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1 ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2674 By: Echols of the House 2 and 3 Taylor of the Senate 4 5 [Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority - transferring 6 7 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission -8 9 effective date | 10 11 12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 1.3 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 427.3a of Title 63, unless there 15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 16 Effective November 1, 2021, all powers, duties and 17 responsibilities of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, a 18 division within the State Department of Health, shall be fully 19 transferred from the State Department of Health to the Alcoholic 20 Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission. 21 All assets, funds, liabilities, allotments, purchase orders, 22 outstanding financial obligations, encumbrances, records, vehicles, 23 equipment, and other property of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

- Authority are hereby transferred to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws
 Enforcement Commission.
 - C. Personnel employed by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

 Authority on November 1, 2021, shall be transferred to the Alcoholic

 Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission pursuant to a transition plan

 implemented by the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission,

 the State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

 Authority as required by Section 2 of this act.
 - D. The employees who are transferred pursuant to this section shall be subject to the following provisions:
 - 1. All employees who are transferred pursuant to this act shall retain leave, sick and annual time earned and any retirement and longevity benefits which have accrued during their employment with the state. The salaries of employees who are transferred shall not be reduced as a direct and immediate result of the transfer;
 - 2. If the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission should implement a reduction in force, all employees transferred pursuant to this act shall be credited for the time they were employed by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority; and
 - 3. The transfer of personnel shall be coordinated with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.
 - E. Effective November 1, 2021, any administrative rules promulgated by the State Department of Health related to the administration of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient

- 1 | Protection Act, Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act and
- 2 | any other administrative rules related to medical marijuana in
- 3 Oklahoma shall be transferred to and become part of the
- 4 | administrative rules of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement
- 5 | Commission. The Office of Administrative Rules in the Office of the
- 6 | Secretary of State shall provide adequate notice in The Oklahoma
- 7 Register of the transfer of rules, and shall place the transferred
- 8 | rules under the Administrative Code section of the Alcoholic
- 9 Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission.
- 10 F. The Commissioner of the State Department of Health shall
- 11 | abolish the division of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority
- 12 | within the State Department of Health after such transfer has been
- 13 | completed.
- 14 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
- 15 | codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:
- 16 A. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement
- 17 | Commission, the Commissioner of the State Department of Health and
- 18 | the Director of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall serve
- 19 as transition coordinators and shall establish a transition team to
- 20 | coordinate the orderly transfer of duties, personnel, property,
- 21 | funds, financial obligations and encumbrances of the Oklahoma
- 22 | Medical Marijuana Authority to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws
- 23 | Enforcement Commission. Each Director and the Commissioner may
- 24 assign personnel to the transition team as deemed necessary.

B. The transition team shall:

- 1. In conjunction with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, oversee and administer the orderly transfer of responsibilities, assets, funds, liabilities, allotments, purchase orders, vehicles and other property, records, personnel and any outstanding financial obligations or encumbrances to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission from the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority;
 - 2. Review functions currently assigned to or managed by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority and the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission;
 - 3. Establish a plan for the transfer of employees from the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission. The plan shall include a list of positions to be transferred. The plan also shall include a reduction-in-force plan and a severance benefits plan that conform with the requirements of the State Government Reduction-in-Force and Severance Benefits Act; and
 - 4. Take such other action as may be reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the orderly transition of functions as provided by this act.
- SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-113 of Title 37A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

- A. Effective November 1, 2021, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall be transferred and become a division within the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission. The Authority shall address issues related to the medical marijuana program in Oklahoma including, but not limited to, the issuance of patient licenses and medical marijuana business licenses, and the dispensing, cultivating, processing, testing, transporting, storage, research, disposal and the use and sale of medical marijuana pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act.
- B. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement

 Commission shall adopt and promulgate such rules as may be necessary

 to carry out the duties of the Authority.
- 14 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 435, O.S.L.
 15 2019 (12 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1560), is amended to read as
 16 follows:
 - Section 1560. A. In the event that a licensed medical marijuana dispensary, commercial grower or processor is foreclosed, is the subject of an order appointing a receiver, becomes insolvent, bankrupt or otherwise ceases operations, a secured party or receiver may continue operations at the dispensary, grower or processor upon submitting to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, State

 Department of Health, proof that the secured party or receiver, or if the secured party or receiver is a business entity, any

- 1 individual who has a financial interest in the secured party or 2 receiver, meets the requirements and restrictions set forth in:
 - 1. For licensed medical marijuana dispensaries, Section 421 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
 - 2. For licensed commercial medical marijuana growers, Section 422 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or
 - 3. For licensed medical marijuana processors, Section 423 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

The Authority may prescribe the form and manner of submitting proof under this subsection. Neither the state nor agency of this state shall require an additional fee from the secured party or receiver, other than payment of annual fees which may become due during the operation by the secured party or receiver.

- B. Subject to the requirements of subsection A of this section, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, State Department of Health, shall promulgate rules for the manner and conditions under which:
- 1. Marijuana items left by a deceased, insolvent or bankrupt person or licensee, or subject to a security interest or a court order appointing a receiver, may be foreclosed, sold under execution or otherwise disposed whether by foreclosure or by sale as a going concern;
- 23 2. The business of a licensee who is deceased, insolvent, 24 bankrupt, or the subject of an order appointing a receiver or a

- foreclosure by a secured party, may be operated for a reasonable

 period following the death, insolvency, appointment of a receiver or

 bankruptcy; and
 - 3. A secured party or court-appointed receiver may continue to operate a business for which a license has been issued under Section 421, 422 or 423 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes for a reasonable period after default on the indebtedness by the debtor or after the appointment of the receiver.
- 9 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY Section 1, State Question No. 788,
 10 Initiative Petition No. 412, as last amended by Section 44, Chapter
 11 161, O.S.L. 2020 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 420), is amended to
 12 read as follows:
- Section 420. A. A person in possession of a state-issued medical marijuana patient license shall be able to:
- 15 | 1. Consume marijuana legally;
- 2. Legally possess up to three (3) ounces of marijuana on their person;
 - 3. Legally possess six mature marijuana plants;
 - 4. Legally possess six seedling plants;
- 5. Legally possess one (1) ounce of concentrated marijuana;
- 6. Legally possess seventy-two (72) ounces of edible marijuana;
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7. Legally possess up to eight (8) ounces of marijuana in their residence.

- B. Possession of up to one and one-half (1.5) ounces of marijuana by persons who can state a medical condition, but are not in possession of a state-issued medical marijuana patient license, shall constitute a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) and shall not be subject to imprisonment for the offense. Any law enforcement officer who comes in contact with a person in violation of this subsection and who is satisfied as to the identity of the person, as well as any other pertinent information the law enforcement officer deems necessary, shall issue to the person a written citation containing a notice to answer the charge against the person in the appropriate court. Upon receiving the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the citation, the law enforcement officer shall release the person upon personal recognizance unless there has been a violation of another provision of law.
- C. A regulatory office shall be established under within the State Department of Health Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement

 Commission which shall receive applications for medical marijuana patient license recipients, dispensaries, growers, and packagers within sixty (60) days of the passage of this initiative.
- D. The State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

 Authority shall, within thirty (30) days of passage of this

 initiative, make available on its website, in an easy-to-find

 location, an application for a medical marijuana patient license.

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- The license shall be good for two (2) years. The application fee

 shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or Twenty Dollars (\$20.00)

 for individuals on Medicaid, Medicare or SoonerCare. The methods of

 payment shall be provided on the website of the Department

 Authority.
 - E. A short-term medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license application shall also be made available on the website of the <u>State Department</u> of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority. A short-term medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license shall be granted to any applicant who can meet the requirements for a two-year medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license, but whose physician recommendation for medical marijuana is only valid for sixty (60) days. Short-term medical marijuana <u>patient</u> licenses shall be issued for sixty (60) days. The fee for a short-term medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license and the procedure for extending or renewing the license shall be determined by the <u>Department Authority</u>.
 - F. A temporary medical marijuana patient license application shall also be made available on the website of the Department

 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority. A temporary medical marijuana patient license shall be granted to any medical marijuana license holder patient licensee from other states another state, provided that the state has a state-regulated medical marijuana program, and the applicant can prove he or she is a member of such program.

 Temporary medical marijuana patient licenses shall be issued for

- thirty (30) days. The cost for a temporary medical marijuana

 patient license shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Renewal

 shall be granted with resubmission of a new application. No

 additional criteria shall be required.
 - G. Medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license applicants shall submit his or her <u>their</u> applications to the State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority for approval. The applicant shall be an Oklahoma state resident and shall prove residency by a valid driver license, utility bills, or other accepted methods.
 - Authority shall review the medical marijuana application, approve or reject the application, and mail the approval or rejection letter stating any reasons for rejection to the applicant within fourteen (14) business days of receipt of the application. Approved applicants shall be issued a medical marijuana patient license which shall act as proof of his or her their approved status.

 Applications may only be rejected based on the applicant not meeting stated criteria or improper completion of the application.
 - I. The State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

 Authority shall only keep the following records for each approved medical marijuana patient license:
 - 1. A digital photograph of the license holder licensee;
 - 2. The expiration date of the license;
 - 3. The county where the card was issued; and

- 4. A unique 24-character identification number assigned to the license.
- J. The State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

 Authority shall make available, both on its website and through a telephone verification system, an easy method to validate the authenticity of the medical marijuana patient license by the unique 24-character identification number.
- K. The State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

 Authority shall ensure that all application records and information are sealed to protect the privacy of medical marijuana patient license applicants.
- L. A caregiver license shall be made available for qualified caregivers of a medical marijuana license holder patient licensee who is homebound. As provided in Section 11 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2612 of the 1st Session 427.11 of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature this title, the caregiver license shall provide the caregiver the same rights as the medical marijuana patient licensee, including the ability to possess marijuana, marijuana products and mature and immature plants pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, but excluding the ability to use marijuana or marijuana products unless the caregiver has a medical marijuana patient license. An applicant for a caregiver license shall submit proof of the license status and homebound status of the medical marijuana patient and proof that the applicant is the designee of

- the medical marijuana patient. The applicant shall also submit proof that he or she is eighteen (18) years of age or older and proof of his or her Oklahoma residency. This shall be the only criteria for a caregiver license.
- M. All applicants shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

 A special exception shall be granted to an applicant under the age

 of eighteen (18); however, these applications shall be signed by two

 physicians and the parent or legal guardian of the applicant.
 - N. All applications for a medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license shall be signed by an Oklahoma physician. There are no qualifying conditions. A medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license must be recommended according to the accepted standards a reasonable and prudent physician would follow when recommending or approving any medication. No physician may be unduly stigmatized or harassed for signing a medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license application.
 - O. Counties and cities may enact medical marijuana guidelines allowing medical marijuana license holders patient licensees or licensed caregivers to exceed the state limits set forth in subsection A of this section.
- SECTION 6. AMENDATORY Section 2, State Question No. 788,
 Initiative Petition No. 412 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 421), is
 amended to read as follows:
- Section 421. A. The Oklahoma State Department of Health

 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall within thirty (30) days

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1 of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, in an easy-to-find location, an application for a medical marijuana dispensary license. The application fee shall be Two Thousand Five 3 Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and a method of payment will be provided 5 on the website. Retail Dispensary applicants must all be Oklahoma state residents. Any entity applying for a retail dispensary 6 7 license must be owned by an Oklahoma state resident and must be registered to do business in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall have 10 two (2) weeks to review the application, approve or reject the 11 application, and mail the approval/rejection letter (if rejected, 12 stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant.

