



1 B. Unless a failure to do so would cause an employer the  
2 potential to ~~imminently~~ lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit  
3 under federal law or regulations, an employer may not discriminate  
4 against a person in hiring, termination or imposing any term or  
5 condition of employment or otherwise penalize a person based upon  
6 either:

7 1. The ~~person's~~ status of the person as a medical marijuana  
8 license holder; or

9 2. Employers may take action against a holder of a medical  
10 marijuana license ~~holder~~ if the holder uses or possesses marijuana  
11 while in ~~the holder's~~ his or her place of employment or during the  
12 hours of employment. Employers may not take action against the  
13 holder of a medical marijuana license solely based upon the status  
14 of an employee as a medical marijuana license holder or the results  
15 of a drug test showing positive for marijuana or its components.

16 C. For the purposes of medical care, including organ  
17 transplants, ~~a medical marijuana license holder's~~ the authorized use  
18 of marijuana ~~must~~ by a medical marijuana license holder shall be  
19 considered the equivalent of the use of any other medication under  
20 the direction of a physician and does not constitute the use of an  
21 illicit substance or otherwise disqualify a registered qualifying  
22 patient from medical care.

23 D. No medical marijuana license holder may be denied custody of  
24 or visitation or parenting time with a minor, and there is no

1 presumption of neglect or child endangerment for conduct allowed  
2 under this law, unless the ~~person's~~ behavior of the person creates  
3 an unreasonable danger to the safety of the minor.

4 E. No person holding a medical marijuana license may unduly be  
5 withheld from holding a state issued license by virtue of their  
6 being a medical marijuana license holder. ~~This would include such~~  
7 ~~things as~~ including, but not limited to, a concealed carry permit.

8 F. 1. No city or local municipality may unduly change or  
9 restrict zoning laws to prevent the opening of a retail marijuana  
10 establishment.

11 2. For purposes of this subsection, an undue change or  
12 restriction of municipal zoning laws means an act which entirely  
13 prevents retail marijuana establishments from operating within  
14 municipal boundaries as a matter of law. Municipalities may follow  
15 their standard planning and zoning procedures to determine if  
16 certain zones or districts would be appropriate for locating  
17 marijuana-licensed premises, medical marijuana businesses or any  
18 other premises where marijuana or its by-products are cultivated,  
19 grown, processed, stored or manufactured.

20 3. For purposes of this section, "retail marijuana  
21 establishment" means an entity licensed by the State Department of  
22 Health as a medical marijuana dispensary. Retail marijuana  
23 establishment does not include those other entities licensed by the  
24 Department as marijuana-licensed premises, medical marijuana

1 businesses or other facilities or locations where marijuana or any  
2 product containing marijuana or its by-products are cultivated,  
3 grown, processed, stored or manufactured.

4 G. The location of any retail marijuana establishment is  
5 specifically prohibited within one thousand (1,000) feet ~~from~~ of any  
6 public or private school entrance.

7 H. Research ~~will~~ shall be provided for under this law. A  
8 researcher may apply to the ~~Oklahoma~~ State Department of Health for  
9 a special research license. ~~That license will~~ The license shall be  
10 granted, provided the applicant meets the criteria listed under  
11 ~~Section 421.B~~ subsection B of Section 421 of this title. Research  
12 license holders ~~will~~ shall be required to file monthly consumption  
13 reports to the ~~Oklahoma~~ State Department of Health with amounts of  
14 marijuana used for research.

15 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 427 of Title 63, unless there is  
17 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. All licensure revocation hearings conducted pursuant to the  
19 penalties set forth in Sections 421, 422 and 423 of Title 63 of the  
20 Oklahoma Statutes shall be recorded. A party may request a copy of  
21 the recording of the proceedings. Copies shall be provided to local  
22 law enforcement if the revocation was based on alleged criminal  
23 activity.

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1 B. The State Department of Health shall assist any law  
2 enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duties upon  
3 such request by the law enforcement officer or the request of other  
4 local officials having jurisdiction. The Department shall share  
5 information with law enforcement agencies upon request without a  
6 subpoena or search warrant.

7 C. The State Department of Health shall make available all  
8 information displayed on medical marijuana licenses, as well as  
9 whether or not the license is valid, to law enforcement  
10 electronically through the Oklahoma Law Enforcement  
11 Telecommunications System.

12 D. The Department shall make available to political  
13 subdivisions a list of marijuana-licensed premises, medical  
14 marijuana businesses or any other premises where marijuana or its  
15 by-products are licensed to be cultivated, grown, processed, stored  
16 or manufactured to aid county and municipal governments to identify  
17 locations within their jurisdiction and ensure compliance with local  
18 regulations.

