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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 4 HOUSE BILL NO. 1717

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## 8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to marijuana; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 421, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 421), which relates to licensing for medical marijuana dispensaries; updating name of agency; providing applications for adult use marijuana dispensary licenses; modifying procedures and guidelines to allow for adult use marijuana dispensary licenses; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 422, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 422), which relates to licensing for medical marijuana commercial growers; updating name of agency; providing applications for adult use marijuana commercial grower licenses; modifying procedures and guidelines to allow for adult use marijuana commercial grower licenses; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 423, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 423), which relates to licensing for medical marijuana processors; updating name of agency; providing applications for adult use marijuana processor licenses; modifying procedures and quidelines to allow for adult use marijuana processor licenses; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 424, which relates to marijuana transportation licenses; providing for the issuance of adult use marijuana transportation licenses; modifying procedures and quidelines to allow for adult use marijuana transportation licenses; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 425, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 425), which

relates to license holder protections; updating city and local municipality restrictions to include adult use marijuana dispensaries; prohibiting adult use marijuana dispensaries from being located near public or private schools; deleting references to the State Department of Health; updating name of agency; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 426.1, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 426.1), which relates to licensure revocation hearings; updating name of agency; directing the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to provide list of adult use marijuana businesses to state agencies and political subdivisions; requiring adult use marijuana businesses to obtain a certificate of compliance; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Sections 427.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2022, 427.3, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022, Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2022, 427.4, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022, 427.6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 2022, 427.13, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022, 427.14, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2022, Section 3, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 2022, 427.15, 427.16, as amended by Section 16, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022, 427.17, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 2022, 427.18, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022, 427.19, as amended by Section 19, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022, 427.20, as amended by Section 20, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022, 427.21, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2022, 427.22, as amended by Section 21, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022, 427.24, as amended by Section 23, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022, and Section 1, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.2, 427.3, 427.3a, 427.4, 427.6, 427.13, 427.14, 427.14b, 427.16, 427.17, 427.18, 427.19, 427.20, 427.21, 427.22, 427.24, and 427.25), which relate to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act; updating name of agency; adding definitions and modifying certain definitions; modifying scope of duties and functions of the Authority to include adult use marijuana business licensees; updating language; updating references to medical marijuana, medical marijuana products, and medical marijuana concentrate; modifying duties of the Executive Director of the Authority to include adult use

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marijuana businesses; expanding monitoring, inspection, and disciplinary actions and penalties to include adult use marijuana businesses; updating inventory tracking system procedures and guidelines to include adult use marijuana businesses; modifying tiered licensing provisions to include adult use marijuana business licensees; requiring adult use marijuana business licensees to comply with general background requirements when seeking licensure or licensure renewal; making adult use marijuana business licensees subject to licensing procedures and guidelines of the Authority; requiring employees of adult use marijuana licensees to apply for and receive certain credentials; directing adult use marijuana businesses to submit attestation regarding foreign financial interests; providing for adult use marijuana transporter licenses; expanding transporter licensing procedures and guidelines to include adult use marijuana transporter licenses; providing for adult use marijuana testing laboratory licenses; expanding testing laboratory licensing procedures and quidelines to include adult use marijuana testing laboratory licenses; modifying packaging and labeling requirements and restrictions to include adult use marijuana businesses; deleting all references to medical marijuana as it pertains to research licenses; deleting all references to medical marijuana as it pertains to education facility licenses; applying advertising and signage requirements to adult use marijuana businesses; making consumer information at dispensaries confidential and exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act; deleting all references to medical marijuana as it pertains to the embargoing of marijuana; authorizing use of secret shoppers at adult use marijuana dispensaries; modifying procedures and guidelines for secret shoppers to include adult use marijuana businesses; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 428.1, 429, and 430, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 430), which relate to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act; updating name of agency; modifying scope of certain definitions; deleting all references to medical marijuana as it pertains to the disposal of marijuana and the licensing of marijuana waste disposal facilities; and providing an effective date.

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1 2 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 63 O.S. 2021, Section 421, as 4 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 5 amended by Section 1, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, 6 Section 421), is amended to read as follows: 7 Section 421. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall Α. make available on its website in an easy-to-find location an 8 application for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana 10 dispensary license. The application fee to be paid by the applicant 11 shall be in the amounts provided for in Section 427.14 of this 12 title. A method of payment for the application fee shall be 13 provided on the website of the Authority. Dispensary applicants 14 must all be residents of Oklahoma. Any entity applying for a 15 dispensary license must be owned by an Oklahoma resident and must be 16 registered to do business in Oklahoma. The Authority shall have 17 ninety (90) business days to review the application; approve, reject

B. The Authority shall approve all applications which meet the following criteria:

or deny the application; and mail the approval, rejection or denial

letter stating reasons for the rejection or denial to the applicant.

1. The applicant must be twenty-five (25) years of age or older;

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2. The applicant, if 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 interests in the dispensary.

Applicants with a nonviolent felony conviction in the last two (2) years, any other felony conviction in the last five (5) years, inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections or any person currently incarcerated shall not qualify for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary license.

C. Licensed medical marijuana and licensed adult use marijuana dispensaries shall be required to complete a monthly sales report to the Authority. This report shall be due on the fifteenth of each month and provide reporting on the previous month. This report shall detail the weight of marijuana purchased at wholesale and the weight of marijuana sold to licensed medical marijuana patients and, licensed caregivers, and adult use consumers and account for any waste. The report shall show total sales in dollars, tax collected

in dollars, and tax due in dollars. The Authority shall have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown is accounted for.

- marijuana dispensary may conduct retail sales of marijuana or marijuana derivatives. Beginning on the effective date of this act, licensed medical marijuana and licensed adult use marijuana dispensaries shall be authorized to package and sell pre-rolled marijuana to licensed medical marijuana patients and, licensed caregivers, and adult use consumers. The products described in this subsection shall contain only the ground parts of the marijuana plant and shall not include marijuana concentrates or derivatives. The total net weight of each pre-roll packaged and sold by a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary shall not exceed one (1) gram. These products shall be tested, packaged and labeled in accordance with Oklahoma law and rules promulgated by the Authority.
- E. No medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary shall offer or allow a medical marijuana patient licensee, caregiver licensee, adult use customer, or other member of the public to handle or otherwise have physical contact with any medical marijuana not contained in a sealed or separate package. Provided, such prohibition shall not preclude an employee of the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary from handling loose or nonpackaged medical marijuana to be placed in packaging consistent with the

Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the rules promulgated by the Authority for the packaging of medical marijuana for retail sale. Provided, further, such prohibition shall not prevent a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary from displaying samples of its medical marijuana in separate display cases, jars or other containers and allowing medical marijuana patient licensees and, caregiver licensees, or adult use customer the ability to handle or smell the various samples as long as the sample medical marijuana is used for display purposes only and is not offered for retail sale.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 422, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 422), is amended to read as follows:

Section 422. A. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall make available on its website in an easy-to-find location an application for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower license. The application fee shall be paid by the applicant in the amounts provided for in Section 427.14 of this title. A method of payment for the application fee shall be provided on the website of the Authority. The Authority shall have ninety (90) days to review the application; approve, reject or deny the application; and mail the approval, rejection or denial letter stating the reasons for the rejection or denial to the applicant.