- B. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority must approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
 - 1. Applicant must be age twenty-five (25) or older;
- 2. Any applicant, applying as an individual, must show residency in the State of Oklahoma;
- 3. All applying entities must show that all members, managers, and board members are Oklahoma residents;
- 4. An applying entity may show ownership of non-Oklahoma
 residents, but that percentage ownership may not exceed twenty-five
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- 5. All applying individuals or entities must be registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma; and
 - 6. All applicants must disclose all ownership.
- 7. Applicant(s) An applicant with only a nonviolent felony conviction(s) conviction in the last two (2) years, or any other felony conviction in the last five (5) (years) years, inmates, in the custody of the Department of Corrections or any person currently incarcerated may not qualify for a medical marijuana dispensary license.
- C. Retailers Dispensaries will be required to complete a monthly sales report to the Oklahoma Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority. This report will be due on the 15th fifteenth of each month and provide reporting on the previous month. This report will detail the weight of marijuana purchased at wholesale and the weight of marijuana sold to card holders medical marijuana patient licensees or licensed caregivers, and account for any waste. The report will show total sales in dollars, tax collected in dollars, and tax due in dollars. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority will have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown is accounted for. A retailer dispensary will only be subject to a penalty if a gross discrepancy exists and cannot be explained. Penalties for fraudulent reporting occurring within any

- 2 year two-year time period will be an initial fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) (first) and revocation of licensing (second).
- D. Only a licensed medical marijuana retailer dispensary may conduct retail sales of marijuana, or marijuana derivatives in the form provided by licensed processors, and these products can only be sold to a medical marijuana license holder patient licensee or their his or her licensed caregiver. Penalties for fraudulent sales occurring within any 2 year two-year time period will be an initial fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) (first) and revocation of licensing (second).
- SECTION 7. AMENDATORY Section 3, State Question No. 788,

 Initiative Petition No. 412 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 422), is

 amended to read as follows:

Section 422. A. The Oklahoma State Department of Health

Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority will within thirty (30) days of

passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, in an

easy_to_find location, an application for a commercial grower

license. The application fee will be Two Thousand Five Hundred

Dollars (\$2,500.00) and methods of payment will be provided on the

website. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical

Marijuana Authority has two (2) weeks to review application, approve

or reject the application, and mail the approval/rejection letter

(if rejected, stating reasons for rejection) to the applicant.

- B. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority must approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
 - 1. Applicant must be age twenty-five (25) or older;
- 2. Any applicant, applying as an individual, must show residency in the State of Oklahoma;
- 3. All applying entities must show that all members, managers, and board members are Oklahoma residents;
- 4. An applying entity may show ownership of non-Oklahoma residents, but that percentage ownership may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%);
- 5. All applying individuals or entities must be registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma; and
 - 6. All applicants must disclose all ownership.
- 7. Applicant(s) An applicant with only a nonviolent felony conviction(s) conviction in the last two (2) years, or any other felony conviction in the last five (5) years, inmates, in the custody of the Department of Corrections or any person currently incarcerated may not qualify for a commercial grower license.
- C. A licensed commercial grower may sell marijuana to a licensed retailer, dispensary or a licensed packager. Further, these sales will be considered wholesale sales and not subject to taxation. Under no circumstances may a licensed commercial grower sell marijuana directly to the holder of a medical marijuana patient

license holder. A licensed commercial grower may only sell at the 1 wholesale level to a licensed retailer dispensary or a licensed 3 processor. If the federal government lifts restrictions on buying and selling marijuana between states, then a licensed commercial 5 grower would be allowed to sell and buy marijuana wholesale from, or to, an out of state wholesale provider. A licensed commercial 6 7 grower will be required to complete a monthly yield and sales report to the Oklahoma Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana 8 9 Authority. This report will be due on the 15th fifteenth of each 10 month and provide reporting on the previous month. This report will 11 detail amount of marijuana harvested in pounds, the amount of drying 12 or dried marijuana on hand, the amount of marijuana sold to 13 processors in pounds, the amount of waste in pounds, and the amount 14 of marijuana sold to retailers licensed dispensaries in lbs pounds. 15 Additionally, this report will show total wholesale sales in 16 dollars. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical 17 Marijuana Authority will have oversight and auditing 18 responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown is 19 accounted for. A licensed commercial grower will only be subject to 20 a penalty if a gross discrepancy exists and cannot be explained. 21 Penalties for fraudulent reporting or sales occurring within any $\frac{2}{3}$ 22 year two-year time period will be an initial fine of Five Thousand 23 Dollars (\$5,000.00) (first) and revocation of licensing (second).

- D. There shall be no limits on how much marijuana a licensed commercial grower can grow.
- 3 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY Section 4, State Question No. 788,
 4 Initiative Petition No. 412 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 423), is
 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 Section 423. A. The Oklahoma State Department of Health 7 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall within thirty (30) days of passage of this initiative, make available, on their website, in an easy-to-find location, an application for a medical marijuana 10 processing license. The application fee shall be Two Thousand Five 11 Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and methods of payment will be provided 12 on the website. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma 13 Medical Marijuana Authority shall have two (2) weeks to review the 14 application, approve or reject the application, and mail the 15 approval/rejection letter (if rejected, stating reasons for 16 rejection) to the applicant.
 - B. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority must approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
 - 1. Applicant must be age twenty-five (25) or older;
- 2. Any applicant, applying as an individual, must show residency in the State of Oklahoma;
- 3. All applying entities must show that all members, managers, and board members are Oklahoma residents;

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- 4. An applying entity may show ownership of non-Oklahoma residents, but that percentage ownership may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%);
- 5. All applying individuals or entities must be registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma; and
 - 6. All applicants must disclose all ownership.
- 7. Applicant(s) An applicant with only a nonviolent felony conviction(s) conviction in the last two (2) years, or any other felony conviction in the last five (5) years, inmates, in the custody of the Department of Corrections or any person currently incarcerated may not qualify for a medical marijuana processing license.
- C. A licensed processor may take marijuana plants and distill or process these plants into concentrates, edibles, and other forms for consumption. As required by subsection D of this section, the Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

 Authority will, within sixty (60) days of passage of this initiative, make available a set of standards which will be used by licensed processors in the preparation of edible marijuana products. This should be in line with current food preparation guidelines and no excessive or punitive rules may be established by the Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority.

 Once a year, the Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority may inspect a processing operation and

1 determine its compliance with the preparation standards. deficiencies are found, a written report of deficiency will be 3 issued to the processor. The processor will have one (1) month to correct the deficiency or be subject to a fine of Five Hundred 5 Dollars (\$500.00) for each deficiency. A licensed processor may sell marijuana products it creates to a licensed retailer 6 7 dispensary, or any other licensed processor. Further, these sales will be considered wholesale sales and not subject to taxation. Under no circumstances may a licensed processor sell marijuana, or 10 any marijuana product, directly to a medical marijuana license 11 holder patient licensee. However, a licensed processor may process 12 cannabis into a concentrated form, for a medical license holder 13 marijuana patient licensee, for a fee. Processors will be required 14 to complete a monthly yield and sales report to the Oklahoma State 15 Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority. 16 report will be due on the 15th fifteenth of each month and provide 17 reporting on the previous month. This report will detail amount of 18 marijuana purchased in pounds, the amount of marijuana cooked or 19 processed in pounds, and the amount of waste in pounds. 20 Additionally, this report will show total wholesale sales in 21 dollars. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical 22 Marijuana Authority will have oversight and auditing 23 responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown is 24 accounted for. A licensed processor will only be subject to a

- penalty if a gross discrepancy exists and cannot be explained.

 Penalties for fraudulent reporting occurring within any 2 year two
 year time period will be an initial fine of Five Thousand Dollars

 (\$5,000.00) (first) and revocation of licensing (second).
 - D. The inspection and compliance of processors producing products with marijuana as an additive. The Oklahoma State

 Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority will be compelled to, within thirty (30) days of passage of this initiative, appoint a board of twelve (12) Oklahoma residents, who are marijuana industry experts, to create a list of food safety standards for processing and handling medical marijuana in Oklahoma. These standards will be adopted by the agency and the agency can enforce these standards for processors. The agency will develop a standards review procedure and these standards can be altered by calling another board of twelve (12) Oklahoma marijuana industry experts. A signed letter of twenty (20) operating processors would constitute a need for a new board and standard review.
 - E. If it becomes permissible, under federal law, marijuana may be moved across state lines.
 - F. Any device used for the consumption of medical marijuana shall be considered legal to be sold, manufactured, distributed, and possessed. No merchant, wholesaler, manufacturer, or individual may unduly be harassed or prosecuted for selling, manufacturing, or possession of medical marijuana paraphernalia.

- SECTION 9. AMENDATORY Section 6, State Question No. 788,

 Initiative Petition No. 412, as last amended by Section 46, Chapter

 161, O.S.L. 2020 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 425), is amended to

 read as follows:
 - Section 425. A. No school or landlord may refuse to enroll or lease to and may not otherwise penalize a person solely for his or her status as a medical marijuana license holder patient licensee, unless failing to do so would cause the school or landlord the potential to lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit under federal law or regulations.
 - B. Unless a failure to do so would cause an employer the potential to lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit under federal law or regulations, an employer may not discriminate against a person in hiring, termination or imposing any term or condition of employment or otherwise penalize a person based upon either:
 - 1. The status of the person as a medical marijuana license holder patient licensee; or
 - 2. Employers may take action against a holder of a medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license if the holder uses or possesses marijuana while in his or her place of employment or during the hours of employment. Employers may not take action against the holder of a medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license solely based upon the status of an employee as a medical marijuana <u>license holder</u> <u>patient licensee</u> or

- 1 the results of a drug test showing positive for marijuana or its
 2 components.
 - C. For the purposes of medical care, including organ transplants, the authorized use of marijuana by a medical marijuana license holder patient license shall be considered the equivalent of the use of any other medication under the direction of a physician and does not constitute the use of an illicit substance or otherwise disqualify a registered qualifying patient from medical care.
 - D. No medical marijuana license holder patient licensee may be denied custody of or visitation or parenting time with a minor, and there is no presumption of neglect or child endangerment for conduct allowed under this law, unless the behavior of the person creates an unreasonable danger to the safety of the minor.
 - E. No person holding a medical marijuana <u>patient</u> license may unduly be withheld from holding a state-issued license by virtue of their being a medical marijuana license holder <u>patient licensee</u> including, but not limited to, a concealed carry permit.
 - F. 1. No city or local municipality may unduly change or restrict zoning laws to prevent the opening of a retail medical marijuana establishment dispensary.
 - 2. For purposes of this subsection, an undue change or restriction of municipal zoning laws means an act which entirely prevents retail medical marijuana establishments dispensaries from

- 1 operating within municipal boundaries as a matter of law.
- 2 | Municipalities may follow their standard planning and zoning
- 3 procedures to determine if certain zones or districts would be
- 4 | appropriate for locating marijuana-licensed premises, medical
- 5 | marijuana businesses or any other premises where marijuana or its
- 6 by-products are cultivated, grown, processed, stored or
- 7 | manufactured.
- 8 3. For purposes of this section, "retail marijuana
- 9 | establishment" "medical marijuana dispensary" means an entity
- 10 licensed by the State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical
- 11 | Marijuana Authority as a medical marijuana dispensary. Retail
- 12 | Medical marijuana establishment dispensary does not include those
- 13 other entities licensed by the Department Authority as marijuana-
- 14 | licensed premises, medical marijuana businesses or other facilities
- 15 or locations where marijuana or any product containing marijuana or
- 16 | its by-products are cultivated, grown, processed, stored or
- 17 | manufactured.
- 18 G. The location of any retail medical marijuana establishment
- 19 dispensary is specifically prohibited within one thousand (1,000)
- 20 | feet of any public or private school entrance.
- 21 H. Research shall be provided for under this law. A researcher
- 22 | may apply to the State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical
- 23 Marijuana Authority for a special research license. The license
- 24 | shall be granted, provided the applicant meets the criteria listed

under subsection B of Section 421 of this title. Research license
holders shall be required to file monthly consumption reports to the

State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority with
amounts of marijuana used for research. Biomedical and clinical
research which is subject to federal regulations and institutional
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8 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 509, O.S.L.

2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 426.1), is amended to read as

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Section 426.1 A. Except for revocation hearings concerning licensed patients, as defined in Section 2 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2612 427.2 of the 1st Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature this title, all licensure revocation hearings conducted pursuant to marijuana licenses established in the Oklahoma Statutes shall be recorded. A party may request a copy of the recording of the proceedings. Copies shall be provided to local law enforcement if the revocation was based on alleged criminal activity.