19 E. All marijuana-licensed premises, medical marijuana  
20 businesses or any other premises where marijuana or its by-products  
21 are licensed to be cultivated, grown, processed, stored or  
22 manufactured shall submit with their application, after notifying  
23 the political subdivision of their intent, a certificate of  
24 compliance from the political subdivision where the facility of the

1 applicant or use is to be located certifying compliance with zoning  
2 classifications, applicable municipal ordinances and all applicable  
3 safety, electrical, fire, plumbing, waste, construction and building  
4 specification codes.

5 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 7 of Enrolled House Bill  
6 No. 2612 of the 1st Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 7. A. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall  
9 create a medical marijuana use registry of patients and caregivers  
10 as provided under this section. The handling of any records  
11 maintained in the registry shall comply with all relevant state and  
12 federal laws including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance  
13 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

14 B. The medical marijuana use registry shall be accessible to:

15 1. Oklahoma-licensed medical marijuana dispensaries to verify  
16 the license of a patient or caregiver by the twenty-four-character  
17 identifier; and

18 2. Any court in this state.

19 C. All other records regarding a medical marijuana licensee  
20 shall be maintained by the Authority and shall be deemed  
21 confidential. The handling of any records maintained by the  
22 Authority shall comply with all relevant state and federal laws  
23 including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and  
24 Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Such records shall be marked as

1 confidential, shall not be made available to the public and shall  
2 only be made available to the licensee, designee of the licensee,  
3 any physician of the licensee or the caregiver of the licensee. No  
4 personally identifiable information, as defined under HIPAA, shall  
5 be stored at the Department.

6 D. A log shall be kept with the file of the licensee to record  
7 any event in which the records of the licensee were made available  
8 and to whom the records were provided.

9 E. The Department shall ensure that all application records and  
10 information are sealed to protect the privacy of medical marijuana  
11 patient license applicants.

12 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 14 of Enrolled House Bill  
13 No. 2612 of the 1st Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 14. A. There is hereby created the medical marijuana  
16 business license, which shall include the following categories:

- 17 1. Medical marijuana commercial grower;
- 18 2. Medical marijuana processor;
- 19 3. Medical marijuana dispensary;
- 20 4. Medical marijuana transporter; and
- 21 5. Medical marijuana testing laboratory.

22 B. The Authority, with the aid of the Office of Management and  
23 Enterprise Services, shall develop a website for medical marijuana  
24 business applications.

1 C. The Authority shall make available on its website or the  
2 website of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority in an easy-to-  
3 find location, applications for a medical marijuana business.

4 D. The nonrefundable application fee for a medical marijuana  
5 business license shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
6 (\$2,500.00).

7 E. All applicants seeking licensure as a medical marijuana  
8 business shall comply with the following general requirements:

9 1. All applications for licenses and registrations authorized  
10 pursuant to this section shall be made upon forms prescribed by the  
11 Authority;

12 2. Each application shall identify the city or county in which  
13 the applicant seeks to obtain licensure as a medical marijuana  
14 business;

15 3. Applicants shall submit a complete application to the  
16 Department before the application may be accepted or considered;

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

19 5. All applications shall include all attachments or  
20 supplemental information required by the forms supplied by the  
21 Authority;

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



1 7. All applicants shall be approved for licensing review that,  
2 at a minimum, meets the following criteria:

3 a. all applicants shall be age twenty-five (25) years of  
4 age or older,

5 b. any applicant applying as an individual shall show  
6 proof that the applicant is an Oklahoma resident  
7 pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,

8 c. any applicant applying as an entity shall show that  
9 seventy-five percent (75%) of all members, managers,  
10 executive officers, partners, board members or any  
11 other form of business ownership are Oklahoma  
12 residents pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,

13 d. all applying individuals or entities shall be  
14 registered to conduct business in the State of  
15 Oklahoma,

16 e. all applicants shall disclose all ownership interests  
17 pursuant to this act, and

18 f. applicants shall not have been convicted of a  
19 nonviolent felony in the last two (2) years, and any  
20 other felony conviction within the last five (5)  
21 years, shall not be current inmates, or currently  
22 incarcerated in a jail or corrections facility;

23 8. There shall be no limit to the number of medical marijuana  
24 business licenses or categories that an individual or entity can

1 apply for or receive, although each application and each category  
2 shall require a separate application and application fee. A  
3 commercial grower, processor and dispensary, or any combination  
4 thereof, are authorized to share the same address or physical  
5 location, subject to the restrictions set forth in this act;

6 9. All applicants for a medical marijuana business license,  
7 research facility license or education facility license authorized  
8 by this act shall undergo an Oklahoma criminal history background  
9 check conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI)  
10 within thirty (30) days prior to the application for the license,  
11 including:

- 12 a. individual applicants applying on their own behalf,
- 13 b. individuals applying on behalf of an entity,
- 14 c. all principal officers of an entity, and
- 15 d. all owners of an entity as defined by this act;

