

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1704 modifies penalties relating to unauthorized sales and transfers of medical marijuana. The measure authorizes the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to revoke the business license of any person directly involved with the diversion of marijuana after conducting an investigation if it can show a pattern of diversion or negligence leading to diversion. The measure also provides that the Authority shall require employees of a medical marijuana business licensee to apply for and receive a credential authorizing the employee to work in a licensed medical marijuana business beginning January 1, 2024. The measure authorizes the Authority to contract with one or more third-party vendors to provide the credentialing services as well as establish costs and prices. The third-party vendor shall not be civilly liable to an applicant, licensee, or employee of a licensee for any acts taken in good-faith compliance with related statutes governing medical marijuana licensing. If the third-party vendor determines that an employee of a medical marijuana business holder does not meet the minimum statutory requirements for a credential, the applicant or employee shall have no recourse against the third-party vendor but may appeal such adverse determination to the Authority.

**CCR Changes**

The Conference Committee Report for SB 1704 removes language related to increasing financial penalties for unauthorized medical marijuana diversions. The measure also adds language requiring employees of medical marijuana establishments to obtain a credential from the Authority as well as authorizes the Authority to contract with one or more third-party vendors to provides credentialing services.

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