B. The State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

Authority shall assist any law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duties upon such request by the law enforcement officer or the request of other local officials having jurisdiction. Except for license information concerning licensed patients, as defined in Section 2 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2612 of

- the 1st Session 427.2 of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature this title,

 the Department Authority shall share information with law

 enforcement agencies upon request without a subpoena or search

 warrant.
 - C. The State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

 Authority shall make available all information displayed on medical marijuana patient licenses, as well as whether or not the license is valid, to law enforcement electronically through the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.
 - D. The Department Authority shall make available to political subdivisions a list of marijuana-licensed premises, medical marijuana businesses or any other premises where marijuana or its by-products are licensed to be cultivated, grown, processed, stored or manufactured to aid county and municipal governments in identifying locations within their jurisdiction and ensure compliance with local regulations.
 - E. All marijuana-licensed premises, medical marijuana businesses or any other premises where marijuana or its by-products are licensed to be cultivated, grown, processed, stored or manufactured shall submit with their application, after notifying the political subdivision of their intent, a certificate of compliance from the political subdivision where the facility of the applicant or use is to be located certifying compliance with zoning classifications, applicable municipal ordinances and all applicable

- 1 safety, electrical, fire, plumbing, waste, construction and building 2 specification codes.
- 3 | SECTION 11. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 11, O.S.L.
- 4 | 2019, as last amended by Section 48, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 2020 (63
- 5 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.2), is amended to read as follows:
- 6 Section 427.2 As used in this act the Oklahoma Medical

Marijuana and Patient Protection Act:

- 8 1. "Advertising" means the act of providing consideration for
- 9 the publication, dissemination, solicitation, or circulation, of
- 10 | visual, oral, or written communication to induce directly or
- 11 | indirectly any person to patronize a particular medical marijuana
- 12 business, or to purchase particular medical marijuana or a medical
- 13 | marijuana product. Advertising includes marketing, but does not
- 14 | include packaging and labeling;
- 15 2. "Authority" means the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority;
- 16 3. "Batch number" means a unique numeric or alphanumeric
- 17 | identifier assigned prior to testing to allow for inventory tracking
- 18 | and traceability;

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- 4. "Cannabinoid" means any of the chemical compounds that are
- 20 | active principles of marijuana;
- 5. "Caregiver" means a family member or assistant who regularly
- 22 looks after a medical marijuana license holder patient licensee whom
- 23 | a physician attests needs assistance;
 - 6. "Child-resistant" means special packaging that is:

- a. designed or constructed to be significantly difficult for children under five (5) years of age to open and not difficult for normal adults to use properly as defined by 16 C.F.R. 1700.15 (1995) and 16 C.F.R. 1700.20 (1995),
- b. opaque so that the outermost packaging does not allow the product to be seen without opening the packaging material, and
- c. resealable to maintain its child-resistant effectiveness for multiple openings for any product intended for more than a single use or containing multiple servings;
- 7. "Clone" means a nonflowering plant cut from a mother plant that is capable of developing into a new plant and has shown no signs of flowering;
- 8. "Commission" means the State Commissioner of
 Health Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission;
- 9. "Complete application" means a document prepared in accordance with the provisions set forth in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, rules promulgated pursuant thereto, and the forms and instructions provided by the Department Authority, including any supporting documentation required and the applicable license application fee;
 - 10. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

- 11. "Director" means the Executive Director of the Oklahoma

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 Commission;
- 12. 11. "Dispense" means the selling of medical marijuana or a medical marijuana product to a qualified patient or the designated caregiver of the patient that is packaged in a suitable container appropriately labeled for subsequent administration to or use by a qualifying patient;
- 13. 12. "Dispensary" means a medical marijuana dispensary, an entity that has been licensed by the Department Authority pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection

 Act to purchase medical marijuana or medical marijuana products from a licensed medical marijuana commercial grower or medical marijuana processor, sell medical marijuana or medical marijuana products to patients and caregivers as defined under this act section, or sell or transfer products to another dispensary;
- 14. 13. "Edible medical marijuana product" means any medical-marijuana-infused product for which the intended use is oral consumption including, but not limited to, any type of food, drink or pill;
- 15. 14. "Entity" means an individual, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, trust, estate, association, corporation, cooperative, or any other legal or commercial entity;

1 16. 15. "Flower" means the reproductive organs of the marijuana
2 or cannabis plant referred to as the bud or parts of the plant that
3 are harvested and used to consume in a variety of medical marijuana
4 products;

17. 16. "Flowering" means the reproductive state of the marijuana or cannabis plant in which there are physical signs of flower or budding out of the nodes of the stem;

18. 17. "Food-based medical marijuana concentrate" means a medical marijuana concentrate that was produced by extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana through the use of propylene glycol, glycerin, butter, olive oil, coconut oil or other typical food-safe cooking fats;

19. 18. "Good cause" for purposes of an initial, renewal or reinstatement license application, or for purposes of discipline of a licensee, means:

- a. the licensee or applicant has violated, does not meet, or has failed to comply with any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the act, any rules promulgated pursuant thereto, or any supplemental relevant state or local law, rule or regulation,
- b. the licensee or applicant has failed to comply with any special terms or conditions that were placed upon the license pursuant to an order of the State

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 Authority or the municipality, or
 - c. the licensed premises of a medical marijuana business or applicant have been operated in a manner that adversely affects the public health or welfare or the safety of the immediate vicinity in which the establishment is located;
 - 20. 19. "Harvest batch" means a specifically identified quantity of medical marijuana that is uniform in strain, cultivated utilizing the same cultivation practices, harvested at the same time from the same location and cured under uniform conditions;
 - 21. 20. "Harvested marijuana" means post-flowering medical marijuana not including trim, concentrate or waste;
 - 22. 21. "Heat- or pressure-based medical marijuana concentrate" means a medical marijuana concentrate that was produced by extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana through the use of heat or pressure;
 - 23. 22. "Immature plant" means a nonflowering marijuana plant that has not demonstrated signs of flowering;
 - 24. 23. "Inventory tracking system" means the required tracking system that accounts for medical marijuana from either the seed or immature plant stage until the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product is sold to a patient at a medical marijuana dispensary, transferred to a medical marijuana research facility,

destroyed by a medical marijuana business or used in a research project by a medical marijuana research facility;

25. 24. "Licensed patient" or "patient" means a person who has been issued a medical marijuana patient license by the State

Department of Health or Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority;

26. 25. "Licensed premises" means the premises specified in an application for a medical marijuana business license, medical marijuana research facility license or medical marijuana education facility license pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act that are owned or in possession of the licensee and within which the licensee is authorized to cultivate, manufacture, distribute, sell, store, transport, test or research medical marijuana or medical marijuana products in accordance with the provisions of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and rules promulgated pursuant thereto;

27. 26. "Manufacture" means the production, propagation, compounding or processing of a medical marijuana product, excluding marijuana plants, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural or synthetic origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis;

 $\frac{28.}{27.}$ "Marijuana" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in Section 2-101 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title;

1 29. 28. "Material change" means any change that would require a 2 substantive revision to the standard operating procedures of a licensee for the cultivation or production of medical marijuana,

medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products;

30. 29. "Mature plant" means a harvestable female marijuana plant that is flowering;

31. 30. "Medical marijuana business (MMB)" means a licensed medical marijuana dispensary, medical marijuana processor, medical marijuana commercial grower, medical marijuana laboratory, medical marijuana business operator, or a medical marijuana transporter;

32. 31. "Medical marijuana concentrate" or "concentrate" means a specific subset of medical marijuana that was produced by extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana. Categories of medical marijuana concentrate include water-based medical marijuana concentrate, food-based medical marijuana concentrate, solvent-based medical marijuana concentrate, and heat- or pressure-based medical marijuana concentrate;

"Medical marijuana commercial grower" or "commercial grower" means an entity licensed to cultivate, prepare and package medical marijuana and transfer or contract for transfer medical marijuana to a medical marijuana dispensary, medical marijuana processor, any other medical marijuana commercial grower, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility and pesticide manufacturers. A commercial grower may sell seeds,

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flower or clones to commercial growers pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

34. 33. "Medical marijuana education facility" or "education facility" means a person or entity approved pursuant to this act Section 427.20 of this title to operate a facility providing training and education to individuals involving the cultivation, growing, harvesting, curing, preparing, packaging or testing of medical marijuana, or the production, manufacture, extraction, processing, packaging or creation of medical-marijuana-infused products or medical marijuana products as described in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

35. 34. "Medical-marijuana-infused product" means a product infused with medical marijuana including, but not limited to, edible products, ointments and tinctures;

36. 35. "Medical marijuana product" or "product" means a product that contains cannabinoids that have been extracted from plant material or the resin therefrom by physical or chemical means and is intended for administration to a qualified patient including, but not limited to, oils, tinctures, edibles, pills, topical forms, gels, creams, vapors, patches, liquids, and forms administered by a nebulizer, excluding live plant forms which are considered medical marijuana;

 $37. \ \underline{36.}$ "Medical marijuana processor" means a person or entity licensed pursuant to this act Section 423 of this title and the

1 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to operate a

2 | business including the production, manufacture, extraction,

3 processing, packaging or creation of concentrate, medical-marijuana-

infused products or medical marijuana products as described in this

act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

38. 37. "Medical marijuana research facility" or "research facility" means a person or entity approved pursuant to this act Section 427.19 of this title to conduct medical marijuana research.

A medical marijuana research facility is not a medical marijuana business;

39. 38. "Medical marijuana testing laboratory" or "laboratory" means a public or private laboratory licensed pursuant to this act,

Section 427.17 of this title to conduct testing and research on medical marijuana and medical marijuana products;

40. 39. "Medical marijuana transporter" or "transporter" means a person or entity that is licensed pursuant to this act Section

427.16 of this title. A medical marijuana transporter does not include a medical marijuana business that transports its own medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products to a property or facility adjacent to or connected to the licensed premises if the property is another licensed premises of the same medical marijuana business;

41. 40. "Medical marijuana waste" or "waste" means unused, surplus, returned or out-of-date marijuana, plant debris of the

- plant of the genus Cannabis, including dead plants and all unused plant parts and roots, except the term shall not include roots,
- 3 stems, stalks and fan leaves;
- 4 42. 41. "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, use,

 5 delivery, transfer or transportation of medical marijuana, medical

 6 marijuana products, medical marijuana devices or paraphernalia

 7 relating to the administration of medical marijuana to treat a
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- 43. 42. "Mother plant" means a marijuana plant that is grown or maintained for the purpose of generating clones, and that will not be used to produce plant material for sale to a medical marijuana processor or medical marijuana dispensary;
- 44. 43. "Oklahoma physician" or "physician" means a physician licensed by and in good standing with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners or the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners;
- 45. 44. "Oklahoma resident" means an individual who can provide proof of residency as required by this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
 - 46. 45. "Owner" means, except where the context otherwise requires, a direct beneficial owner including, but not limited to, all persons or entities as follows:
 - a. all shareholders owning an interest of a corporate entity and all officers of a corporate entity,

b. all partners of a general partnership,

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- c. all general partners and all limited partners that own an interest in a limited partnership,
- d. all members that own an interest in a limited liability company,
- e. all beneficiaries that hold a beneficial interest in a trust and all trustees of a trust,
- f. all persons or entities that own interest in a joint venture,
- g. all persons or entities that own an interest in an association,
- h. the owners of any other type of legal entity, and
- i. any other person holding an interest or convertible note in any entity which owns, operates or manages a licensed facility;
- 47. 46. "Package" or "packaging" means any container or wrapper that may be used by a medical marijuana business to enclose or contain medical marijuana;
- 48. 47. "Person" means a natural person, partnership, association, business trust, company, corporation, estate, limited liability company, trust or any other legal entity or organization, or a manager, agent, owner, director, servant, officer or employee thereof, except that "person" does not include any governmental organization;

1 49. 48. "Pesticide" means any substance or mixture of
2 substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or
3 mitigating any pest or any substance or mixture of substances
4 intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant,
5 except that the term "pesticide" shall not include any article that
6 is a "new animal drug" as designated by the United States Food and
7 Drug Administration;

50. 49. "Production batch" means:

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- a. any amount of medical marijuana concentrate of the same category and produced using the same extraction methods, standard operating procedures and an identical group of harvest batch of medical marijuana, or
- b. any amount of medical marijuana product of the same exact type, produced using the same ingredients, standard operating procedures and the same production batch of medical marijuana concentrate;
- 51. 50. "Public institution" means any entity established or controlled by the federal government, state government, or a local government or municipality including, but not limited to, institutions of higher education or related research institutions;

 52. 51. "Public money" means any funds or money obtained by the holder from any governmental entity including, but not limited to, research grants;