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

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

1 documentation of proof of residency shall include a combination of  
2 the following:

- 3 a. an unexpired Oklahoma-issued driver license,
- 4 b. an Oklahoma voter 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 the State  
8 of Oklahoma, and
- 9 e. a rental agreement preceding the date of application  
10 for residential property located in the State of  
11 Oklahoma;

12 12. All license applicants shall be required to submit a  
13 registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and  
14 Dangerous Drugs Control as provided in Sections 2-202 through 2-204  
15 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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

- 19 a. front and back of an Oklahoma driver license,
- 20 b. front and back of an Oklahoma identification card,
- 21 c. a United States passport or other photo identification  
22 issued by the United States government,

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1 d. certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate  
2 for minor applicants who do not possess a document  
3 listed in this section, or

4 e. a tribal identification card approved for  
5 identification purposes by the Oklahoma Department of  
6 Public Safety; and

7 14. All applicants shall submit an applicant photograph.

8 F. The Authority shall review the medical marijuana business  
9 application, approve or reject the application and mail the  
10 approval, rejection or status-update letter to the applicant within  
11 ninety (90) days of receipt of the application.

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

15 2. Approved applicants shall be issued a medical marijuana  
16 business license for the specific category applied under which shall  
17 act as proof of their approved status. Rejection letters shall  
18 provide a reason for the rejection. Applications may only be  
19 rejected based on the applicant not meeting the standards set forth  
20 in the provisions of this section, improper completion of the  
21 application, or for a reason provided for in this act. If an  
22 application is rejected for failure to provide required information,  
23 the applicant shall have thirty (30) days to submit the required  
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1 information for reconsideration. No additional application fee  
2 shall be charged for such reconsideration.

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

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

10 H. ~~A license provided by this act or by Section 421, 422, 423~~  
11 ~~or 425 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not be issued~~  
12 ~~until all relevant local licenses and permits have been issued by~~  
13 ~~the municipality, including but not limited to an occupancy permit~~  
14 ~~or certificate of compliance.~~

15 I. ~~In the event that an applicant has not received the~~  
16 ~~necessary permits, certificates or licenses from a municipality, but~~  
17 ~~the applicant has fulfilled all other obligations required by this~~  
18 ~~act, the Authority shall grant a conditional license. A conditional~~  
19 ~~license shall remain valid for a period of one (1) year or until the~~  
20 ~~applicant obtains the necessary local permits, certificates or~~  
21 ~~licenses. An applicant shall not transfer any medical marijuana,~~  
22 ~~concentrate or products to a medical marijuana business, patient or~~  
23 ~~caregiver until approval is received from the Authority.~~

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1       ~~+~~ A medical marijuana business license shall not be issued to  
2 or held by:

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

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

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

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

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

16               a. file taxes, interest or penalties due related to a  
17               medical marijuana business, or

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

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

22           7. A person whose authority to be a caregiver as defined in  
23 this act has been revoked by the Department; or

24           8. A publicly traded company.

1       ~~K.~~ I. In investigating the qualifications of an applicant or a  
2 licensee, the Department, Authority and municipalities may have  
3 access to criminal history record information furnished by a  
4 criminal justice agency subject to any restrictions imposed by such  
5 an agency. In the event the Department considers the criminal  
6 history record of the applicant, the Department shall also consider  
7 any information provided by the applicant regarding such criminal  
8 history record, including but not limited to evidence of  
9 rehabilitation, character references and educational achievements,  
10 especially those items pertaining to the period of time between the  
11 last criminal conviction of the applicant and the consideration of  
12 the application for a state license.

13       ~~H.~~ J. The failure of an applicant to provide the requested  
14 information by the Authority deadline may be grounds for denial of  
15 the application.

16       ~~M.~~ K. All applicants shall submit information to the Department  
17 and Authority in a full, faithful, truthful and fair manner. The  
18 Department and Authority may recommend denial of an application  
19 where the applicant made misstatements, omissions,  
20 misrepresentations or untruths in the application or in connection  
21 with the background investigation of the applicant. This type of  
22 conduct may be considered as the basis for additional administrative  
23 action against the applicant. Typos and scrivener errors shall not  
24 be grounds for denial.

1       ~~N.~~ L. A licensed medical marijuana business premises shall be  
2 subject to and responsible for compliance with applicable provisions  
3 for medical marijuana business facilities as described in the most  
4 recent versions of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code, the  
5 International Building Code and the International Fire Code, unless  
6 granted an exemption by the Authority or municipality.

7       ~~Θ.~~ M. All medical marijuana business licensees shall pay the  
8 relevant licensure fees prior to receiving licensure to operate a  
9 medical marijuana business, as defined in this act for each class of  
10 license.

11       ~~SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~  
12 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~  
13 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~  
14 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

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16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/11/2019 - DO PASS,  
17 As Amended.

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