- B. The Authority shall approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
  - 1. The applicant must be twenty-five (25) years of age or older;

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- 2. The applicant, if 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 interests in the commercial grower operation.
- Applicants with a nonviolent felony conviction in the last two (2) years, any other felony conviction in the last five (5) years, inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections or any person currently incarcerated shall not qualify for a commercial grower license.
- C. A licensed medical marijuana or licensed adult use marijuana commercial grower may sell marijuana to a licensed medical marijuana or licensed adult use marijuana dispensary or a licensed medical marijuana or licensed adult use marijuana processor. Further, sales

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    commercial grower shall be considered wholesale sales and shall not
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    sales report to the Authority. This report shall be due on the
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    This report shall detail the amount of marijuana harvested in
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    pounds, the amount of drying or dried marijuana on hand, the amount
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    of marijuana sold to licensed processors in pounds, the amount of
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- medical marijuana and license adult use marijuana dispensaries in pounds. Additionally, this report shall show total wholesale sales in dollars. The Authority shall have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown by licensed medical marijuana or licensed adult use marijuana commercial growers is accounted for.
  - D. There shall be no limits on how much marijuana a licensed medical marijuana or licensed adult use commercial grower can grow.

- E. Beginning on the effective date of this act, licensed medical marijuana and licensed adult use marijuana commercial growers shall be authorized to package and sell pre-rolled marijuana to licensed medical marijuana and licensed adult use marijuana dispensaries. The products described in this subsection shall contain only the ground parts of the marijuana plant and shall not include marijuana concentrates or derivatives. The total net weight of each pre-roll packaged and sold by licensed medical marijuana commercial growers shall not exceed one (1) gram. These products must be tested, packaged and labeled in accordance with Oklahoma law and rules promulgated by the Authority.
- SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 423, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 423), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 423. A. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall make available on its website in an easy-to-find location an

- application for a medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u>

  processing license. The Authority shall be authorized to issue two

  types of medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> processor licenses

  based on the level of risk posed by the type of processing
- 1. Nonhazardous medical marijuana <u>adult use marijuana</u> processor license; and

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- 8 2. Hazardous medical marijuana <u>adult use marijuana</u> processor 9 license.
- 10 The application fee for a nonhazardous or hazardous medical 11 marijuana processor or adult use marijuana license shall be paid by 12 the applicant in the amounts provided for in Section 427.14 of this 13 title. A method of payment shall be provided on the website of the 14 Authority. The Authority shall have ninety (90) days to review the 15 application; approve, reject or deny the application; and mail the 16 approval, rejection or denial letter stating the reasons for the 17 rejection or denial to the applicant.
  - B. The Authority shall approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
  - 1. The applicant must be twenty-five (25) years of age or older;
- 22 2. The applicant, if 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 interests in the processing operation.

Applicants with a nonviolent felony conviction in the last two (2) years, any other felony conviction in the last five (5) years, inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections or any person currently incarcerated shall not qualify for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana processing license.

- C. 1. A licensed processor may take marijuana plants and distill or process these plants into concentrates, edibles, and other forms for consumption.
- 2. As required by subsection D of this section, the Authority shall make available a set of standards which shall be used by licensed processors in the preparation of edible marijuana products. The standards should be in line with current food preparation guidelines. No excessive or punitive rules may be established by the Authority.

3. Up to two times a year, the Authority may inspect a processing operation and determine its compliance with the preparation standards. If deficiencies are found, a written report of the deficiency shall be issued to the licensed processor. The licensed processor shall have one (1) month to correct the deficiency or be subject to a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each deficiency.

- 4. A licensed processor may sell marijuana products it creates to a licensed dispensary or any other licensed processor. All sales by a licensed processor shall be considered wholesale sales and shall not be subject to taxation.
- 5. Under no circumstances may a licensed processor sell marijuana or any marijuana product directly to a licensed medical marijuana patient or, licensed medical marijuana caregiver, or adult use customer. However, a licensed processor may process cannabis into a concentrated form for a licensed medical marijuana patient for a fee.
- 6. Licensed processors shall be required to complete a monthly yield and sales report to the Authority. This report shall be due on the fifteenth of each month and shall provide reporting on the previous month. This report shall detail the amount of marijuana and medical marijuana products purchased in pounds, the amount of marijuana cooked or processed in pounds, and the amount of waste in pounds. Additionally, this report shall show total wholesale sales

in dollars. The Authority shall have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being processed is accounted for.

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

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SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 424, is
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    amended to read as follows:
        Section 424. A. A marijuana transportation license will shall
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        C. All marijuana or marijuana products shall be transported in
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    a locked container and clearly labeled "Medical Marijuana or
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SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 425, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 425), is amended to read as follows:

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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 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 the status of the person as a medical marijuana patient licensee. Employers may take action against a medical marijuana patient licensee if the licensee uses or possesses marijuana while in his or her place of employment or during the hours of employment. Employers may not take action against a medical marijuana patient licensee solely based upon the status of an employee as a medical marijuana patient licensee or the results of a drug test showing positive for marijuana or its components.
- C. For the purposes of medical care, including organ transplants, the authorized use of marijuana by a medical marijuana patient licensee 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 patient licensee may be denied custody of or visitation or parenting time with a minor child, and there is

no presumption of neglect or child endangerment for conduct allowed under this law unless the behavior of the medical marijuana patient licensee creates an unreasonable danger to the safety of the minor child.

- E. No person who possesses a medical marijuana patient license may be unduly withheld from holding another state-issued license by virtue of his or her status as a medical marijuana patient licensee 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 medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary.
- 2. For purposes of this subsection, an undue change or restriction of municipal zoning laws means an act which entirely prevents medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensaries from operating within municipal boundaries as a matter of law.

  Municipalities may follow their standard planning and zoning procedures to determine if certain zones or districts would be appropriate for locating marijuana-licensed premises, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana businesses or any other premises where marijuana or its by-products are cultivated, grown, processed, stored or manufactured.
- 3. A medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> dispensary does not include those other entities licensed by the Oklahoma <u>Medical</u>
  Marijuana Authority as marijuana-licensed premises, medical

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

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G. 1. The location of any medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary is specifically prohibited within one thousand (1,000) feet of any public school or private school. The distance indicated in this paragraph shall be measured from the nearest property line of such public school or private school to the nearest perimeter wall of the licensed premises of such medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary. If a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary met the requirements of this paragraph at the time of its initial licensure, the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary licensee shall be permitted to continue operating at the licensed premises in the same manner and not be subject to nonrenewal or revocation due to subsequent events or changes in regulations occurring after licensure that would render the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary in violation by being within one thousand (1,000) feet of a public school or private school. If any public school or private school is established within one thousand (1,000) feet of any medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary after such medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary has been licensed, the provisions of this paragraph shall not be a deterrent to the renewal of such license or warrant revocation of the license. For purposes

of this paragraph, a property owned, used or operated by a public school or by a private school that is not used for classroom instruction on core curriculum, such as an administrative building, athletic facility, ballpark, field or stadium, shall not constitute a public school or private school unless such property is located on the same campus as a building used for classroom instruction on core curriculum.

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The location of any medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower shall not be within one thousand (1,000) feet of any public school or private school as measured from the nearest property line of such public school or private school to the nearest property line of the licensed premises of such medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower. Additionally, the location of the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower shall not adjoin to any public school or private school or be located at the same physical address as the public school or private school. If a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower met the requirements of this paragraph at the time of its initial licensure, the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower licensee shall be permitted to continue operating at the licensed premises in the same manner and not be subject to nonrenewal or revocation due to subsequent events or changes in regulations occurring after licensure that would render the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower in violation of

1 this paragraph. If any public school or private school is established within one thousand (1,000) feet of any medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower after such 3 4 medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower has been 5 licensed, or if any public school or private school is established adjoining to or at the same physical address as any medical 6 7 marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower after such medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower has been licensed, the provisions of this paragraph shall not be a deterrent 10 to the renewal of such license or warrant revocation of the license. 11 For purposes of this paragraph, a property owned, used, or operated 12 by a public school or by a private school that is not used for 13 classroom instruction on core curriculum, such as an administrative 14 building, athletic facility, ballpark, field, or stadium, shall not 15 constitute a public school or private school unless such property is 16 located on the same campus as a building used for classroom 17 instruction on core curriculum.