53. 52. "Recommendation" means a document that is signed or electronically submitted by a physician on behalf of a patient for the use of medical marijuana pursuant to this act Sections 420 and 427.10 of this title;

54. 53. "Registered to conduct business" means a person that has provided proof that the business applicant is in good standing with the Oklahoma Secretary of State and Oklahoma Tax Commission;

55. 54. "Remediation" means the process by which the medical marijuana flower or trim, which has failed microbial testing, is processed into solvent-based medical marijuana concentrate and retested as required by this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and

56. 55. "Research project" means a discrete scientific endeavor to answer a research question or a set of research questions related to medical marijuana and is required for a medical marijuana research license. A research project shall include a description of a defined protocol, clearly articulated goals, defined methods and outputs, and a defined start and end date. The description shall demonstrate that the research project will comply with all requirements in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and rules promulgated pursuant thereto. All research and development conducted by a medical marijuana research facility shall be conducted in furtherance of an approved research project;

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23 24 Commission that any license issued pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act is rescinded because the individual or entity does not comply with the applicable requirements set forth in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or rules promulgated pursuant thereto; 58. 57. "School" means a public or private preschool or a public or private elementary or secondary school used for school

57. 56. "Revocation" means the final decision by the Department

classes and instruction. A homeschool, daycare or child-care facility shall not be considered a "school" as used in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

59. 58. "Shipping container" means a hard-sided container with a lid or other enclosure that can be secured in place. A shipping container is used solely for the transport of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate, or medical marijuana products between medical marijuana businesses, a medical marijuana research facility, or a medical marijuana education facility;

60. 59. "Solvent-based medical marijuana concentrate" means a medical marijuana concentrate that was produced by extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana through the use of a solvent approved by the Department Commission;

61. 60. "State Question" means Oklahoma State Question No. 788, Initiative Petition No. 412, approved by a majority vote of the citizens of Oklahoma on June 26, 2018;

- 62. 61. "Strain" means the classification of marijuana or cannabis plants in either pure sativa, indica, afghanica, ruderalis or hybrid varieties;
- 63. 62. "THC" means tetrahydrocannabinol, which is the primary psychotropic cannabinoid in marijuana formed by decarboxylation of naturally tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, which generally occurs by exposure to heat;
- 64. 63. "Test batch" means with regard to usable marijuana, a homogenous, identified quantity of usable marijuana by strain, no greater than ten (10) pounds, that is harvested during a seven-day period from a specified cultivation area, and with regard to oils, vapors and waxes derived from usable marijuana, means an identified quantity that is uniform, that is intended to meet specifications for identity, strength and composition, and that is manufactured, packaged and labeled during a specified time period according to a single manufacturing, packaging and labeling protocol;
- 65. 64. "Transporter agent" means a person who transports medical marijuana or medical marijuana products for a licensed transporter and holds a transporter agent license pursuant to this act Section 427.16 of this title;
- 66. 65. "Universal symbol" means the image established by the State Department of Health or Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority and made available to licensees through its website indicating that the medical marijuana or the medical marijuana product contains THC;

1 67. 66. "Usable marijuana" means the dried leaves, flowers,
2 oils, vapors, waxes and other portions of the marijuana plant and
3 any mixture or preparation thereof, excluding seed, roots, stems,
4 stalks and fan leaves; and

68. 67. "Water-based medical marijuana concentrate" means a concentrate that was produced by extracting cannabinoids from medical marijuana through the use of only water, ice, or dry ice.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 2019, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 477, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S.

Supp. 2020, Section 427.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.3 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority within the State Department of Health Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission which shall address issues related to the medical marijuana program in Oklahoma including, but not limited to, the issuance of patient licenses and medical marijuana business licenses, and the dispensing, cultivating, processing, testing, transporting, storage, research, and the use of and sale of medical marijuana pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.

B. The Department Commission shall provide support staff to perform designated duties of the Authority. The Department

Commission shall also provide office space for meetings of the Authority.

- C. The Department Authority shall implement the provisions of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act consistently with the voter-approved State Question No. 788,

 Initiative Petition No. 412, subject to the provisions of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
- D. The Department Authority shall exercise its respective powers and perform its respective duties and functions as specified in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection

 Act and Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title including, but not limited to, the following:
- 1. Determine steps the state shall take, whether administrative or legislative in nature, to ensure that research on marijuana and marijuana products is being conducted for public purposes, including the advancement of:
 - a. public health policy and public safety policy,
 - b. agronomic and horticultural best practices, and
 - c. medical and pharmacopoeia best practices;
- 2. Contract with third-party vendors and other governmental entities in order to carry out the respective duties and functions as specified in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 3. Upon complaint or upon its own motion and upon a completed investigation, levy fines as prescribed in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and suspend or revoke

1 licenses pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and
2 Patient Protection Act;

- 4. Issue subpoenas for the appearance or production of persons, records and things in connection with disciplinary or contested cases considered by the Department Authority;
- 5. Apply for injunctive or declaratory relief to enforce the provisions of this section and any rules promulgated pursuant to this section;
- 6. Inspect and examine, with notice provided in accordance with this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, all licensed premises of medical marijuana businesses, research facilities and education facilities in which medical marijuana is cultivated, manufactured, sold, stored, transported, tested or distributed;
- 7. Upon action by the federal government by which the production, sale and use of marijuana in Oklahoma does not violate federal law, work with the Oklahoma State Banking Department and the State Treasurer to develop good practices and standards for banking and finance for medical marijuana businesses;
- 8. Establish internal control procedures for licenses including accounting procedures, reporting procedures and personnel policies;
- 9. Establish a fee schedule and collect fees for performing background checks as the Commissioner Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission deems appropriate. The fees

- charged pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed the actual cost incurred for each background check; and
- 3 10. Require verification for sources of finance for medical 4 marijuana businesses.
- SECTION 13. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.4), is amended to read as
 - Section 427.4 A. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, in conjunction with the State Department of Health Alcoholic Beverage

 Laws Enforcement Commission, shall employ an Executive Director and other personnel as necessary to assist the Authority in carrying out its duties.
 - B. The Authority shall not employ an individual if any of the following circumstances exist:
 - 1. The individual has a direct or indirect interest in a licensed medical marijuana business; or
 - 2. The individual or his or her spouse, parent, child, spouse of a child, sibling, or spouse of a sibling has an application for a medical marijuana business license pending before the Department

 Authority or is a member of the board of directors of a medical marijuana business, or is an individual financially interested in any licensee or medical marijuana business.

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follows:

- C. All officers and employees of the Authority shall be in the exempt unclassified service as provided for in Section 840-5.5 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- D. The Commissioner Director of the Commission may delegate to any officer or employee of the Department Authority any of the powers of the Executive Director and may designate any officer or employee of the Department Authority to perform any of the duties of the Executive Director.
- E. The Executive Director of the Commission shall be authorized to suggest rules governing the oversight and implementation of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
- F. The Department Commission is hereby authorized to create employment positions necessary for the implementation of its obligations pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, including but not limited to Authority investigators and a senior director of enforcement. The Department and the Authority, the senior director of enforcement, the Executive Director of the Commission, and Department Authority investigators shall have all the powers of any peace officer to:
- 1. Investigate violations or suspected violations of this act
 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and any
 rules promulgated pursuant thereto;
- 2. Serve all warrants, summonses, subpoenas, administrative citations, notices or other processes relating to the enforcement of

- 1 laws regulating medical marijuana, concentrate, and medical
 2 marijuana product;
 - 3. Assist or aid any law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duties upon such law enforcement officer's request or the request of other local officials having jurisdiction;
 - 4. Require any business licensee, upon twenty-four (24) hours notice or upon a showing of necessity, to permit an inspection of licensed premises during business hours or at any time of apparent operation, marijuana equipment, and marijuana accessories, or books and records; and to permit the testing of or examination of medical marijuana, concentrate, or product; and
 - 5. Require applicants to submit complete and current applications, information required by this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and fees, and approve material changes made by the applicant or licensee.
- 16 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 11, O.S.L.
 17 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.5), is amended to read as
 18 follows:
- Section 427.5 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
 revolving fund for the State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical

 Marijuana Authority, a division within the Alcoholic Beverage Laws

 Enforcement Commission, to be designated the "Oklahoma Medical

 Marijuana Authority Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing

 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of

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1 | all monies received by the Department Authority from fees and fines

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3 | Patient Protection Act and all monies received by the Oklahoma Tax

4 | Commission from tax proceeds collected pursuant to Section 426 of

5 | Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title. All monies accruing

6 to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be

7 | budgeted and expended by the Department Authority for the purposes

set forth in Section 426 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this

9 title. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants

issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by

law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise

12 | Services for approval and payment.

13 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 11, O.S.L.

2019, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 477, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S.

Supp. 2020, Section 427.6), is amended to read as follows:

16 | Section 427.6 A. The State Department of Health Oklahoma

Medical Marijuana Authority shall address issues related to the

medical marijuana program in Oklahoma including, but not limited to,

monitoring and disciplinary actions as they relate to the medical

20 marijuana program.

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B. 1. The Department Authority or its designee may perform on-

site assessments of a licensee or applicant for any medical

marijuana business license issued pursuant to this act the Oklahoma

24 | Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to determine compliance

- with this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection

 Act or submissions made pursuant to this section. The Department

 Authority may enter the licensed premises of a medical marijuana

 business licensee or applicant to assess or monitor compliance.
 - 2. Inspections shall be limited to twice per calendar year and twenty-four (24) hours of notice shall be provided to a medical marijuana business applicant or licensee prior to an on-site assessment. However, additional inspections may occur when the Department Authority shows that an additional inspection is necessary due to a violation of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act. Such inspection may be without notice if the Department Authority believes that such notice will result in the destruction of evidence.
 - 3. The Department Authority may review relevant records of a licensed medical marijuana business, licensed medical marijuana research facility or licensed medical marijuana education facility, and may require and conduct interviews with such persons or entities and persons affiliated with such entities, for the purpose of determining compliance with Department Authority requirements and applicable laws. However, prior to conducting any interviews with the medical marijuana business, research facility or education facility, the licensee shall be afforded sufficient time to secure legal representation during such questioning if requested by the

- business or facility or any of its agents or employees or
 contractors.
 - 4. The Department Authority shall refer complaints alleging criminal activity that are made against a licensee to appropriate Oklahoma state or local law enforcement authorities.
 - C. Disciplinary action may be taken against an applicant or licensee under this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act for not adhering to the law pursuant to the terms, conditions and guidelines set forth in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
 - D. Disciplinary actions may include revocation, suspension or denial of an application, license or final authorization and other action deemed appropriate by the Department Authority.
 - E. Disciplinary actions may be imposed upon a medical marijuana business licensee for:
 - Failure to comply with or satisfy any provision of this section;
 - 2. Falsification or misrepresentation of any material or information submitted to the Department Authority;
 - 3. Failing to allow or impeding a monitoring visit by authorized representatives of the Department Authority;
- 4. Failure to adhere to any acknowledgement, verification or other representation made to the Department Authority;

- 5. Failure to submit or disclose information required by this section or otherwise requested by the Department Authority;
- 6. Failure to correct any violation of this section cited as a result of a review or audit of financial records or other materials;
- 7. Failure to comply with requested access by the Department Authority to the licensed premises or materials;
 - 8. Failure to pay a required monetary penalty;
- 9. Diversion of medical marijuana or any medical marijuana product, as determined by the Department Authority;
- 10. Threatening or harming a patient, a medical practitioner or an employee of the Department Authority; and
- 11. Any other basis indicating a violation of the applicable laws and regulations as identified by the Department Authority.
- F. Disciplinary actions against a licensee may include the imposition of monetary penalties, which may be assessed by the Department Authority.
- G. Penalties for sales by a medical marijuana business to persons other than those allowed by law occurring within any two-year time period may include an initial fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a first violation and a fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for any subsequent violation. The medical marijuana business may be subject to a revocation of any license granted pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and

- Patient Protection Act upon a showing that the violation was willful or grossly negligent.
 - H. 1. First offense for intentional and impermissible diversion of medical marijuana, concentrate, or products by a patient or caregiver to an unauthorized person shall not be punished under a criminal statute but may be subject to a fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).
 - 2. The second offense for impermissible diversion of medical marijuana, concentrate, or products by a patient or caregiver to an unauthorized person shall not be punished under a criminal statute but may be subject to a fine of not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and may result in revocation of the license upon a showing that the violation was willful or grossly negligent.
 - I. The following persons or entities may request a hearing to contest an action or proposed action of the Department Authority:
 - 1. A medical marijuana business, research facility or education facility licensee whose license has been summarily suspended or who has received a notice of contemplated action to suspend or revoke a license or take other disciplinary action; and
 - 2. A patient or caregiver licensee whose license has been summarily suspended or who has received notice of contemplated action to suspend or revoke a license or take other disciplinary action.

