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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2022

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8 An Act relating to medical marijuana; amending  
9 Section 1, State Question No. 788, Initiative  
10 Petition No. 412, as last amended by Section 44,  
11 Chapter 161, O.S.L. 2020 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section  
12 420), which relates to medical marijuana patient and  
13 caregiver licenses; updating language; specifying  
14 measurements in grams; eliminating temporary medical  
15 marijuana licensing option; authorizing nonresidents  
16 to apply for medical marijuana patient licenses;  
17 providing qualifications; setting application fee and  
18 term of license; providing for licensure renewal;  
19 authorizing the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority  
20 to promulgate rules; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, State Question No. 788,  
23 Initiative Petition No. 412, as last amended by Section 44, Chapter  
24 161, O.S.L. 2020 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 420), is amended to  
read as follows:

Section 420. A. A person in possession of a state-issued  
medical marijuana patient license shall be able to:

- 1 1. Consume marijuana legally;
  - 2 2. Legally possess up to ~~three (3) ounces~~ eighty-four and nine-  
3 tenths (84.9) grams of marijuana on their person;
  - 4 3. Legally possess six mature marijuana plants;
  - 5 4. Legally possess six seedling plants;
  - 6 5. Legally possess ~~one (1) ounce~~ twenty-eight and three-tenths  
7 (28.3) grams of concentrated marijuana;
  - 8 6. Legally possess ~~seventy-two (72) ounces~~ two thousand thirty-  
9 seven and six-tenths (2,037.6) grams of edible marijuana; and
  - 10 7. Legally possess up to ~~eight (8) ounces~~ two hundred twenty-  
11 six and four-tenths (226.4) grams of marijuana in their residence.
- 12 B. Possession of up to ~~one and one-half (1.5) ounces~~ forty-two  
13 and forty-five one-hundredths (42.45) grams of marijuana by persons  
14 who can state a medical condition, but are not in possession of a  
15 state-issued medical marijuana license, shall constitute a  
16 misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed Four Hundred  
17 Dollars (\$400.00) and shall not be subject to imprisonment for the  
18 offense. Any law enforcement officer who comes in contact with a  
19 person in violation of this subsection and who is satisfied as to  
20 the identity of the person, as well as any other pertinent  
21 information the law enforcement officer deems necessary, shall issue  
22 to the person a written citation containing a notice to answer the  
23 charge against the person in the appropriate court. Upon receiving  
24 the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified

1 in the citation, the law enforcement officer shall release the  
2 person upon personal recognizance unless there has been a violation  
3 of another provision of law.

4 C. A regulatory office shall be established under the State  
5 Department of Health which shall receive applications for medical  
6 marijuana license recipients, dispensaries, growers, and packagers  
7 within sixty (60) days of the passage of this initiative.

8 D. The ~~State Department of Health~~ Oklahoma Medical Marijuana  
9 Authority shall, within thirty (30) days of passage of this  
10 initiative, make available on its website, in an easy-to-find  
11 location, an application for a medical marijuana patient license.  
12 The license shall be ~~good~~ valid for up to two (2) years. The  
13 application fee shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or Twenty  
14 Dollars (\$20.00) for individuals on Medicaid, Medicare or  
15 SoonerCare. The methods of payment shall be provided on the website  
16 of the Department.

17 E. A short-term medical marijuana patient license application  
18 shall also be made available on the website of the ~~State Department~~  
19 ~~of Health~~ Authority. A short-term medical marijuana patient license  
20 shall be granted to any applicant who can meet the requirements for  
21 a two-year medical marijuana patient license, but whose physician  
22 recommendation for medical marijuana is only valid for sixty (60)  
23 days. Short-term medical marijuana patient licenses shall be issued  
24 for sixty (60) days. The fee for a short-term medical marijuana

1 patient license and the procedure for extending or renewing the  
2 license shall be determined by the Department.

3 F. A ~~temporary~~ nonresident medical marijuana patient license  
4 application shall also be made available on the website of the  
5 ~~Department Authority.~~ A ~~temporary~~ nonresident medical marijuana  
6 patient license shall be granted to any ~~medical marijuana license~~  
7 holder person from ~~other states,~~ another state; provided that, the  
8 state has a state-regulated medical marijuana program, and the  
9 applicant can prove he or she is a member of such program.