H. Research shall be provided for under this law. A researcher may apply to the State Department of Health Oklahoma Marijuana

Authority for a special research license. The research license shall be granted, provided the applicant meets the criteria listed in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.

Research licensees shall be required to file monthly consumption reports to the State Department of Health Authority with amounts of

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marijuana used for research. Biomedical and clinical research which is subject to federal regulations and institutional oversight shall not be subject to oversight by the State Department of Health

Authority.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 426.1, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 426.1), is amended to read as follows:

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Section 426.1 A. 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 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 427.2 of this title, the Authority shall share information with law enforcement agencies upon request without a subpoena or search warrant.
- C. The Authority shall make available all information on whether or not a medical marijuana patient or <a href="medical marijuana">medical marijuana</a> caregiver license is valid to law enforcement electronically through an online verification system.

D. The Authority shall make available to state agencies and political subdivisions a list of marijuana-licensed premises, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana businesses or any other premises where marijuana or its by-products are licensed to be cultivated, grown, processed, stored or manufactured to aid state agencies and county and municipal governments in identifying locations within their jurisdiction and ensuring compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

E. Any marijuana-licensed premises, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business or any other premises where marijuana or its by-products are licensed to be cultivated, grown, processed, stored or manufactured shall submit with its application or request to change location, after notifying the political subdivision of its intent, a certificate of compliance from the political subdivision where the facility of the applicant or licensee is to be located certifying compliance with zoning classifications, applicable municipal ordinances and all applicable safety, electrical, fire, plumbing, waste, construction and building specification codes.

Once a certificate of compliance has been submitted to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority showing full compliance as outlined in this subsection, no additional certificate of compliance shall be required for license renewal unless a change of use or occupancy occurs, or there is any change concerning the facility or

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1 | location that would, by law, require additional inspection,
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- 2 | licensure or permitting by the state or municipality.
- 3 | SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.2, as
- 4 | amended by Section 1, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022,
- 5 | Section 427.2), is amended to read as follows:
- 6 Section 427.2 As used in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and
- 7 | Patient Protection Act:
- 8 | 1. "Adult use" means a consumer of marijuana or marijuana
- 9 products by a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older;
- 10 2. "Advertising" means the act of providing consideration for
- 11 | the publication, dissemination, solicitation or circulation, of
- 12 | visual, oral or written communication to induce directly or
- 13 | indirectly any person to patronize a particular medical marijuana or
- 14 | adult use marijuana business, or to purchase particular medical
- 15 | marijuana or a medical marijuana product. Advertising includes
- 16 marketing, but does not include packaging and labeling;
- 17 2. 3. "Authority" means the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana
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- 19 3. 4. "Batch number" means a unique numeric or alphanumeric
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- 21 | and traceability;
- 22 4. 5. "Cannabinoid" means any of the chemical compounds that
- 23 | are active principles of marijuana;

5. 6. "Caregiver" means a family member or assistant who regularly looks after a medical marijuana license holder whom a physician attests needs assistance;

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- 6. 7. "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. 8. "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;
  - $8. \underline{9.}$  "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;
- 9. 10. "Complete application" means a document prepared in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, rules promulgated pursuant thereto, and the forms and instructions provided by the Department

including any supporting documentation required and the applicable license application fee;

- 10. 11. "Department" means the State Department of Health;
- $\frac{11.}{12.}$  "Director" means the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority;
- 12. 13. "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. 14. "Dispensary" means a medical marijuana dispensary, an entity that has been licensed by the Department pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to purchase medical marijuana or medical marijuana products from a licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower or medical marijuana or adult use marijuana processor, sell medical marijuana or medical marijuana products to patients and, caregivers, and adult consumers, as defined under the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, or sell or transfer products to another dispensary;
- 14. 15. "Edible medical marijuana product" means any medical-marijuana-infused marijuana-infused product for which the intended use is oral consumption including, but not limited to, any type of food, drink or pill;

15. 16. "Entity" means an individual, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, trust, estate, association, corporation, cooperative or any other legal or commercial entity;

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

17. 18. "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. 19. "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. 20. "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 Department of Health, Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority or the municipality, or

- c. the licensed premises of a medical marijuana or adult

  use 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. 21. "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. 22. "Harvested marijuana" means post-flowering medical marijuana not including trim, concentrate or waste;
- 22. 23. "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;
- $\frac{23.}{24.}$  "Immature plant" means a nonflowering marijuana plant that has not demonstrated signs of flowering;
- $\frac{24.}{25.}$  "Inventory tracking system" means the required tracking system that accounts for  $\frac{1}{1000}$  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 or adult use 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. 26. "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. 27. "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 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 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and rules promulgated pursuant thereto; 27. 28. "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

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28. 29. "Marijuana" shall have the same meaning as such term is
defined in Section 2-101 of this title and shall not include any
plant or material containing delta-8 or delta-10
tetrahydrocannabinol which is grown, processed or sold pursuant to
the provisions of the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp Program;
    29. 30. "Material change" means any change that would require a
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. 31. "Mature plant" means a harvestable female marijuana
plant that is flowering;
    31. 32. "Medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business
(MMB)" means a licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana
dispensary, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana processor,
medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower, medical
marijuana laboratory, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana
business operator or a medical marijuana transporter;
    32. 33. "Medical marijuana 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-
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or pressure-based medical marijuana concentrate;

33. 34. "Medical marijuana or adult use 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 or adult use marijuana dispensary, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana processor, any other medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility and pesticide manufacturers. A commercial grower may sell seeds, flower or clones to commercial growers pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

34. 35. "Medical marijuana Marijuana education facility" or "education facility" means a person or entity approved pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act 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 marijuana-infused products or medical marijuana products as described in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

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

36. 37. "Medical marijuana 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. 38. "Medical marijuana or adult use marijuana processor" means a person or entity licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to operate a business including the production, manufacture, extraction, processing, packaging or creation of concentrate, medical-marijuana-infused marijuana-infused products or medical marijuana products as described in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

38. 39. "Medical marijuana Marijuana research facility" or "research facility" means a person or entity approved pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to conduct medical marijuana research. A medical marijuana research facility is not a medical marijuana business;

39. 40. "Medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory" or "laboratory" means a public or private laboratory licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient

Protection Act, to conduct testing and research on medical marijuana and medical marijuana products;

- 40. 41. "Medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter" or "transporter" means a person or entity that is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act. A medical marijuana or adult use 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. 42. "Medical marijuana 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, stems, stalks and fan leaves;
- 42. 43. "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, use, delivery, transfer or transportation of medical marijuana, medical marijuana products, medical marijuana devices or paraphernalia relating to the administration of medical marijuana to treat a licensed patient;
- $\frac{43.}{44.}$  "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 or

adult use marijuana processor or medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary;

