to paragraph 5 and
subparagraph c of paragraph 6 of this subsection shall be on an
official prescription form approved by the Oklahoma State Bureau of
Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control if not issued electronically.
<u>All prescriptions issued pursuant to subparagraphs a and b of</u>
<u>paragraph 6 of this subsection may be transmitted via written, oral,</u>
or facsimile.

1910. a.Practitioners shall be registered with the Oklahoma20State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control21in order to purchase official prescription forms.22Such registration shall include, but not be limited23to, the primary address and the address of each place24of business to be imprinted on official prescription

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1 forms. Any change to a registered practitioner's 2 registered address shall be promptly reported to the practitioner's licensing board and the Bureau by the 3 4 practitioner in a manner approved by the Bureau. 5 b. Where the Bureau has revoked the registration of a registered practitioner, the Bureau may revoke or 6 7 cancel any official prescription forms in the possession of the registered practitioner. Any 8 9 revocation or any suspension shall require the 10 registered practitioner to return all unused official 11 prescription forms to the Bureau within fifteen (15) 12 calendar days after the date of the written 13 notification.

- c. A practitioner that has had any license to practice
 terminated, revoked or suspended by a state or federal
 agency may, upon restoration of such license or
 certificate, register with the Bureau.
- 18 11. a. Official prescription forms shall be purchased at the
 19 expense of the practitioner or the employer of the
 20 practitioner from a list of vendors approved by the
 21 Bureau.
- b. Official prescription forms issued to a registered
 practitioner shall be imprinted with the primary
 address and may include other addresses listed on the

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registration of the practitioner to identify the place of origin. Such prescriptions shall be sent only to the primary address of the registered practitioner. c. Official prescription forms of a registered practitioner shall be used only by the practitioner

designated on the official prescription form.

- 7 d. The Bureau may revoke or cancel official prescription
 8 forms in possession of registered practitioners when
 9 the license of such practitioner is suspended,
 10 terminated or revoked.
- e. Official prescription forms of registered
 practitioners who are deceased or who no longer
 prescribe shall be returned to the Bureau at a
 designated address. If the registered practitioner is
 deceased, it is the responsibility of the registered
 practitioner's estate or lawful designee to return
 such forms.
- 18f.The Bureau may issue official prescription forms to19employees or agents of the Bureau and other government20agencies for the purpose of preventing, identifying,21investigating and prosecuting unacceptable or illegal22practices by providers and other persons and assisting23in the recovery of overpayments under any program24operated by the state or paid for with state funds.

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1 Such prescription forms shall be issued for this 2 purpose only to individuals who are authorized to conduct investigations on behalf of the Bureau or 3 4 other government agencies as part of their official 5 duties. Individuals and agencies receiving such prescription forms for this purpose shall provide 6 7 appropriate assurances to the Bureau that adequate safeguards and security measures are in place to 8 9 prevent the use of such prescription forms for anything other than official government purposes. 10 11 Adequate safeguards and security measures shall be 12. a. 12 undertaken by registered practitioners holding 13 official prescription forms to assure against the 14 loss, destruction, theft or unauthorized use of the 15 forms. Registered practitioners shall maintain a 16 sufficient but not excessive supply of such forms in 17 reserve.

b. Registered practitioners shall immediately notify the
Bureau, in a manner designated by the Bureau, upon
their knowledge of the loss, destruction, theft or
unauthorized use of any official prescription forms
issued to them, as well as the failure to receive
official prescription forms within a reasonable time
after ordering them from the Bureau.

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c. Registered practitioners shall immediately notify the
 Bureau upon their knowledge of any diversion or
 suspected diversion of drugs pursuant to the loss,
 theft or unauthorized use of prescriptions.

5 в. 1. Except for dosages medically required for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours which are administered by or on 6 7 direction of a practitioner other than a pharmacist or medication dispensed directly by a practitioner, other than a pharmacist, to an 8 9 ultimate user, or the circumstances provided for in paragraphs 5 and 10 6 of subsection A of this section, no controlled dangerous substance 11 included in Schedule III or IV, which is a prescription drug as 12 determined under regulation promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy, 13 shall be dispensed without an electronic prescription.

14 2. Any prescription for a controlled dangerous substance in 15 Schedule III, IV or V may not be filled or refilled more than six 16 (6) months after the date thereof or be refilled more than five 17 times after the date of the prescription, unless renewed by the 18 practitioner.

C. Whenever it appears to the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control that a drug not considered to be a prescription drug under existing state law or regulation of the Board of Pharmacy should be so considered because of its abuse potential, the Director shall so advise the Board of

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Pharmacy and furnish to the Board all available data relevant
 thereto.

