

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2179
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The CCS for HB 2179 separates the medical marijuana grower license into tiers, distinguished by two categories: indoor, greenhouse, or light deprivation, and outdoor. The initial license fee will be calculated based on the total amount of square feet of canopy or acres the grower estimates will be harvested for the year, and the annual license fee will be based on the total amount of square feet of canopy harvested by the grower during the previous year. Growers that use both indoor and outdoor growing facilities must obtain separate licenses for each type of grow operation.

The CCS also separates the medical marijuana processor license into tiers based on pounds of cannabis biomass processed, grams of non-liquid cannabis concentrate purchased or sold, and liters of liquid cannabis concentrate purchased or sold. The annual processor license fee will be a minimum of \$3,500 and a maximum of \$20,000.

The CCS provides that the annual license fee for a dispensary will be calculated at 10 percent of the sum of 12 calendar months of the combined annual state sales tax and state excise tax of the dispensary. The fee will be a minimum of \$2,500 and a maximum of \$10,000.

Both the initial application fee and the annual license fee for a testing laboratory will be \$20,000.

Finally, the measure has an effective date of October 1, 2022.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.