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- 44. 45. "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. 46. "Oklahoma resident" means an individual who can provide proof of residency as required by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 46. 47. "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,
  - 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. 48. "Package" or "packaging" means any container or wrapper that may be used by a medical marijuana business to enclose or contain medical marijuana;
- 48. 49. "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;
- 49. 50. "Pesticide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest or any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant, except that the term pesticide shall not include any article that is a "new animal drug" as designated by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

50. 51. "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

research grants;

- 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. 52. "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. 53. "Public money" means any funds or money obtained by the holder from any governmental entity including, but not limited to,
- 53. 54. "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 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 54. 55. "Registered to conduct business" means a person that has provided proof that the business applicant is in good standing with the Secretary of State and Oklahoma Tax Commission;

55. 56. "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 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

56. 57. "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 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;

that any license issued pursuant to 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 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or rules promulgated pursuant thereto;

58. 59. "School" means a public or private preschool, a public or private elementary or secondary school, or a technology center

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school which is primarily used for classroom instruction. A

homeschool, daycare or child-care facility shall not be considered a

"school" as used in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient

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59. 60. "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. 61. "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;

61. 62. "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. 63. "Strain" means the classification of marijuana or cannabis plants in either pure sativa, indica, afghanica, ruderalis or hybrid varieties;

63. 64. "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. 65. "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. 66. "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 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

66. 67. "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;

67. 68. "Usable marijuana" means the dried leaves, flowers, oils, vapors, waxes and other portions of the marijuana plant and any mixture or preparation thereof, excluding seeds, roots, stems, stalks and fan leaves; and

68. 69. "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 8. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.3, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.3 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority which shall address issues related to the medical marijuana program in this state including, but not limited to, the issuance of patient licenses and medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business licenses, and the dispensing, cultivating, processing, testing, transporting, storage, research, and the use of and sale of medical marijuana pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.

- B. 1. Beginning on the effective date of this act November 1, 2022, the Authority shall cease to be part of or a division of the State Department of Health and shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct agency, to be known as the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority. The Authority and the Executive Director of the Authority shall continue to exercise their statutory powers, duties, and contractual responsibilities. All records, property, equipment, assets, monies, financial interests, liabilities, matters pending, and funds of the division shall be transferred to the Authority.
- 2. All licenses granted by the Department pertaining to medical marijuana shall maintain rights and privileges under the authority of the Authority; provided, however, that all licenses shall be subject to revocation, suspension, or disciplinary action for

- violation of any of the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana
  and Patient Protection Act and rules promulgated by the Executive
  Director.
  - 3. The Authority shall succeed to any contractual rights or responsibilities incurred by the Department pertaining to medical marijuana.

- 4. Rules promulgated by the State Commissioner of Health pertaining to medical marijuana that are in effect on the effective date of this act shall be immediately adopted and enforced by the Executive Director. The Executive Director maintains the authority to further promulgate and enforce rules.
- 5. The Department and the Authority may enter into an agreement for the transfer of personnel from the Department to the Authority. No employee shall be transferred to the Authority except on the freely given written consent of the employee. All employees who are transferred to the Authority shall not be required to accept a lesser grade or salary than presently received. All employees shall retain leave, sick, and annual time earned, and any retirement and longevity benefits which have accrued during their tenure with the Department. The transfer of personnel between the state agencies shall be coordinated with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.
- 6. The expenses incurred by the Authority as a result of the transfer required by this subsection shall be paid by the Authority.

7. The division within the Department known as the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall be abolished by the Department after the transfer has been completed.

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- 8. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall coordinate the transfer of records, property, equipment, assets, funds, allotments, purchase orders, liabilities, outstanding financial obligations, or encumbrances provided for in this subsection.
- C. The Authority shall implement the provisions of 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 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
- D. The Authority shall exercise its respective powers and perform its respective duties and functions as specified in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and 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 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 applicable laws, rules and regulations and suspend, revoke or not renew licenses pursuant to applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- 4. Issue subpoenas for the appearance or production of persons, records and things in connection with disciplinary or contested cases considered by the Authority;
- 5. Apply for injunctive or declaratory relief to enforce the provisions of applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- 6. Inspect and examine all licensed premises of medical marijuana or adult use marijuana businesses, research facilities, education facilities and waste disposal facilities in which medical marijuana is cultivated, manufactured, sold, stored, transported, tested, distributed or disposed of;
- 7. Upon action by the federal government by which the production, sale and use of marijuana in this state does not violate federal law, work with the Banking Department and the State Treasurer to develop good practices and standards for banking and finance for <a href="licensed">licensed</a> medical marijuana or adult use marijuana businesses;

8. Establish internal control procedures for licenses including accounting procedures, reporting procedures and personnel policies;

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- 9. Establish a fee schedule and collect fees for performing background checks as the Executive Director deems appropriate. The fees charged pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed the actual cost incurred for each background check;
- 10. Establish a fee schedule and collect fees for material changes requested by the licensee; and
- 11. Establish regulations, which require a <u>licensed</u> medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> business to submit information to the Oklahoma <u>Medical</u> Marijuana Authority, deemed reasonably necessary to assist the Authority in the prevention of diversion of <u>medical</u> marijuana by a licensed medical marijuana <u>or adult use</u> <u>marijuana</u> business. Such information required by the Authority may include, but shall not be limited to:
  - a. the square footage of the licensed premises,
  - b. a diagram of the licensed premises,
  - the number and type of lights at the licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower business,
  - d. the number, type and production capacity of equipment located at the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana processing facility,

e. the names, addresses and telephone numbers of employees or agents of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business,

- f. employment manuals and standard operating procedures for the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, and
- g. any other information as the Authority reasonably deems necessary.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.3a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.3a There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to be designated the "County Sheriff Public Safety Grant Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority that are appropriated or apportioned to this fund, and any federal funds, grants, and donations from any public or private source for the purpose of supporting county sheriffs. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority for the purpose of establishing programs and providing funding to support county sheriffs to enforce the requirements of state law with respect to

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the commercial growth of medical marijuana or other related business

activity for which a license is required pursuant to the provisions

of law governing the production, cultivation, transportation,

distribution, sale, or other actions related to medical marijuana.

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 Services for

approval and payment.
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SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.4, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.4 A. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall employ an Executive Director and other personnel as necessary to assist the Authority in carrying out its duties. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and may be removed or replaced without cause. Compensation for the Executive Director shall be determined pursuant to Section 3601.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

- 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 or adult use 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 or adult use marijuana business license pending before the Authority or is a member of the board of directors of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, or is an individual financially interested in any licensee or medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business.