"Prescription", as used in this section, means a 3 D. 1. 4 written, oral or electronic order by a practitioner to a pharmacist 5 for a controlled dangerous substance for a particular patient, which specifies the date of its issue, and the full name and address of 6 7 the patient and, if the controlled dangerous substance is prescribed for an animal, the species of the animal, the name and quantity of 8 9 the controlled dangerous substance prescribed, the directions for 10 use, the name and address of the owner of the animal and, if 11 written, the signature of the practitioner. When electronically 12 prescribed, the full name of the patient may include the name and 13 species of the animal.

14 2. "Registered practitioner", as used in this section, means a
15 licensed practitioner duly registered with the Oklahoma State Bureau
16 of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control authorized to purchase
17 official prescription forms.

E. No person shall solicit, dispense, receive or deliver any controlled dangerous substance through the mail, unless the ultimate user is personally known to the practitioner and circumstances clearly indicate such method of delivery is in the best interest of the health and welfare of the ultimate user."

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7	0.S. 2021, Section 427.16, as last amended by Section 140, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,
	Section 427.16), which relates to medical marijuana
8	transporter license; establishing certain requirements for license issuance; updating statutory
9	language; allowing certain actions by certain licensee; requiring certain information to be
10	documented in certain inventory manifest prior to certain action; and providing an effective date.
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13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
14	SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.16, as
15	last amended by Section 140, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp.
16	2024, Section 427.16), is amended to read as follows:
17	Section 427.16. A. There is hereby created a medical marijuana
18	transporter license as a category of the medical marijuana business
19	license.
20	B. Pursuant to Section 424 of this title, the Oklahoma Medical
21	Marijuana Authority shall issue a medical marijuana transporter
22	license to licensed medical marijuana commercial growers, processors
23	and dispensaries upon issuance of such licenses and upon each
24	renewal. Medical marijuana transporter licenses shall also be

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issued to licensed medical marijuana research facilities, medical
 marijuana education facilities and medical marijuana testing
 laboratories upon issuance of such licenses and upon each renewal.

C. A medical marijuana transporter license may also be issued 4 5 to qualifying applicants who are registered with the Secretary of State and otherwise meet the requirements for a medical marijuana 6 business license set forth in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and 7 Patient Protection Act and the requirements set forth in this 8 9 section to provide logistics, distribution and storage of medical 10 marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products. 11

D. A medical marijuana transporter license shall be valid for one (1) year and shall not be transferred with a change of ownership. A licensed medical marijuana transporter shall be responsible for all medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products once the transporter takes control of the product.

E. A transporter license shall be required for any person or entity to transport or transfer medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products from a licensed medical marijuana business to another medical marijuana business, or from a medical marijuana business to a medical marijuana research facility or medical marijuana education facility.

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F. A medical marijuana transporter licensee may contract with
 multiple licensed medical marijuana businesses.

G. A medical marijuana transporter may maintain a licensed 3 premises to temporarily store medical marijuana, medical marijuana 4 5 concentrate and medical marijuana products and to use as a centralized distribution point. A medical marijuana transporter may 6 store and distribute medical marijuana, medical marijuana 7 concentrate and medical marijuana products from the licensed 8 9 premises. The licensed premises shall meet all security 10 requirements applicable to a medical marijuana business. The 11 Authority shall issue licenses upon proper application by a licensee 12 and determination by the Authority that the proposed site and facility are physically and technically suitable. 13

H. A medical marijuana transporter licensee shall use the seedto-sale tracking system developed pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical
Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to create shipping inventory
manifests documenting the transport or temporary storage of medical
marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana
products throughout the state.

I. A licensed medical marijuana transporter may maintain and operate one or more warehouses in the state to handle medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products, provided they possess a valid, unexpired medical marijuana transport license and have applied for and received a permit for

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each warehouse location. The Authority shall issue an annual permit 1 2 for each warehouse location operated by a licensee that is equal to the annual medical marijuana transport license term, and there shall 3 be no limit to the number of permits issued under a medical 4 5 marijuana transporter license. A permit shall be issued only upon proper application by a licensee and determination by the Authority 6 that the proposed site and facility are physically and technically 7 suitable. Upon a finding that the proposed site and facility are 8 9 not physically or technically suitable, the Authority shall deny the permit. Each warehouse location shall be registered approved and 10 inspected by the Authority prior to its use. Medical marijuana 11 12 transporter warehouses that are licensed and approved by the 13 Authority may temporarily store medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate, and medical marijuana products, provided all temporary 14 storage is documented, tracked, and traceable. 15 J. With the exception of a lawful transfer between medical 16 marijuana businesses who are licensed to operate at the same 17 physical address, all medical marijuana, medical marijuana 18 concentrate and medical marijuana products shall be transported: 19 In vehicles equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) 20 1. trackers; 21 2. In a locked container and clearly labeled "Medical Marijuana 22 or Derivative"; and 23 24

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In a secured area of the vehicle that is not accessible by
 the driver during transit.