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- J. All hearings held pursuant to this section shall be in accordance with the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, Section 250 et seg. of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- 4 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY Section 7, Chapter 11, O.S.L.
- 5 | 2019, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 509, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S.
- 6 Supp. 2020, Section 427.7), is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 427.7 A. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall create a medical marijuana use registry of patients and caregivers as provided under this section. The handling of any records maintained in the registry shall comply with all relevant state and federal laws including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
 - B. The medical marijuana use registry shall be accessible to:
 - 1. Oklahoma-licensed medical marijuana dispensaries to verify the license of a patient or caregiver by the twenty-four-character identifier; and
 - 2. Any court in this state.
- 18 C. All other records regarding a medical marijuana patient
 19 licensee shall be maintained by the Authority and shall be deemed
 20 confidential. The handling of any records maintained by the
 21 Authority shall comply with all relevant state and federal laws
 22 including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and
 23 Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Such records shall be marked as
 24 confidential, shall not be made available to the public and shall

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- only be made available to the licensee, designee of the licensee, any physician of the licensee or the caregiver of the licensee.
 - D. A log shall be kept with the file of the licensee to record any event in which the records of the licensee were made available and to whom the records were provided.
 - E. The Department Authority shall ensure that all application records and information are sealed to protect the privacy of medical marijuana patient license applicants.
- 9 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 11, O.S.L.
 10 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.8), is amended to read as
 11 follows:
 - Section 427.8 A. The rights to possess the marijuana products set forth in Section 420 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title are cumulative and a duly licensed individual may possess at any one time the totality of the items listed therein and not be in violation of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act so long as the individual holds a valid patient license or caregiver license.
 - B. Municipal and county governing bodies may not enact medical marijuana guidelines which restrict or interfere with the rights of a licensed patient or caregiver to possess, purchase, cultivate or transport medical marijuana within the legal limits set forth in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or Section 420 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this

<u>title</u> or require patients or caregivers to obtain permits or licenses in addition to the state-required licenses provided herein.

- C. Nothing in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and

 Patient Protection Act or Section Sections 420 et seq. through 426.1

 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title shall prohibit a

 residential or commercial property or business owner from

 prohibiting the consumption of medical marijuana or medical

 marijuana product by smoke or vaporization on the premises, within

 the structures of the premises or within ten (10) feet of the

 entryway to the premises. However, a medical marijuana patient

 shall not be denied the right to consume or use other medical

 marijuana products which are otherwise legal and do not involve the

 smoking or vaporization of cannabis when lawfully recommended

 pursuant to Section 420 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this

 title.
- D. A medical marijuana patient or caregiver licensee shall not be denied eligibility in public assistance programs including, but not limited to, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program (WIC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or other such public assistance programs based solely on his or her status as a medical marijuana patient or caregiver licensee, unless required by federal law.

- E. A medical marijuana patient or caregiver licensee shall not be denied the right to own, purchase or possess a firearm, ammunition, or firearm accessories based solely on his or her status as a medical marijuana patient or caregiver licensee. No state or local agency, municipal or county governing authority shall restrict, revoke, suspend or otherwise infringe upon the right of a person to own, purchase or possess a firearm, ammunition, or firearm accessories or any related firearms license or certification based solely on their status as a medical marijuana patient or caregiver licensee.
- F. A medical marijuana patient or caregiver in actual possession of a medical marijuana patient license or caregiver license shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution or penalty in any manner or denied any right, privilege or public assistance, under state law or municipal or county ordinance or resolution including without limitation a civil penalty or disciplinary action by a business, occupational or professional licensing board or bureau, for the medical use of marijuana in accordance with this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
- G. A government medical assistance program shall not be required to reimburse a person for costs associated with the medical use of marijuana unless federal law requires reimbursement.
- H. Unless otherwise required by federal law or required to obtain federal funding:

- 1. No employer may refuse to hire, discipline, discharge or
 2 otherwise penalize an applicant or employee solely on the basis of
 3 such applicant's or employee's status as a medical marijuana patient
 4 licensee; and
 - 2. No employer may refuse to hire, discipline, discharge or otherwise penalize an applicant or employee solely on the basis of a positive test for marijuana components or metabolites, unless:
 - a. the applicant or employee is not in possession of a valid medical marijuana patient license,
 - b. the licensee possesses, consumes or is under the influence of medical marijuana or medical marijuana product while at the place of employment or during the fulfillment of employment obligations, or
 - c. the position is one involving safety-sensitive job duties, as such term is defined in subsection K of this section.
 - I. Nothing in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and

 Patient Protection Act or Section Sections 420 et seq. through 426.1

 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title shall:
 - 1. Require an employer to permit or accommodate the use of medical marijuana on the property or premises of any place of employment or during hours of employment;
 - 2. Require an employer, a government medical assistance program, private health insurer, worker's compensation carrier or

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- self-insured employer providing worker's compensation benefits to reimburse a person for costs associated with the use of medical marijuana; or
 - 3. Prevent an employer from having written policies regarding drug testing and impairment in accordance with the Oklahoma Standards for Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Act, Section 551 et seq. of Title 40 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
 - J. Any applicant or employee aggrieved by a willful violation of this section shall have, as his or her exclusive remedy, the same remedies as provided for in the Oklahoma Standards for Workplace

 Drug and Alcohol Testing Act set forth in Section 563 of Title 40 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
 - K. As used in this section:
 - 1. "Safety-sensitive" means any job that includes tasks or duties that the employer reasonably believes could affect the safety and health of the employee performing the task or others including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - a. the handling, packaging, processing, storage, disposal or transport of hazardous materials,
 - the operation of a motor vehicle, other vehicle,
 equipment, machinery or power tools,
 - c. repairing, maintaining or monitoring the performance or operation of any equipment, machinery or

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- manufacturing process, the malfunction or disruption of which could result in injury or property damage,
- d. performing firefighting duties,
- e. the operation, maintenance or oversight of critical services and infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric, gas, and water utilities, power generation or distribution,
- f. the extraction, compression, processing, manufacturing, handling, packaging, storage, disposal, treatment or transport of potentially volatile, flammable, combustible materials, elements, chemicals or any other highly regulated component,
- g. dispensing pharmaceuticals,
- h. carrying a firearm, or
- i. direct patient care or direct child care; and
- 2. A "positive test for marijuana components or metabolites" means a result that is at or above the cutoff concentration level established by the United States Department of Transportation or Oklahoma law regarding being under the influence, whichever is lower.
- L. All smokable, vaporized, vapable and e-cigarette medical marijuana product inhaled through vaporization or smoked by a medical marijuana <u>patient</u> licensee are subject to the same restrictions for tobacco under Section 1-1521 et seq. of Title 63 of

- 1 | the Oklahoma Statutes this title, commonly referred to as the
- 2 | "Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act".
- 3 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY Section 9, Chapter 11, O.S.L.
- 4 | 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.9), is amended to read as
- 5 follows:
- Section 427.9 A. The Authority may contact the recommending
 physician of an applicant for a medical marijuana patient license to
- 8 verify the need of the applicant for the license.
- 9 B. An applicant for a medical marijuana patient license who can
- 10 demonstrate his or her status as a one-hundred-percent-disabled
- 11 | veteran as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and
- 12 | codified at 38 C.F.R., Section 3.340(a)(2013) shall pay a reduced
- 13 application fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). The methods of payment,
- 14 as determined by the Authority, shall be provided on the website.
- 15 | However, the Authority shall ensure that all applicants have an
- 16 option to submit the license application and payment by means other
- 17 | than solely by submission of the application and fee online.
- 18 C. The patient license shall be valid for up to two (2) years
- 19 from the date of issuance, unless the recommendation of the
- 20 | physician is terminated pursuant to this act Section 427.10 of this
- 21 | title or revoked by the Department Oklahoma Medical Marijuana
- 22 Authority.

- SECTION 19. AMENDATORY Section 10, Chapter 11, O.S.L.

 2019, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S.

 Supp. 2020, Section 427.10), is amended to read as follows:

 Section 427.10 A. Only licensed Oklahoma allopathic,

 osteopathic and podiatric physicians may provide a medical marijuana recommendation for a medical marijuana patient license under this

 act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
 - B. A physician who has not completed his or her first residency shall not meet the definition of "physician" under this section and any recommendation for a medical marijuana patient license shall not be processed by the Authority.
 - C. No physician shall be subject to arrest, prosecution or penalty in any manner or denied any right or privilege under Oklahoma state, municipal or county statute, ordinance or resolution, including without limitation a civil penalty or disciplinary action by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision er, the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners or the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners or by any other business, occupation or professional licensing board or bureau, solely for providing a medical marijuana recommendation for a patient or for monitoring, treating or prescribing scheduled medication to patients who are medical marijuana patient licensees. The provisions of this subsection shall not prevent the relevant professional licensing boards from sanctioning a physician for failing to properly evaluate

- the medical condition of a patient or for otherwise violating the applicable physician-patient standard of care.
- D. A physician who recommends use of medical marijuana shall not be located at the same physical address as a dispensary.
- E. If the physician determines the continued use of medical marijuana by the patient no longer meets the requirements set forth in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection

 Act, the physician shall notify the Department and the Authority, and the Authority shall immediately revoke the license.
- SECTION 20. AMENDATORY Section 13, Chapter 11, O.S.L.

 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.13), is amended to read as

 follows:
 - Section 427.13 A. All medical marijuana and medical marijuana products shall be purchased solely from an Oklahoma-licensed medical marijuana business, and shall not be purchased from any out-of-state providers.
 - B. 1. The Authority shall have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown in Oklahoma is accounted for and shall implement an inventory tracking system. Pursuant to these duties, the Authority shall require that each medical marijuana business keep records for every transaction with another medical marijuana business, patient or caregiver.

 Inventory shall be tracked and updated after each individual sale and reported to the Authority.

- 2. The inventory tracking system licensees use shall allow for integration of other seed-to-sale systems and, at a minimum, shall include the following:
 - a. notification of when marijuana seeds are planted,
 - b. notification of when marijuana plants are harvested and destroyed,
 - c. notification of when marijuana is transported, sold, stolen, diverted or lost,
 - d. a complete inventory of all marijuana, seeds, plant tissue, clones, plants, usable marijuana or trim, leaves and other plant matter, batches of extract, and marijuana concentrates,
 - e. all samples sent to a testing laboratory, an unused portion of a sample returned to a licensee, all samples utilized by licensee for purposes of negotiating a sale, and
 - f. all samples used for quality testing by a licensee.
- 3. Each medical marijuana business shall use a seed-to-sale tracking system or integrate its own seed-to-sale tracking system with the seed-to-sale tracking system established by the Authority.
- 4. These records shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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- a. the name and license number of the medical marijuana
 business that cultivated, manufactured or sold the
 medical marijuana or medical marijuana product,
 - b. the address and phone number of the medical marijuana business that cultivated, manufactured or sold the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product,
 - c. the type of product received during the transaction,
 - d. the batch number of the marijuana plant used,
 - e. the date of the transaction,
 - f. the total spent in dollars,
 - g. all point-of-sale records,
 - h. marijuana excise tax records, and
 - i. any additional information as may be reasonably required by the Department Authority.
 - 5. All inventory tracking records containing patient information shall comply with all relevant state and federal laws including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and shall not be retained by any medical marijuana business for more than sixty (60) days.
 - SECTION 21. AMENDATORY Section 14, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 2019, as last amended by Section 51, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 2020 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.14), is amended to read as follows:

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

- 1. Medical marijuana commercial grower;
- 2. Medical marijuana processor;
- 3. Medical marijuana dispensary;
- 4. Medical marijuana transporter; and
- 5. Medical marijuana testing laboratory.
- B. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, with the aid of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, shall develop a website for medical marijuana business applications.
- C. The Authority shall make available on its website in an easy-to-find location, applications for a medical marijuana business.
 - D. The nonrefundable application fee for a medical marijuana business license shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).
 - E. All applicants seeking licensure as a medical marijuana business shall comply with the following general requirements:
- 20 1. All applications for licenses and registrations authorized 21 pursuant to this section shall be made upon forms prescribed by the 22 Authority;