- 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 Executive Director may delegate to any officer or employee of the Authority any of the powers of the Executive Director and may designate any officer or employee of the Authority to perform any of the duties of the Executive Director.
- E. The Executive Director may promulgate rules governing the oversight and implementation of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
- F. The Authority is hereby authorized to create employment positions necessary for the implementation of its obligations pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act including, but not limited to, investigators of the Authority and a director of enforcement. The Authority, the director of enforcement, the Executive Director, and investigators of the Authority shall have all the powers and authority of a peace officer

of this state for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the

Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and other laws

pertaining to medical marijuana, rules promulgated by the Executive

Director, or criminal laws of this state. These powers shall

include but not be limited to:

- 1. Investigating violations or suspected violations of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or other laws pertaining to medical marijuana, any rules promulgated pursuant thereto, and any violations of criminal laws of this state discovered through the course of such investigations;
- 2. Serving all warrants, summonses, subpoenas, administrative citations, notices or other processes relating to the enforcement of laws regulating marijuana, concentrate, and marijuana product;
- 3. Seizing any marijuana or marijuana product illegally held in violation of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, any other laws of this state, or any rules promulgated by the Executive Director;
- 4. Assisting or aiding 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;
- 5. Referring any evidence, reports, or charges regarding violations of any provision of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act that carries criminal penalty, or of any

other criminal laws of this state, to the appropriate law enforcement authority and prosecutorial authority for action;

- 6. Aiding the enforcement authorities of this state or any county or municipality of the state, or the federal government, in prosecutions of violations of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or any other laws of this state that carry criminal penalty involving crimes discovered during the investigation of violations or suspected violations of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or other laws pertaining to medical marijuana or any rules promulgated pursuant thereto:
- 7. Requiring any business applicant or licensee 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;
- 8. Requiring applicants and licensees to submit complete and current applications, information and fees required by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act and Sections 420 through 426.1 of this title, and approve material changes made by the applicant or licensee;
- 9. Requiring medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> business licensees to submit a sample or unit of <del>medical</del> marijuana or <del>medical</del>

marijuana product to the quality assurance laboratory when the Authority has reason to believe the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product may be unsafe for patient consumption or inhalation or has not been tested in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Director. The licensee shall provide the samples or units of medical marijuana or medical marijuana products at its own expense but shall not be responsible for the costs of testing; and

- 10. Requiring medical marijuana business or adult use marijuana licensees to periodically submit samples or units of medical marijuana or medical marijuana products to the quality assurance laboratory for quality assurance purposes. Licensed growers, processors, dispensaries and transporters shall not be required to submit samples or units of medical marijuana or medical marijuana products more than twice a year. The licensee shall provide the samples or units of medical marijuana or medical marijuana products at its own expense but shall not be responsible for the costs of testing.
- G. All investigators of the Authority shall meet all training requirements and qualifications for peace officers as required by Section 3311 et seq. of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- H. During the course of an investigation, the director of enforcement or any investigator of the Authority as provided by

subsection F of this section may arrest a violator or suspected violator of any laws of this state committed in the presence of the director of enforcement or any investigator of the Authority or upon the development of probable cause that such crime has been committed. The director of enforcement or any investigator of the Authority as provided by subsection F of this section may, upon request of a sheriff or another peace officer of this state, or any political subdivision thereof, assist in the apprehension and arrest of a violator or suspected violator of any of the laws of this state.

I. The Executive Director may employ or contract with attorneys, as needed, to advise the Executive Director and the Authority on all legal matters and to appear for and represent the Executive Director and the Authority in all administrative hearings and all litigation or other proceedings which may arise in the discharge of their duties. At the request of the Executive Director, such attorneys shall assist district attorneys in prosecuting charges of violators of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or any other laws of this state that carry criminal penalty involving crimes discovered during the investigation of violations or suspected violations of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or other laws pertaining to medical marijuana or any rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 3 2022, Section 427.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.6 A. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall address issues related to the medical marijuana and adult use marijuana program in this state including, but not limited to, monitoring and disciplinary actions as they relate to the medical marijuana and adult use marijuana program.

- B. 1. The Authority or its designee may perform on-site inspections or investigations of a licensee or applicant for any medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business license, research facility, education facility or waste disposal facility to determine compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations or submissions made pursuant to this section. The Authority may enter the licensed premises of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, research facility, education facility or waste disposal facility licensee or applicant to assess or monitor compliance or ensure qualifications for licensure.
- 2. Post-licensure inspections shall be limited to twice per calendar year. However, investigations and additional inspections may occur when the Authority believes an investigation or additional inspection is necessary due to a possible violation of applicable laws, rules or regulations. The State Commissioner of Health Executive Director of the Authority may adopt rules imposing

penalties including, but not limited to, monetary fines and
suspension or revocation of licensure for failure to allow the
Authority reasonable access to the licensed premises for purposes of
conducting an inspection.

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- 3. The Authority may review relevant records of a licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, licensed medical marijuana research facility, licensed medical marijuana education facility or licensed medical marijuana waste disposal 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 Authority requirements and applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- 4. The Authority may refer complaints alleging criminal activity that are made against a licensee to appropriate state or local law enforcement authorities.
- C. Disciplinary action may be taken against an applicant or licensee for not adhering to applicable laws pursuant to the terms, conditions and guidelines set forth in 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 Authority.
- E. Disciplinary actions may be imposed upon a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business licensee for:

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- 2. Falsification or misrepresentation of any material or information submitted to the Authority or other licensees;
- 3. Failing to allow or impeding entry by authorized representatives of the Authority;
- 4. Failure to adhere to any acknowledgement, verification or other representation made to the Authority;
- 5. Failure to submit or disclose information required by
  applicable laws, rules or regulations or otherwise requested by the
  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 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 Authority;
- 10. Threatening or harming a medical marijuana patient
  20 licensee, caregiver licensee, a medical practitioner or an employee
  21 of the Authority; and
- 22 11. Any other basis indicating a violation of the applicable 23 laws and regulations as identified by the Authority.

F. Disciplinary actions against a licensee may include the imposition of monetary penalties, which may be assessed by the Authority. The Authority may suspend or revoke a license for failure to pay any monetary penalty lawfully assessed by the Authority against a licensee.

- G. 1. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, penalties for sales, purchases or transfers for value of medical marijuana by a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business or employees or agents of the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business to persons other than those allowed by law occurring within any one-year time period may include an initial fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for a first violation and a fine of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for any subsequent violation.
- 2. Penalties for grossly inaccurate or fraudulent reporting occurring within any two-year time period may include an initial administrative fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for a first violation and an administrative fine of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for any subsequent violation. The medical marijuana business or adult use marijuana shall be subject to a revocation of any license granted pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act upon a second incident of grossly inaccurate or fraudulent reporting in a ten-year period by the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business or any employee or agent thereof.

3. After investigation by the Authority, the Authority may revoke the license of any person directly involved with the diversion of marijuana.

- 4. If the Authority, after investigation, is able to establish, by a preponderance of evidence, a pattern of diversion or negligence leading to diversion, the Authority may revoke any business licenses associated with the diversion and any entity with common ownership.
- H. 1. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, a first offense for intentional and impermissible diversion of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate, or medical marijuana products for value by a patient or caregiver to an unauthorized person shall be subject to an administrative fine of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00). The Authority shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this subsection.
- 2. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, an additional incident resulting in a second offense for impermissible diversion of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate, or medical marijuana products by a patient or caregiver to an unauthorized person for value shall be subject to an administrative fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and shall result in revocation of the license or licenses of the person.
- 3. Any person who shares less than three (3) grams of medical marijuana with an unauthorized person, without the transfer being for value or other consideration, shall not be subject to criminal

prosecution but shall be subject to an administrative fine of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).

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- The intentional diversion of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products by a licensed medical marijuana patient or caregiver, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business or employee of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business to an unauthorized minor person who the licensed medical marijuana patient or caregiver, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business or employee of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business knew or reasonably should have known to be a minor person shall be subject to an administrative fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). For an additional incident resulting in a second or subsequent offense, the licensed medical marijuana patient or caregiver, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business or employee of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business shall be subject to a cite and release citation and, upon a finding of guilt or a plea of no contest, a fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and automatic revocation of the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana license.
- J. In addition to any other remedies provided for by law, the Authority, pursuant to its rules and regulations, may issue a written order to any licensee the Authority has reason to believe has violated Sections 420 through 426.1 of this title, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, the Oklahoma Medical

Marijuana Waste Management Act, or any rules promulgated by the State Commissioner of Health Executive Director of the Authority and to whom the Authority has served, not less than thirty (30) days previously, a written notice of violation of such statutes or rules.