K. A transporter agent may possess marijuana at any location 3 while the transporter agent is transferring marijuana to or from a 4 5 licensed medical marijuana business, licensed medical marijuana research facility or licensed medical marijuana education facility. 6 The Authority shall administer the provisions of this section and 7 the Authority, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous 8 9 Drugs Control, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and the Attorney General shall have the authority to enforce the provisions 10 of this section concerning transportation. 11

L. The Authority shall issue a transporter agent license to individual agents, employees, officers or owners of a transporter license in order for the individual to qualify to transport medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products.

M. The annual fee for a transporter agent license shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be paid by the transporter license-holder or the individual applicant. Transporter agent license reprints shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

N. The Authority shall issue each transporter agent a registry identification card within thirty (30) days of receipt of:

23 1. The name, address and date of birth of the person;

24 2. Proof of current state residency;

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3. Proof of identity as required for a medical marijuana
 business license;

4. Possession of a valid state-issued driver license; 3 5. Verification of employment with a licensed transporter; 4 5 6. The application and affiliated fee; and A copy of the criminal background check conducted by the 6 7. Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, paid for by the applicant. 7 O. If the transporter agent application is denied, the 8 9 Authority shall notify the transporter in writing of the reason for denying the registry identification card. 10 A registry identification card for a transporter shall 11 Ρ. 12 expire one (1) year after the date of issuance or upon notification 13 from the holder of the transporter license that the transporter

14 agent ceases to work as a transporter.

Q. The Authority may revoke the registry identification card of a transporter agent who knowingly violates any provision of this section, and the transporter is subject to any other penalties established by law for the violation.

19 R. The Authority may revoke or suspend the transporter license 20 of a transporter that the Authority determines knowingly aided or 21 facilitated a violation of any provision of this section, and the 22 license holder is subject to any other penalties established in law 23 for the violation.

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S. Vehicles used in the transport of medical marijuana or
 medical marijuana product shall be:

Insured at or above the legal requirements in this state; 3 1. 2. Capable of securing medical marijuana during transport; and 4 5 3. In possession of a shipping container as defined in Section 427.2 of this title capable of securing all transported products. 6 Prior to the transport of any medical marijuana, medical 7 т. marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products, an inventory 8 9 manifest shall be prepared at the origination point of the medical marijuana. The inventory manifest shall include the following 10 information: 11 12 1. For the origination point of the medical marijuana: a. the licensee number for the commercial grower, 13 processor or dispensary, 14 address of origination of transport, and 15 b. name and contact information for the originating 16 с. licensee; 17 For temporary storage at a medical marijuana transporter 18 2. licensed premises or warehouse location that is licensed and 19 approved by the Authority: 20 the license number for the commercial grower, 21 a. processor, or dispensary, 22 the address of origination of transport, 23 b. 24

1	c. name and contact information for the originating
2	licensee, and
3	d. the license number, physical address, and name and
4	contact information of the medical marijuana
5	transporter licensed premises or warehouse location
6	and notation that the medical marijuana, medical
7	marijuana concentrates, and medical marijuana products
8	are being temporarily stored;
9	3. For the end recipient license holder of the medical
10	marijuana:
11	a. the license number for the dispensary, commercial
12	grower, processor, research facility or education
13	facility destination,
14	b. address of the destination, and
15	c. name and contact information for the destination
16	licensee;
17	$\frac{3}{2}$ <u>4.</u> Quantities by weight or unit of each type of medical
18	marijuana product contained in transport;
19	4.5. The date of the transport and the approximate time of
20	departure;
21	$\frac{5}{5}$. The arrival date and estimated time of arrival;
22	$\frac{6}{5}$. Printed names and signatures of the personnel
23	accompanying the transport; and
24	7. <u>8.</u> Notation of the transporting licensee.

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U. 1. A separate inventory manifest shall be prepared for each
 2 licensee receiving the medical marijuana.

2. The transporter agent shall provide the other medical
marijuana business with a copy of the inventory manifest at the time
the product changes hands and after the other licensee prints his or
her name and signs the inventory manifest.

3. A receiving licensee shall refuse to accept any medical
marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana
products that are not accompanied by an inventory manifest.

4. Originating and receiving licensees, including medical
 <u>marijuana transporter warehouses temporarily storing medical</u>
 <u>marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate, and medical marijuana</u>
 <u>products, shall maintain copies of inventory manifests and logs of</u>
 quantities of medical marijuana received for seven (7) years from
 date of receipt.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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