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- 2. Each application shall identify the city or county in which
 the applicant seeks to obtain licensure as a medical marijuana
 business;
 - 3. Applicants shall submit a complete application to the Department Authority before the application may be accepted or considered;
 - 4. All applications shall be complete and accurate in every detail;
 - 5. All applications shall include all attachments or supplemental information required by the forms supplied by the Authority;
 - 6. All applications shall be accompanied by a full remittance for the whole amount of the application fees. Application fees are nonrefundable;
 - 7. All applicants shall be approved for licensing review that, at a minimum, meets the following criteria:
 - a. all applicants shall be age twenty-five (25) years of age or older,
 - b. any applicant applying as an individual shall show proof that the applicant is an Oklahoma resident pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,
 - c. any applicant applying as an entity shall show that seventy-five percent (75%) of all members, managers, executive officers, partners, board members or any

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residents pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,

- d. all applying individuals or entities shall be registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma,
- e. all applicants shall disclose all ownership interests pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, and
- f. applicants shall not have been convicted of a nonviolent felony in the last two (2) years, and any other felony conviction within the last five (5) years, shall not be current inmates, or currently incarcerated in a jail or corrections facility;
- 8. There shall be no limit to the number of medical marijuana business licenses or categories that an individual or entity can apply for or receive, although each application and each category shall require a separate application and application fee. A commercial grower, processor and dispensary, or any combination thereof, are authorized to share the same address or physical location, subject to the restrictions set forth in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 9. All applicants for a medical marijuana business license, research facility license or education facility license authorized by this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection

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- Act shall undergo an Oklahoma criminal history background check

 conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI)

 within thirty (30) days prior to the application for the license,

 including:
 - a. individual applicants applying on their own behalf,
 - b. individuals applying on behalf of an entity,
 - c. all principal officers of an entity, and
 - d. all owners of an entity as defined by this act Section 427.2 of this title;
 - 10. All applicable fees charged by OSBI are the responsibility of the applicant and shall not be higher than fees charged to any other person or industry for such background checks;
 - 11. In order to be considered an Oklahoma resident for purposes of a medical marijuana business application, all applicants shall provide proof of Oklahoma residency for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of application or five (5) years of continuous Oklahoma residency during the preceding twenty-five (25) years immediately preceding the date of application. Sufficient documentation of proof of residency shall include a combination of the following:
 - a. an unexpired Oklahoma-issued driver license,
 - b. an Oklahoma voter identification card,
 - c. a utility bill preceding the date of application, excluding cellular telephone and Internet bills,

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- d. a residential property deed to property in the State of Oklahoma, and
 - e. a rental agreement preceding the date of application for residential property located in the State of Oklahoma.

Applicants that were issued a medical marijuana business license prior to the enactment of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act are hereby exempt from the two-year or five-year Oklahoma residence requirement mentioned above;

- 12. All license applicants shall be required to submit a registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control as provided in Sections 2-302 through 2-304 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title;
- 13. All applicants shall establish their identity through submission of a color copy or digital image of one of the following unexpired documents:
 - a. front and back of an Oklahoma driver license,
 - b. front and back of an Oklahoma identification card,
 - c. a United States passport or other photo identification issued by the United States government,
 - d. certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate for minor applicants who do not possess a document listed in this section, or

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- e. a tribal identification card approved for identification purposes by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety; and
- 14. All applicants shall submit an applicant photograph.
- F. The Authority shall review the medical marijuana business application, approve or reject the application and mail the approval, rejection or status-update letter to the applicant within ninety (90) business days of receipt of the application.
- G. 1. The Authority shall review the medical marijuana business applications and conduct all investigations, inspections and interviews before approving the application.
- 2. Approved applicants shall be issued a medical marijuana business license for the specific category applied under which shall act as proof of their approved status. Rejection letters shall provide a reason for the rejection. Applications may only be rejected based on the applicant not meeting the standards set forth in the provisions of this section, improper completion of the application, or for a reason provided for in this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act. If an application is rejected for failure to provide required information, the applicant shall have thirty (30) days to submit the required information for reconsideration. No additional application fee shall be charged for such reconsideration.

- 3. Status-update letters shall provide a reason for delay in either approval or rejection should a situation arise in which an application was submitted properly, but a delay in processing the application occurred.
- 4. Approval, rejection or status-update letters shall be sent to the applicant in the same method the application was submitted to the Department Authority.
- H. A medical marijuana business license shall not be issued to or held by:
 - 1. A person until all required fees have been paid;
- 2. A person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony within two (2) years of the date of application, or within five (5) years for any other felony;
- 3. A corporation, if the criminal history of any of its officers, directors or stockholders indicates that the officer, director or stockholder has been convicted of a nonviolent felony within two (2) years of the date of application, or within five (5) years for any other felony;
 - 4. A person under twenty-five (25) years of age;
- 5. A person licensed pursuant to this section who, during a period of licensure, or who, at the time of application, has failed to:
 - a. file taxes, interest or penalties due related to a medical marijuana business, or

- b. pay taxes, interest or penalties due related to a medical marijuana business;
- 6. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer or prosecuting officer, or an officer or employee of the Authority or municipality; or
- 7. A person whose authority to be a caregiver as defined in this act Section 427.2 of this title has been revoked by the Department Authority.
- I. In investigating the qualifications of an applicant or a licensee, the Department, Authority and municipalities may have access to criminal history record information furnished by a criminal justice agency subject to any restrictions imposed by such an agency. In the event the Department Authority considers the criminal history record of the applicant, the Department Authority shall also consider any information provided by the applicant regarding such criminal history record, including but not limited to evidence of rehabilitation, character references and educational achievements, especially those items pertaining to the period of time between the last criminal conviction of the applicant and the consideration of the application for a state license.
- J. The failure of an applicant to provide the requested information by the Authority deadline may be grounds for denial of the application.

- 1 K. All applicants shall submit information to the Department 2 and Authority in a full, faithful, truthful and fair manner. 3 Department and Authority may recommend denial of an application 4 where the applicant made misstatements, omissions, 5 misrepresentations or untruths in the application or in connection with the background investigation of the applicant. This type of 6 7 conduct may be considered as the basis for additional administrative action against the applicant. Typos and scrivener errors shall not 8 be grounds for denial.
 - L. A licensed medical marijuana business premises shall be subject to and responsible for compliance with applicable provisions for medical marijuana business facilities as described in the most recent versions of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code, the International Building Code and the International Fire Code, unless granted an exemption by the Authority or municipality.
 - M. All medical marijuana business licensees shall pay the relevant licensure fees prior to receiving licensure to operate a medical marijuana business, as defined in this act Section 427.2 of this title for each class of license.
- 20 SECTION 22. AMENDATORY Section 15, Chapter 11, O.S.L.
 21 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.15), is amended to read as
 22 follows:
- Section 427.15 The State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical
 Marijuana Authority is hereby authorized to develop policies and

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- 1 procedures for disclosure by a medical marijuana business of
- 2 | financial interest and ownership.
- 3 | SECTION 23. AMENDATORY Section 16, Chapter 11, O.S.L.
- 4 | 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.16), is amended to read as
- 5 follows:
- 6 Section 427.16 A. There is hereby created a medical marijuana
- 7 | transporter license as a category of the medical marijuana business
- 8 license.
- 9 B. Pursuant to Section 424 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes
- 10 | this title, the Authority shall issue a medical marijuana
- 11 | transporter license to licensed medical marijuana commercial
- 12 growers, processors and dispensaries upon issuance of such licenses
- 13 | and upon each renewal.
- 14 C. A medical marijuana transporter license may also be issued
- 15 to qualifying applicants who are registered with the Oklahoma
- 16 | Secretary of State and otherwise meet the requirements for a medical
- 17 | marijuana business license set forth in this act Section 427.14 of
- 18 this title and the requirements set forth in this section to provide
- 19 logistics, distribution and storage of medical marijuana, medical
- 20 | marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products.
- D. A medical marijuana transporter license shall be valid for
- 22 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, concentrate and 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, concentrate or product 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.
- F. A medical marijuana transporter licensee may contract with multiple licensed medical marijuana businesses.
- G. A medical marijuana transporter may maintain a licensed premises to temporarily store medical marijuana, concentrate and products and to use as a centralized distribution point. A medical marijuana transporter may store and distribute medical marijuana, concentrate and products from the licensed premises. The licensed premises shall meet all security requirements applicable to a medical marijuana business.
- H. A medical marijuana transporter licensee shall use the seed-to-sale tracking system developed pursuant to this act Section

 427.13 of this title to create shipping manifests documenting the transport of medical marijuana, concentrate and 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, concentrate and products.
- J. All medical marijuana, concentrate and product shall be transported:
- 1. In vehicles equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS)
 trackers;
 - 2. In a locked container and clearly labeled "Medical Marijuana or Derivative"; and
 - 3. 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 while the transporter agent is transferring marijuana to or from a licensed medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility or medical marijuana education facility. The Department Authority shall administer and enforce the provisions of this section concerning transportation.
 - 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 or product.
- M. The annual fee for a transporter agent license shall be One
 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and shall be paid by the transporter
 license holder or the individual applicant.

- N. The Authority shall issue each transporter agent a registry identification card within thirty (30) days of receipt of:
 - 1. The name, address and date of birth of the person;
 - 2. Proof of residency as required for a medical marijuana business license;
 - 3. Proof of identity as required for a medical marijuana business license;
 - 4. Possession of a valid Oklahoma driver license;
 - 5. Verification of employment with a licensed transporter;
 - 6. The application and affiliated fee; and
 - 7. A criminal background check conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, paid for by the applicant.
 - O. If the transporter agent application is denied, the Department Authority shall notify the transporter in writing of the reason for denying the registry identification card.
 - P. A registry identification card for a transporter shall expire one (1) year after the date of issuance or upon notification from the holder of the transporter license that the transporter agent ceases to work as a transporter.
 - Q. The Department 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.

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- 1 The Department Authority may revoke or suspend the transporter license of a transporter that the Department Authority determines knowingly aided or facilitated a violation of any provision of this section, and the licenseholder is subject to any other penalties established in law for the violation.
 - S. Vehicles used in the transport of medical marijuana or medical marijuana product shall be:
 - Insured at or above the legal requirements in Oklahoma;
 - 2. Capable of securing medical marijuana during transport; and
 - 3. In possession of a shipping container as defined in this act Section 427.2 of this title capable of securing all transported product.
 - Prior to the transport of any medical marijuana or products, an inventory manifest shall be prepared at the origination point of the medical marijuana. The inventory manifest shall include the following information:
 - 1. For the origination point of the medical marijuana:
 - the licensee number for the commercial grower, processor or dispensary,
 - b. address of origination of transport, and
 - C. name and contact information for the originating licensee;
- 23 For the end recipient license holder of the medical 24 marijuana:

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- a. the license number for the dispensary, commercial grower, processor, research facility or education facility destination,
 - b. address of the destination, and
 - c. name and contact information for the destination licensee;
 - 3. Quantities by weight or unit of each type of medical marijuana product contained in transport;
 - 4. The date of the transport and the approximate time of departure;
 - 5. The arrival date and estimated time of arrival;
 - 6. Printed names and signatures of the personnel accompanying the transport; and
 - 7. Notation of the transporting licensee.
 - U. 1. A separate inventory manifest shall be prepared for each 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. An inventory manifest shall not be altered after departing the originating premises other than in cases where the printed name and signature of receipt by the receiving licensee is necessary.

- 4. A receiving licensee shall refuse to accept any medical marijuana or product that is not accompanied by an inventory manifest.
- 5. Originating and receiving licensees shall maintain copies of inventory manifests and logs of quantities of medical marijuana received for three (3) years from date of receipt.
- 7 SECTION 24. AMENDATORY Section 17, Chapter 11, O.S.L.
- 8 | 2019, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 312, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S.
- 9 | Supp. 2020, Section 427.17), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 427.17 A. There is hereby created a medical marijuana testing laboratory license as a category of the medical marijuana
- 12 business license. The Authority is hereby enabled to monitor,
- 13 inspect and audit a licensed testing laboratory under this act the
- 14 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
 - B. The Authority is hereby authorized to contract with a private laboratory for the purpose of conducting compliance testing of medical marijuana testing laboratories licensed in this state.