- 1. The written order shall state with specificity the nature of the violation. The Authority may impose any disciplinary action authorized under the provisions of this section including, but not limited to, the assessment of monetary penalties.
- 2. Any order issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall become a final order unless, not more than thirty (30) days after the order is served to the licensee, the licensee requests an administrative hearing in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Authority. Upon such request, the Authority shall promptly initiate administrative proceedings.
- K. Whenever the Authority finds that an emergency exists requiring immediate action in order to protect the health or welfare of the public, the Authority may issue an order, without providing notice or hearing, stating the existence of said emergency and requiring that action be taken as the Authority deems necessary to meet the emergency. Such action may include, but is not limited to, ordering the licensee to immediately cease and desist operations by the licensee. The order shall be effective immediately upon issuance. Any person to whom the order is directed shall comply immediately with the provisions of the order. The Authority may

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assess a penalty not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) per day of noncompliance with the order. In assessing such a penalty, the Authority shall consider the seriousness of the violation and any efforts to comply with applicable requirements. Upon application to the Authority, the licensee shall be offered a hearing within ten (10) days of the issuance of the order.
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L. All hearings held pursuant to this section shall be in accordance with the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act.

- 9 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.13, as
  10 amended by Section 14, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022,
  11 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 a state-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 this state is accounted for and shall implement an inventory tracking system. Pursuant to these duties, the Authority shall require that each medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility and medical marijuana waste disposal facility keep records for every transaction with another medical marijuana or adult use marijuana

business, patient or caregiver. Inventory shall be tracked and updated after each individual sale and reported to the Authority.

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- 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 and clones are planted,
  - 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 or adult use marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility and medical marijuana waste disposal facility shall use a seed-to-sale tracking system or integrate its own seed-to-sale

1 tracking system with the seed-to-sale tracking system established by 2 the Authority.

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- a. the name and license number of the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business that cultivated, manufactured or sold the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product,
- b. the address and phone number of the medical marijuana or adult use 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,
- q. all point-of-sale records,
- h. marijuana excise tax records, and
- i. any additional information as may be reasonably required by the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority.
- 5. All inventory tracking records retained by a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical

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1 | marijuana waste disposal facility containing medical marijuana
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- 2 | patient or caregiver information shall comply with all relevant
- 3 | state and federal laws including, but not limited to, the Health
- 4 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- 5 | SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.14, as
- 6 amended by Section 4, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022,
- 7 | Section 427.14), is amended to read as follows:
- 8 Section 427.14 A. There is hereby created the medical
- 9 | marijuana business license, which shall include the following
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- 1. Medical marijuana commercial grower;
- 12 | 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
- 17 | the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, shall develop a
- 18 | website for medical marijuana and adult use marijuana business
- 19 applications.
- 20 C. The Authority shall make available on its website in an
- 21 | easy-to-find location, applications for a medical marijuana and
- 22 | adult use marijuana business.

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D. 1. The annual, nonrefundable fee for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter license shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

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- 2. The initial fee for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower license shall be calculated based upon the total amount of square feet of canopy or acres the grower estimates will be harvested for the year. The annual, nonrefundable license fee shall be based upon the total amount of square feet of canopy harvested by the grower during the previous twelve (12) months. The amount of the fees shall be determined as follows:
  - a. For an indoor, greenhouse, or light deprivation medical marijuana or adult use marijuana grow facility:
    - (1) Tier 1: Up to ten thousand (10,000) square feet of canopy, the fee shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00),
    - (2) Tier 2: Ten thousand one (10,001) square feet of canopy to twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of canopy, the fee shall be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00),
    - (3) Tier 3: Twenty thousand one (20,001) square feet of canopy to forty thousand (40,000) square feet of canopy, the fee shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00),

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- (4) Tier 4: Forty thousand one (40,001) square feet of canopy to sixty thousand (60,000) square feet of canopy, the fee shall be Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00),
- (5) Tier 5: Sixty thousand one (60,001) square feet of canopy to eighty thousand (80,000) square feet of canopy, the fee shall be Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00),
- (6) Tier 6: Eighty thousand one (80,001) square feet of canopy to ninety-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (99,999) square feet of canopy, the fee shall be Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), and
- (7) Tier 7: One hundred thousand (100,000) square feet of canopy and beyond, the fee shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), plus an additional twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per square foot of canopy over one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet.
- b. For an outdoor medical marijuana <u>or adult use</u> marijuana grow facility:
  - (1) Tier 1: Up to two and one-half (2 1/2) acres, the fee shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00),

1		(2)	Tier 2: Two and one-half (2 1/2) acres up to
2			five (5) acres, the fee shall be Five Thousand
3			Dollars (\$5,000.00),
4		(3)	Tier 3: Five (5) acres up to ten (10) acres, the
5			fee shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00),
6		(4)	Tier 4: Ten (10) acres up to twenty (20) acres,
7			the fee shall be Twenty Thousand Dollars
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9		(5)	Tier 5: Twenty (20) acres up to thirty (30)
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12		(6)	Tier 6: Thirty (30) acres up to forty (40)
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15		(7)	Tier 7: Forty (40) acres up to fifty (50) acres,
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18		(8)	Tier 8: If the amount of acreage exceeds fifty
19			(50) acres, the fee shall be Fifty Thousand
20			Dollars (\$50,000.00) plus an additional Two
21			Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per acre.
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the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower shall be required to obtain a separate license from the Authority for each type of grow operation and shall be subject to the licensing fees provided for in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph.

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"canopy" means the total surface area within a cultivation area that is dedicated to the cultivation of flowering marijuana plants. The surface area of the plant canopy must be calculated in square feet and measured and must include all of the area within the boundaries where the cultivation of the flowering marijuana plants occurs. If the surface of the plant canopy consists of noncontiquous areas, each component area must be separated by identifiable boundaries. If a tiered or shelving system is used in the cultivation area, the surface area of each tier or shelf must be included in calculating the area of the plant canopy. Calculation of the area of the plant canopy may not include the areas within the cultivation area that are used to cultivate immature marijuana

1 plants and seedlings, prior to flowering, and 2 that are not used at any time to cultivate mature marijuana plants. If the flowering plants are 3 vertically grown in cylinders, the square footage 5 of the canopy shall be measured by the 6 circumference of the cylinder multiplied by the 7 total length of the cylinder, "greenhouse" means a structure located outdoors (2) 8 9 that is completely covered by a material that 10 allows a controlled level of light transmission, 11 and 12 "light deprivation" means a structure that has (3) 1.3 concrete floors and the ability to manipulate 14 natural light. 15 3. The annual, nonrefundable license fee for a medical 16 marijuana or adult use marijuana processor license shall be 17 determined as follows: 18 Tier 1: Zero (0) to ten thousand (10,000) pounds of 19 biomass or production or use of up to one hundred (100) liters of cannabis concentrate, the annual fee 20 2.1 shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars

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Tier 2: Ten thousand one (10,001) pounds to fifty

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use from one hundred one (101) to three hundred fifty

(350) liters of cannabis concentrate, the annual fee

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- c. Tier 3: Fifty thousand one (50,001) pounds to one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) pounds of biomass or production or use from three hundred fifty-one (351) to six hundred fifty (650) liters of cannabis concentrate, the annual fee shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00),
- d. Tier 4: One hundred fifty thousand one (150,001) pounds to three hundred thousand (300,000) pounds of biomass or production or use from six hundred fiftyone (651) to one thousand (1,000) liters of cannabis concentrate, the annual fee shall be Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), and
- e. Tier 5: More than three hundred thousand one

  (300,001) pounds of biomass or production or use in

  excess of one thousand one (1,001) liters of cannabis

  concentrate, the annual fee shall be Twenty Thousand

  Dollars (\$20,000.00).