10 ~~Temporary licenses shall be issued for thirty (30) days~~ applicant is  
11 eighteen (18) years of age or older and the application for a  
12 nonresident medical marijuana patient license is signed by an  
13 Oklahoma physician. A qualifying medical condition is not required  
14 for a nonresident medical marijuana patient license. The Authority  
15 may contact the recommending physician of an applicant for a  
16 nonresident medical marijuana patient license to verify the need of  
17 the applicant for the license. The cost for a ~~temporary~~ nonresident  
18 medical marijuana patient license shall be ~~One~~ Two Hundred Dollars  
19 ~~(\$100.00)~~ (\$200.00). The nonresident medical marijuana patient  
20 license shall be valid for up to two (2) years from the date of  
21 issuance, unless the recommendation of the physician is terminated  
22 or the license is revoked by the Authority. Renewal of the license  
23 shall be granted with resubmission of a new application and  
24 application fee. The Authority shall be authorized to promulgate

1 rules to implement the provisions of this subsection. ~~No additional~~  
2 ~~criteria shall be required.~~

3 G. Medical marijuana patient license applicants shall submit  
4 ~~his or her~~ their applications to the ~~State Department of Health~~  
5 Authority for approval. The applicant shall be an Oklahoma state  
6 resident and shall prove residency by a valid driver license,  
7 utility bills, or other accepted methods.

8 H. The ~~State Department of Health~~ Authority shall review the  
9 medical marijuana patient license application, approve or reject the  
10 application, and mail the approval or rejection letter stating any  
11 reasons for rejection to the applicant within fourteen (14) business  
12 days of receipt of the application. Approved applicants shall be  
13 issued a medical marijuana patient license which shall act as proof  
14 of his or her approved status. Applications may only be rejected  
15 based on the applicant not meeting stated criteria or improper  
16 completion of the application.

17 I. The ~~State Department of Health~~ Authority shall only keep the  
18 following records for each approved medical marijuana patient  
19 license:

- 20 1. A digital photograph of the license holder;
- 21 2. The expiration date of the license;
- 22 3. The county where the card was issued; and
- 23 4. A unique 24-character identification number assigned to the  
24 license.

1 J. ~~The State Department of Health~~ Authority shall make  
2 available, both on its website and through a telephone verification  
3 system, an easy method to validate the authenticity of the medical  
4 marijuana patient license by the unique 24-character identification  
5 number.

6 K. ~~The State Department of Health~~ Authority shall ensure that  
7 all application records and information are sealed to protect the  
8 privacy of medical marijuana patient license applicants.

9 L. A caregiver license shall be made available for qualified  
10 caregivers of a medical marijuana ~~license holder~~ patient licensee  
11 who is homebound. As provided in Section ~~44~~ 427.11 of ~~Enrolled~~  
12 ~~House Bill No. 2612 of the 1st Session of the 57th Oklahoma~~  
13 ~~Legislature~~ this title, the caregiver license shall provide the  
14 caregiver the same rights as the medical marijuana patient licensee,  
15 including the ability to possess marijuana, marijuana products and  
16 mature and immature plants pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical  
17 Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, but excluding the ability to  
18 use marijuana or marijuana products unless the caregiver has a  
19 medical marijuana patient license. An applicant for a caregiver  
20 license shall submit proof of the license status and homebound  
21 status of the medical marijuana patient and proof that the applicant  
22 is the designee of the medical marijuana patient. The applicant  
23 shall also submit proof that he or she is eighteen (18) years of age  
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1 or older and proof of his or her Oklahoma residency. This shall be  
2 the only criteria for a caregiver license.

3 M. All applicants shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older.  
4 A special exception shall be granted to an applicant under the age  
5 of eighteen (18); however, these applications shall be signed by two  
6 physicians and the parent or legal guardian of the applicant.

7 N. All applications for a medical marijuana patient license  
8 shall be signed by an Oklahoma physician. There are no qualifying  
9 conditions. A medical marijuana patient license must be recommended  
10 according to the accepted standards a reasonable and prudent  
11 physician would follow when recommending or approving any  
12 medication. No physician may be unduly stigmatized or harassed for  
13 signing a medical marijuana patient license application.

14 O. Counties and cities may enact medical marijuana guidelines  
15 allowing medical marijuana ~~license holders~~ patient licensees or  
16 licensed caregivers to exceed the state limits set forth in  
17 subsection A of this section.

18 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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