 Any such laboratory under contract for compliance testing shall be prohibited from conducting any other commercial medical marijuana testing in this state.
- C. The Authority shall have the authority to develop acceptable testing and research practices, including but not limited to testing, standards, quality control analysis, equipment certification and calibration, and chemical identification and

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- substances used in bona fide research methods so long as it complies
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 - D. A person who is a direct beneficial owner or an indirect beneficial owner of a medical marijuana dispensary, medical marijuana commercial grower, or medical marijuana processor shall not be an owner of a laboratory.
 - E. A laboratory and a laboratory applicant shall comply with all applicable local ordinances, including but not limited to zoning, occupancy, licensing and building codes.
 - F. A separate license shall be required for each specific laboratory.
 - G. A medical marijuana testing laboratory license may be issued to a person who performs testing and research on medical marijuana and medical marijuana products for medical marijuana businesses, medical marijuana research facilities, medical marijuana education facilities, and testing and research on marijuana and marijuana products grown or produced by a patient or caregiver on behalf of a patient, upon verification of registration. No state-approved medical marijuana testing facility shall operate unless a medical laboratory director is on site during operational hours.
 - H. A laboratory applicant shall comply with the application requirements of this section and shall submit such other information as required for a medical marijuana business applicant, in addition

- to any information the Authority may request for initial approval and periodic evaluations during the approval period.
- I. A medical marijuana testing laboratory may accept samples of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana product from a medical marijuana business for testing and research purposes only, which purposes may include the provision of testing services for samples submitted by a medical marijuana business for product development. The Department Authority may require a medical marijuana business to submit a sample of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana product to a medical marijuana testing laboratory upon demand.
- J. A medical marijuana testing laboratory may accept samples of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana product from an individual person for testing only under the following conditions:
- 1. The individual person is a patient or caregiver pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or is a participant in an approved clinical or observational study conducted by a research facility; and
- 2. The medical marijuana testing laboratory shall require the patient or caregiver to produce a valid patient license and current and valid photo identification.
- K. A medical marijuana testing laboratory may transfer samples to another medical marijuana testing laboratory for testing. All

- laboratory reports provided to or by a medical marijuana business or to a patient or caregiver shall identify the medical marijuana testing laboratory that actually conducted the test.
- L. A medical marijuana testing laboratory may utilize a licensed medical marijuana transporter to transport samples of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana product for testing, in accordance with this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the rules adopted pursuant thereto, between the originating medical marijuana business requesting testing services and the destination laboratory performing testing services.
- M. The medical marijuana testing laboratory shall establish policies to prevent the existence of or appearance of undue commercial, financial or other influences that may diminish the competency, impartiality and integrity of the testing processes or results of the laboratory, or that may diminish public confidence in the competency, impartiality and integrity of the testing processes or results of the laboratory. At a minimum, employees, owners or agents of a medical marijuana testing laboratory who participate in any aspect of the analysis and results of a sample are prohibited from improperly influencing the testing process, improperly manipulating data, or improperly benefiting from any ongoing financial, employment, personal or business relationship with the medical marijuana business that provided the sample.

- N. The Department Authority, pursuant to rules promulgated by
 the State Commissioner of Health Director of the Alcoholic Beverage
 Laws Enforcement Commission, shall develop standards, policies and
 procedures as necessary for:
 - 1. The cleanliness and orderliness of a laboratory premises and the location of the laboratory in a secure location, and inspection, cleaning and maintenance of any equipment or utensils used for the analysis of test samples;
 - 2. Testing procedures, testing standards for cannabinoid and terpenoid potency and safe levels of contaminants, and remediation procedures;
 - 3. Controlled access areas for storage of medical marijuana and medical marijuana product test samples, waste and reference standards;
 - 4. Records to be retained and computer systems to be utilized by the laboratory;
 - 5. The possession, storage and use by the laboratory of reagents, solutions and reference standards;
 - 6. A certificate of analysis (COA) for each lot of reference standard;
- 7. The transport and disposal of unused marijuana, marijuana products and waste;
- 8. The mandatory use by a laboratory of an inventory tracking system to ensure all test batches or samples containing medical

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- 1 | marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana
- 2 | products are identified and tracked from the point they are
- 3 | transferred from a medical marijuana business, a patient or a
- 4 | caregiver through the point of transfer, destruction or disposal.
- 5 The inventory tracking system reporting shall include the results of
- 6 any tests that are conducted on medical marijuana, medical marijuana
- 7 | concentrate or medical marijuana product;
 - 9. Standards of performance;
 - 10. The employment of laboratory personnel;
- 10 11. A written standard operating procedure manual to be
- 11 | maintained and updated by the laboratory;
- 12 12. The successful participation in a Department-approved an
- 13 | Authority-approved proficiency testing program for each testing
- 14 | category listed in this section, in order to obtain and maintain
- 15 | certification:

- 16 13. The establishment of and adherence to a quality assurance
- 17 | and quality control program to ensure sufficient monitoring of
- 18 | laboratory processes and quality of results reported;
- 19 14. The establishment by the laboratory of a system to document
- 20 | the complete chain of custody for samples from receipt through
- 21 | disposal;
- 22 | 15. The establishment by the laboratory of a system to retain
- 23 and maintain all required records, including business records, and

- 1 processes to ensure results are reported in a timely and accurate 2 manner; and
 - 16. Any other aspect of laboratory testing of medical marijuana or medical marijuana product deemed necessary by the Department Authority.
 - O. A medical marijuana testing laboratory shall promptly provide the Department Authority or designee of the Department Authority access to a report of a test and any underlying data that is conducted on a sample at the request of a medical marijuana business or qualified patient. A medical marijuana testing laboratory shall also provide access to the Department Authority or designee of the Department Authority to laboratory premises and to any material or information requested by the Department Authority to determine compliance with the requirements of this section.
 - P. A medical marijuana testing laboratory shall retain all results of laboratory tests conducted on marijuana or products for a period of at least two (2) years and shall make them available to the Department Authority upon request.
 - Q. A medical marijuana testing laboratory shall test samples from each harvest batch or product batch, as appropriate, of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana product for each of the following categories of testing, consistent with standards developed by the Commissioner Authority:
 - 1. Microbials;

- 1 2. Mycotoxins;
- Residual solvents;
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- 5. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and other cannabinoid potency;
- 6. Terpenoid potency; and
- 6 7. Heavy metals.
 - R. A test batch shall not exceed ten (10) pounds of usable marijuana or medical marijuana product, as appropriate. A grower shall separate each harvest lot of usable marijuana into harvest batches containing no more than ten (10) pounds. A processor shall separate each medical marijuana production lot into production batches containing no more than ten (10) pounds.
 - S. Medical marijuana testing laboratory licensure shall be contingent upon successful on-site inspection, successful participation in proficiency testing and ongoing compliance with the applicable requirements in this section.
 - T. A medical marijuana testing laboratory shall be inspected prior to initial licensure and annually thereafter by an inspector approved by the Authority.
- U. Beginning on a date determined by the Commissioner Director
 of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, not later
 than January 1, 2020, medical marijuana testing laboratory licensure
 shall be contingent upon accreditation by the NELAC Institute (TNI),
 ANSI/ASQ National Accreditation Board or another accrediting body

- approved by the Commissioner <u>Director</u>, and any applicable standards as determined by the Department Authority.
- V. A commercial grower shall not transfer or sell medical marijuana and a processor shall not transfer, sell or process into a concentrate or product any medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana product unless samples from each harvest batch or production batch from which that medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana product was derived has been tested by a medical marijuana testing facility for contaminants and passed all contaminant tests required by this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
- SECTION 25. AMENDATORY Section 18, Chapter 11, O.S.L.

 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.18), is amended to read as

 follows:
 - Section 427.18 A. An Oklahoma medical marijuana business shall not sell, transfer or otherwise distribute medical marijuana or medical marijuana product that has not been packaged and labeled in accordance with this section and rules promulgated by the State Commissioner of Health Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission.
 - B. A medical marijuana dispensary shall return medical marijuana and medical marijuana product that does not meet packaging or labeling requirements in this section or rules promulgated pursuant thereto to the entity who transferred it to the dispensary.

- The medical marijuana dispensary shall document to whom the item was returned, what was returned and the date of the return or dispose of any usable marijuana that does not meet these requirements in accordance with this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
 - C. 1. Medical marijuana packaging shall be packaged to minimize its appeal to children and shall not depict images other than the business name logo of the medical marijuana producer and image of the product.
 - 2. A medical marijuana business shall not place any content on a container in a manner that reasonably appears to target individuals under the age of twenty-one (21), including but not limited to cartoon characters or similar images.
 - 3. Labels on a container shall not include any false or misleading statements.
 - 4. No container shall be intentionally or knowingly labeled so as to cause a reasonable patient confusion as to whether the medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana product is a trademarked product or labeled in a manner that violates any federal trademark law or regulation.
 - 5. The label on the container shall not make any claims regarding health or physical benefits to the patient.

- 6. All medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products shall be in a child-resistant container at the point of transfer to the patient or caregiver.
- D. The State Department of Health Oklahoma Medical Marijuana

 Authority shall develop minimum standards for packaging and labeling of medical marijuana and medical marijuana products. Such standards shall include, but not be limited to, the required contents of labels to be affixed to all medical marijuana and medical marijuana products prior to transfer to a licensed patient or caregiver, which shall include, at a minimum:
- A universal symbol indicating that the product contains tetrahydrocannabinol (THC);
 - 2. THC and other cannabinoid potency, and terpenoid potency;
- 3. A statement indicating that the product has been tested for contaminants;
- 4. One or more product warnings to be determined by the Department Authority; and
- 5. Any other information the Department Authority deems necessary.
- 20 SECTION 26. AMENDATORY Section 19, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 21 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.19), is amended to read as
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Section 427.19 A. A medical marijuana research license may be issued to a person to grow, cultivate, possess and transfer, by sale

- or donation, marijuana pursuant to this act the Oklahoma Medical

 Marijuana and Patient Protection Act for the limited research

 purposes identified in this section.
 - B. The fee for a medical marijuana research license shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and shall be payable by an applicant for a medical marijuana research license upon submission of his or her application to the Authority.
 - C. A medical marijuana research license may be issued for the following research purposes:
 - 1. To test chemical potency and composition levels;
- 2. To conduct clinical investigations of marijuana-derived medicinal products;
 - 3. To conduct research on the efficacy and safety of administering marijuana as part of medical treatment;
 - 4. To conduct genomic, horticultural or agricultural research; and
- 5. To conduct research on marijuana-affiliated products or systems.
- D. 1. As part of the application process for a medical marijuana research license, an applicant shall submit to the Authority a description of the research that the applicant intends to conduct and whether the research will be conducted with a public institution or using public money. If the research will not be conducted with a public institution or with public money, the

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- Authority shall grant the application if it determines that the applicant meets the criteria in this section.
- 2. If the research will be conducted with a public institution or public money, the Department Authority shall review the research project of the applicant to determine if it meets the requirements of this section and to assess the following:
 - a. the quality, study design, value or impact of the project,
 - b. whether the applicant has the appropriate personnel, expertise, facilities, infrastructure, funding and human, animal or other approvals in place to successfully conduct the project, and
 - c. whether the amount of marijuana to be grown by the applicant is consistent with the scope and goals of the project.
- 3. If the Authority determines that the research project does not meet the requirements of this section or assesses the criteria to be inadequate, the application shall be denied.
- E. A medical marijuana research licensee may only transfer, by sale or donation, marijuana grown within its operation to other medical marijuana research licensees. The Department Authority may revoke a medical marijuana research license for violations of this section and any other violation of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.

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- F. A medical marijuana research licensee may contract to perform research in conjunction with a public higher education research institution or another medical marijuana research licensee.
- G. The growing, cultivating, possessing or transferring, by sale or donation, of marijuana in accordance with this section and the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, by a medical marijuana research licensee shall not be a criminal or civil offense under state law. A medical marijuana research license shall be issued in the name of the applicant and shall specify the location in Oklahoma at which the medical marijuana research licensee intends to operate. A medical marijuana research licensee shall not allow any other person to exercise the privilege of the license.
- H. If the research conducted includes a public institution or public money, the Authority shall review any reports made by medical marijuana research licensees under state licensing authority rule and provide the Authority with its determination on whether the research project continues to meet research qualifications pursuant to this section.
- 19 SECTION 27. AMENDATORY Section 20, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 20 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.20), is amended to read as 21 follows:
- Section 427.20 A. There is hereby created a medical marijuana education facility license.