For purposes of this paragraph only, if the cannabis concentrate is in nonliquid form, every one thousand (1,000) grams of concentrated marijuana shall be calculated as one (1) liter of cannabis concentrate.

4. The initial fee for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary license shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). The annual, nonrefundable license fee for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary license shall be calculated at ten percent (10%) of the sum of twelve (12) calendar months of the combined annual state sales tax and state excise tax of the dispensary. The minimum fee shall be not less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and the maximum fee shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

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- 5. The annual, nonrefundable license fee for a medical marijuana testing laboratory shall be Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).
- E. All applicants seeking licensure or licensure renewal as a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business shall comply with the following general requirements:
- 1. All applications for licenses and registrations authorized pursuant to this section shall be made upon forms prescribed by the Authority;
- 2. Each application shall identify the city or county in which the applicant seeks to obtain licensure as a medical marijuana  $\underline{\text{or}}$  adult use marijuana business;
- 3. Applicants shall submit a complete application to the Authority before the application may be accepted or considered;

1 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. twenty-five (25) years of age or older,
  - b. if applying as an individual, proof that the applicant is an Oklahoma resident pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,
  - c. if applying as an entity, proof that seventy-five percent (75%) of all members, managers, executive officers, partners, board members or any other form of business ownership are Oklahoma residents pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,
  - d. if applying as an individual or entity, proof that the individual or entity is registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma,

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e. disclosure of all ownership interests pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act,

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- f. proof that the medical marijuana or adult use

  marijuana business, medical marijuana research

  facility, medical marijuana education facility and

  medical marijuana waste disposal facility applicant or

  licensee has not been convicted of a nonviolent felony

  in the last two (2) years, or any other felony

  conviction within the last five (5) years, is not a

  current inmate in the custody of the Department of

  Corrections, 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 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 9. All applicants for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business license, research facility license or education facility license authorized by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and

Patient Protection Act, or for a renewal of such license, 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

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- d. all owners of an entity as defined by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 10. All applicable fees charged by the 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 or adult use 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 identification card,
  - c. a utility bill preceding the date of application, excluding cellular telephone and Internet bills,

d. a residential property deed to property in the State of Oklahoma, and

e. a rental agreement preceding the date of application

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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 August 30, 2019, 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 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 of an Oklahoma driver license,
  - b. front of an Oklahoma identification card,
  - c. a United States passport or other photo identification issued by the United States government, or
  - d. 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 or adult use marijuana business application; approve, reject or deny the application; and mail the approval, rejection, denial or statusupdate letter to the applicant within ninety (90) business days of receipt of the application.

- G. 1. The Authority shall review the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business applications and conduct all investigations, inspections and interviews before approving the application.
- 2. Approved applicants shall be issued a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business license for the specific category applied under, which shall act as proof of their approved status. Rejection and denial letters shall provide a reason for the rejection or denial. Applications may only be rejected or denied based on the applicant not meeting the standards set forth in the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and Sections 420 through 426.1 of this title, improper completion of the application, or for a reason provided for in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and Sections 420 through 426.1 of this title. 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. Unless the Authority determines otherwise, an

application that has been resubmitted but is still incomplete or contains errors that are not clerical or typographical in nature shall be denied.

- 3. Status-update letters shall provide a reason for delay in either approval, rejection or denial should a situation arise in which an application was submitted properly but a delay in processing the application occurred.
- 4. Approval, rejection, denial or status-update letters shall be sent to the applicant in the same method the application was submitted to the Authority.
- H. A license for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility 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 or adult use marijuana business, or
- b. pay taxes, interest or penalties due related to a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business;
- 6. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer or prosecuting officer, or an officer or employee of the Authority or municipality;
- 7. A person whose authority to be a caregiver, as defined in Section 427.2 of this title, has been revoked by the Authority; or
- 8. A person who was involved in the management or operations of any medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility that, after the initiation of a disciplinary action, has had a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana license revoked, not renewed, or surrendered during the five (5) years preceding submission of the application and for the following violations:
  - a. unlawful sales or purchases,
  - b. any fraudulent acts, falsification of records or misrepresentation to the Authority, medical marijuana patient licensees, caregiver licensees or medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business licensees,

c. any grossly inaccurate or fraudulent reporting,

d. threatening or harming any medical marijuana patient, caregiver, medical practitioner or employee of the Authority,

- e. knowingly or intentionally refusing to permit the Authority access to premises or records,
- f. using a prohibited, hazardous substance for processing in a residential area,
- g. criminal acts relating to the operation of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, or
- h. any violations that endanger public health and safety or product safety.
- I. In investigating the qualifications of an applicant or a licensee, the 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.
- J. The failure of an applicant or licensee to provide the requested information by the Authority deadline may be grounds for denial of the application.
- K. All applicants and licensees shall submit information to the Authority in a full, faithful, truthful and fair manner. The Authority may recommend denial of an application where the applicant or licensee made misstatements, omissions, misrepresentations or untruths in the application or in connection with the background

investigation of the applicant. This type of conduct may be grounds for administrative action against the applicant or licensee. Typos and scrivener errors shall not be grounds for denial.

- L. A licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business premises shall be subject to and responsible for compliance with applicable provisions consistent with the zoning where such business is located 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 a municipality or appropriate code enforcement entity.
- M. All medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility and medical marijuana waste disposal facility licensees shall pay the relevant licensure fees prior to receiving licensure to operate.
- N. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility that attempts to renew its license after the expiration date of the license shall pay a late renewal fee in an amount to be determined by the Authority to reinstate the license. Late renewal fees are nonrefundable. A license that has been expired for more than ninety (90) days shall not be renewed.

O. No medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business,

medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education

facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility shall possess,

sell or transfer medical marijuana or medical marijuana products

without a valid, unexpired license issued by the Authority.

SECTION 14. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 328, O.S.L.

2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.14b), is amended to read as

follows:

Section 427.14b A. Beginning January 1, 2024, the Oklahoma

Medical Marijuana Authority shall require employees of a medical

marijuana or adult use marijuana business licensee to apply for and

receive a credential authorizing the employee to work in a licensed

medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business.

- B. The Authority may contract with one or more third-party vendors to provide the credentialing services necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.
- C. The Authority shall determine the services to be provided by such third-party vendor and shall establish costs and prices. If contracted for credentialing services, a third-party vendor shall on behalf of the Authority conduct the background checks and verify eligibility and suitability for any employees of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business license holder to obtain a credential.

D. Upon successful completion by the third-party vendor of the statutorily required background checks and verification of eligibility and suitability for an employee, the third-party vendor shall issue a credential to the employee. The results of background checks and verifications shall be provided to the Authority by the third-party vendor.

- E. If the third-party vendor determines that an employee of a medical marijuana or adult use 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.
- F. 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 the provisions of Section 420 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority.
- G. The Executive Director of the Authority may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.
- SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.15, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 427.15 A. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority is hereby authorized to develop policies and procedures for disclosure

by a medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> business of financial interest and ownership.