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- B. A medical marijuana education facility license may be issued to a person to possess or cultivate marijuana for the limited education and research purposes identified in this section.
 - C. A medical marijuana education facility license may only be granted to a not-for-profit organization structured under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, operating as an Oklahoma not-for-profit registered organization with the Office of the Secretary of State.
 - D. A medical marijuana education facility license may only be granted upon the submission of a fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Authority.
 - E. A medical marijuana education facility license may be issued for the following education and research purposes:
 - To test cultivation techniques, strategies, infrastructure, mediums, lighting and other related technology;
 - 2. To demonstrate cultivation techniques, strategies, infrastructure, mediums, lighting and other related technology;
 - 3. To demonstrate the application and use of product manufacturing technologies;
- 4. To conduct genomic, horticultural or agricultural research;
 and
- 5. To conduct research on marijuana-affiliated products or systems.

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- F. As part of the application process for a medical marijuana education facility license, an applicant shall submit to the Authority a description of the project and curriculum that the applicant intends to conduct and whether the project and curriculum will be conducted with a public institution or using public money. If the research will not be conducted with a public institution or with public money, the Authority shall grant the application. If the research will be conducted with a public institution or public money, the Authority shall review the research project of the applicant to determine if it meets the requirements of this section and to assess the following:
 - 1. The quality, study design, value or impact of the project;
- 2. Whether the applicant has the appropriate personnel, expertise, facilities, infrastructure, funding, and human, animal or other approvals in place to successfully conduct the project; and
- 3. Whether the amount of marijuana to be grown by the applicant is consistent with the scope and goals of the project.

 If the Authority determines that the education project does not meet the requirements of this section or assesses the criteria to be inadequate, the application shall be denied.
- G. A medical marijuana education facility licensee may only transfer, by sale or donation, marijuana grown within its operation to medical marijuana research licensees. The Department Authority may revoke a medical marijuana education facility license for

- violations of this section and any other violation of this act the

 Note that the violation Act.
 - H. A medical marijuana education facility licensee may contract to perform research in conjunction with a public higher education research institution or another research licensee.
 - I. The growing, cultivating, possessing or transferring, by sale or donation, of marijuana in accordance with this section and the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, by a medical marijuana education facility licensee shall not be a criminal or civil offense under state law. A medical marijuana education facility license shall be issued in the name of the applicant and shall specify the location in Oklahoma at which the medical marijuana education facility licensee intends to operate. A medical marijuana education facility licensee shall not allow any other person to exercise the privilege of the license.
- SECTION 28. AMENDATORY Section 22, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 427.22), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 427.22 A. An application or renewal and supporting
 information submitted by a qualifying patient or designated
 caregiver under the provisions of this act the Oklahoma Medical
 Marijuana and Patient Protection Act including, without limitation,
 information regarding the physician of the qualifying patient shall

- 1 be considered confidential medical records that are exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
 - The dispensary records with patient information shall be В. treated as confidential records that are exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
 - C. All financial information provided by an applicant in its application to the Authority shall be treated as confidential records that are exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
 - All information provided by an applicant that constitutes private business information shall be treated as confidential records that are exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
 - E. As used in this section, "private business information" means information that, if disclosed, would give advantage to competitors or bidders including, but not limited to, information related to the planning, site location, operations, strategy, or product development and marketing of an applicant, unless approval for release of those records is granted by the business.
- 18 SECTION 29. AMENDATORY Section 23, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 19 2019, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 477, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S.
- 20 Supp. 2020, Section 427.23), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 427.23 A. The State Commissioner of Health Director of 22 the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Oklahoma Tax 23 Commission, the State Treasurer, the Secretary of State and the 24 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall

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- promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act the

 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
- B. The Food Safety Standards Board, in addition to the powers
 and duties granted in Section 423 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma

 Statutes this title, may recommend to the State Commissioner of

 Health Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement

 Commission rules relating to all aspects of the cultivation and
 manufacture of medical marijuana products.
- 9 SECTION 30. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 337, O.S.L.
- 10 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 428.1), is amended to read as
- 11 follows:
- Section 428.1 As used in this act the Oklahoma Medical
- 13 | Marijuana Waste Management Act:
- 14 1. "Authority" shall mean the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana
 15 Authority, or successor agency;
- 2. "Commercial licensee" shall mean any person or entity issued
 a license by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, or successor
 agency, to conduct commercial business in this state;
 - 3. "Disposal" shall mean the final disposition of medical marijuana waste by either a process which renders the waste unusable through physical destruction or a recycling process;
- 4. "Facility" shall mean a location where the disposal of medical marijuana waste takes place by a licensee;

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- 5. "License" shall mean a medical marijuana waste disposal license;
 - 6. "Licensee" shall mean the holder of a medical marijuana waste disposal license;
 - 7. "Medical marijuana waste" shall mean unused, surplus, returned or out-of-date marijuana and plant debris of the plant of the genus Cannabis, including dead plants and all unused plant parts, except the term shall not include roots, stems, stalks and fan leaves; and
 - 8. "Medical marijuana waste disposal license" shall mean a license issued by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, or successor agency.
- SECTION 31. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 429), is amended to read as follows:

Section 429. A. Medical marijuana waste shall be subject to the provisions of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste

Management Act and shall not be subject to the provisions of the

Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. Nothing in this act

the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act shall alter or

affect the jurisdictional areas of environmental responsibility of

the Department of Environmental Quality as provided for in Title 27A

of the Oklahoma Statutes.

- B. Commercial licensees, medical marijuana research facilities and medical marijuana education facilities shall be authorized to destroy the following marijuana plant parts without being required to utilize the services of a medical marijuana waste disposal facility:
- 1. Root balls;
- 2. Stems;

- 3. Fan leaves; and
- 4. Seeds.

Unless restricted by local ordinance, commercial licensees, medical marijuana research facilities and medical marijuana education facilities shall be authorized to destroy the above-listed marijuana plant parts on-site by open burning, incineration, burying, mulching, composting or any other technique approved by the Department of Environmental Quality.

C. Commercial licensees, medical marijuana research facilities and medical marijuana education facilities engaged in the disposal of medical marijuana waste shall create and maintain documentation on a form prescribed by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority that includes precise weights or counts of medical marijuana waste and the manner in which the medical marijuana waste is disposed. Such documentation shall contain a witness affidavit and signature attesting to the lawful disposal of the medical marijuana waste under penalty of perjury. All disposal records shall be maintained

by commercial licensees, medical marijuana research facilities and

medical marijuana educational facilities for a period of five (5)

3 | years and shall be subject to inspection and auditing by the

4 Authority.

5 SECTION 32. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 337, O.S.L.

2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 430), is amended to read as

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Section 430. A. There is hereby created and authorized a medical marijuana waste disposal license. A person or entity in possession of a medical marijuana waste disposal license shall be entitled to possess, transport and dispose of medical marijuana waste. No person or entity shall possess, transport or dispose of medical marijuana waste without a valid medical marijuana waste disposal license. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall issue licenses upon proper application by a licensee and determination by the Authority that the proposed site and facility are physically and technically suitable. Upon a finding that a proposed medical marijuana waste disposal facility is not physically or technically suitable, the Authority shall deny the license. Authority may, upon determining that public health or safety requires emergency action, issue a temporary license for treatment or storage of medical marijuana waste for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days. The Authority shall not, for the first year of the licensure program, issue more than ten licenses. Upon the

- conclusion of the first year, the Authority shall assess the need
 for additional licenses and shall, if demonstrated, increase the
 number of licenses as deemed necessary by the Authority.
 - B. Entities applying for a medical marijuana waste disposal license shall undergo the following screening process:
 - 1. Complete an application form, as prescribed by the Authority, which shall include:
 - a. an attestation that the applicant is authorized to make application on behalf of the entity,
 - b. full name of the organization,
 - c. trade name, if applicable,
 - d. type of business organization,
 - e. complete mailing address,
 - f. an attestation that the commercial entity will not be located on tribal land,
 - g. telephone number and email address of the entity, and
 - h. name, residential address and date of birth of each owner and each member, manager and board member, if applicable;
 - 2. The application for a medical marijuana waste disposal license made by an individual on his or her own behalf shall be on the form prescribed by the Authority and shall include, but not be limited to:

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1 the first, middle and last name of the applicant and 2 suffix, if applicable, 3 b. the residence address and mailing address of the 4 applicant, 5 the date of birth of the applicant, d. the preferred telephone number and email address of 6 7 the applicant, an attestation that the information provided by the 8 е. 9 applicant is true and correct, and 10 f. a statement signed by the applicant pledging not to 11 divert marijuana to any individual or entity that is 12 not lawfully entitled to possess marijuana; and 13 3. Each application shall be accompanied by the following 14 documentation: 15 a list of all persons or entities that have an 16 ownership interest in the entity, 17 b. a certificate of good standing from the Oklahoma 18 Secretary of State, if applicable, 19 an Affidavit of Lawful Presence for each owner, C. 20 d. proof that the proposed location of the disposal 2.1 facility is at least one thousand (1,000) feet from a 22 public or private school. The distance shall be 23 measured from any entrance of the school to the

nearest property line point of the facility, and

- e. documents establishing the applicant, the members, managers and board members, if applicable, and seventy-five percent (75%) of the ownership interests are Oklahoma residents as established in Section 420 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title, as it relates to proof of residency.
- C. No license shall be issued except upon proof of sufficient liability insurance and financial responsibility. Liability insurance shall be provided by the applicant and shall apply to sudden and nonsudden bodily injury or property damage on, below or above the surface, as required by the rules of the Authority. Such insurance shall be maintained for the period of operation of the facility and shall provide coverage for damages resulting from operation of the facility during operation and after closing. In lieu of liability insurance required by this subsection, an equivalent amount of cash, securities, bond or alternate financial assurance, of a type and in an amount acceptable to the Authority, may be substituted; provided, that such deposit shall be maintained for a period of five (5) years after the date of last operation of the facility.
- D. Submission of an application for a medical marijuana waste disposal license shall constitute permission for entry to and inspection of the facility of the licensee during hours of operation and other reasonable times. Refusal to permit such entry of

inspection shall constitute grounds for the nonrenewal, suspension or revocation of a license. The Authority may perform an annual unannounced on-site inspection of the operations and facility of the licensee. If the Authority receives a complaint concerning noncompliance by a licensee with the provisions of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act, the Authority may conduct additional unannounced, on-site inspections beyond an annual inspection. The Authority shall refer all complaints alleging criminal activity that are made against a licensed facility to appropriate state or local law enforcement authorities.

E. The Authority shall issue a permit for each medical marijuana waste disposal facility operated by a licensee. A permit shall be issued only upon proper application by a licensee and determination by the Authority that the proposed site and facility are physically and technically suitable. Upon a finding that a proposed medical marijuana waste disposal facility is not physically or technically suitable, the Authority shall deny the permit. The Authority shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon a finding that the site and facility are not physically and technically suitable for processing. The Authority may, upon determining that public health or safety requires emergency action, issue a temporary permit for treatment or storage of medical marijuana waste for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

- F. The cost of a medical marijuana waste disposal license shall be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the initial license. The cost of a medical marijuana waste disposal facility permit shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). A medical marijuana waste disposal facility permit that has been revoked shall be reinstated upon remittance of a reinstatement fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to restore the facility permit. All license and permit fees shall be deposited into the Public Health Special Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority Revolving Fund as provided in Section 1—107
- G. The holder of a medical marijuana waste disposal license shall not be required to obtain a medical marijuana transporter license provided for in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act for purposes of transporting medical marijuana waste.
- H. All commercial licensees, as defined in Section 2 428.1 of this act this title, shall utilize a licensed medical marijuana waste disposal service to process all medical marijuana waste generated by the licensee.
- I. The State Commissioner of Health Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission shall promulgate rules for the implementation of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act. Promulgated rules shall address disposal process standards, site security and any other subject matter deemed necessary by the Authority.

1	SECTION 33. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
2	Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2021.
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