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Upon the effective date of this act, current medical 3 4 marijuana or adult use marijuana business licensees and applicants 5 seeking licensure as a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business shall be required to submit under penalty of perjury an 6 7 attestation confirming or denying the existence of any foreign financial interests in the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana 8 business operation and shall disclose the identity of such 10 ownership, if applicable. Medical marijuana or adult use marijuana 11 business licensees shall, within sixty (60) days after the effective 12 date of this act, submit such attestation to the Oklahoma State 13 Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control. Applicants for a 14 medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business license shall, 15 within sixty (60) days after the approval of a medical marijuana or 16 adult use marijuana business license application by the Oklahoma 17 Medical Marijuana Authority, submit such attestation to the Bureau. 18 Failure to submit the attestation or accompanying information to the 19 Bureau within the specified sixty-day time period shall result in 20 the immediate revocation of the medical marijuana or adult use 21 marijuana business license. The Bureau shall prescribe the form of 22 the attestation required under the provisions of this subsection and 23 shall make the form available on its publicly accessible Internet 24 website.

SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.16, as amended by Section 16, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.16), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.16 A. There is hereby created a medical marijuana and adult use marijuana transporter license as a category of the medical marijuana business license.

- B. Pursuant to Section 424 of this title, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall issue a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter license to licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial growers, processors and dispensaries upon issuance of such licenses and upon each renewal. Medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter licenses shall also be issued to licensed medical marijuana research facilities, medical marijuana education facilities and medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratories upon issuance of such licenses and upon each renewal.
- C. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter license may also be issued to qualifying applicants who are registered with the Secretary of State and otherwise meet the requirements for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business license set forth in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the requirements set forth in this section to provide logistics, distribution and storage of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products.

D. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter license shall be valid for one (1) year and shall not be transferred with a change of ownership. A licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter shall be responsible for all medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana 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, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products from a licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business to another medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, or from a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business to a medical marijuana research facility or medical marijuana education facility.
- F. A medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> transporter licensee may contract with multiple licensed medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> businesses.
- G. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter may maintain a licensed premises to temporarily store medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products and to use as a centralized distribution point. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter may store and distribute medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products from the licensed premises. The licensed premises shall

meet all security requirements applicable to a medical marijuana  $\underline{\text{or}}$  adult use marijuana business.

- H. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter licensee shall use the seed-to-sale tracking system developed pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to create shipping manifests documenting the transport of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products throughout the state.
- I. A licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter may maintain and operate one or more warehouses in the state to handle medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products. Each location shall be registered and inspected by the Authority prior to its use.
- J. With the exception of a lawful transfer between medical marijuana or adult use marijuana businesses who are licensed to operate at the same physical address, all medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products 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 or adult use marijuana business, licensed medical marijuana research facility or licensed medical marijuana education facility. The 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, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products.
- M. The annual fee for a transporter agent license shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be paid by the transporter license holder or the individual applicant. Transporter license reprints shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).
- 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 current state residency;
- 3. Proof of identity as required for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business license;
  - 4. Possession of a valid state-issued driver license;
  - 5. Verification of employment with a licensed transporter;

6. The application and affiliated fee; and

7. A copy of the criminal background check conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, paid for by the applicant.

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- O. If the transporter agent application is denied, the 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 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.
- R. The Authority may revoke or suspend the transporter license of a transporter that the Authority determines knowingly aided or facilitated a violation of any provision of this section, and the license holder 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:
  - 1. Insured at or above the legal requirements in this state;
  - 2. Capable of securing medical marijuana during transport; and
- 3. In possession of a shipping container as defined in Section 427.2 of this title capable of securing all transported products.

T. Prior to the transport of any medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana 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:
  - a. 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;
- 2. For the end recipient license holder of the medical marijuana:
  - 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;

- 1 6. Printed names and signatures of the personnel accompanying the transport; and
  - Notation of the transporting licensee.

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- U. A separate inventory manifest shall be prepared for each 1. licensee receiving the medical marijuana.
- The transporter agent shall provide the other medical marijuana or adult use 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. A receiving licensee shall refuse to accept any medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products that are not accompanied by an inventory manifest.
- 4. Originating and receiving licensees shall maintain copies of inventory manifests and logs of quantities of medical marijuana received for seven (7) years from date of receipt.
- 17 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.17, as 18 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp.
- 19 2022, Section 427.17), is amended to read as follows:
- 20 Section 427.17 A. There is hereby created a medical marijuana 21 or adult use marijuana testing laboratory license as a category of 22 the medical marijuana business license. The Oklahoma Medical 23 Marijuana Authority is hereby enabled to monitor, inspect and audit

a licensed testing laboratory under the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.

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- B. 1. The Authority is hereby authorized to contract with a private laboratory for the purpose of conducting compliance testing of medical marijuana or adult use 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 or adult use marijuana testing in this state. The laboratory the Authority contracts with for compliance testing shall not employ, or be owned by, the following:
  - a. any individual that has a direct or indirect interest in a licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, or
  - b. any individual or his or her spouse, parent, child, spouse of a child, sibling or spouse of a sibling that has an application for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business license pending before the Authority or is a member of the board of directors of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, or is an individual financially interested in any licensee or medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business located within this state.
- 2. The private laboratory under contract with the Authority for compliance testing and a board or committee comprised of licensed

1 Oklahoma medical marijuana or adult use marijuana laboratories currently accredited by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) shall provide to the Authority its recommendations for all equipment and standards to be utilized by licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratories when testing samples of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate, and medical marijuana products as well as standard operating procedures when extracting and testing medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate, and medical marijuana products. The recommendations shall be submitted to the Authority no later than June 1, 2023. The Authority shall have ninety (90) days from the date it receives the recommendations to promulgate new rules or modify its current rules for laboratory standards and Beginning June 1, 2024, medical marijuana or adult use testing. marijuana testing laboratories renewing their medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business license shall be subject to and comply with any new or modified rules relating to the testing of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate, and medical marijuana products. The refusal or failure of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory licensee to comply with new or modified rules relating to laboratory standards and testing procedures promulgated under the provisions of this paragraph shall result in the permanent revocation of the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory license.

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C. The Authority shall develop acceptable testing practices including, but not limited to, testing, standards, quality control analysis, equipment certification and calibration, and chemical identification and substances used.

- D. A person who is a direct beneficial owner of a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary, medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower or medical marijuana or adult use 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 or adult use marijuana testing laboratory license may be issued to a person who performs testing on medical marijuana and medical marijuana products for medical marijuana and adult use marijuana businesses, medical marijuana research facilities, medical marijuana education facilities, and testing on marijuana and marijuana products grown or produced by a patient or caregiver on behalf of a patient, upon verification of registration. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory may also conduct research related to the development and improvement of its testing practices and procedures. No stateapproved medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing facility

shall operate unless a medical laboratory director is on site during operational hours.

- H. Laboratory applicants and licensees shall comply with the application requirements of this section and shall submit such other information as required for a medical marijuana or adult use <a href="marijuana">marijuana</a> 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 or adult use marijuana testing laboratory may accept samples of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana product from a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility or medical marijuana education facility for testing purposes only, which purposes may include the provision of testing services for samples submitted by a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business for product development. The Authority may require a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business to submit a sample of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana product to a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing or quality assurance laboratory upon demand.
- J. A medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> testing laboratory may accept samples of <u>medical</u> marijuana, <u>medical</u> marijuana concentrate or <u>medical</u> marijuana product from an individual person for testing only under the following conditions:

1. The individual person is a patient or caregiver pursuant to 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 or adult use 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 or adult use marijuana testing laboratory may transfer samples to another medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory for testing. All laboratory reports provided to or by a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business or to a patient or caregiver shall identify the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory that actually conducted the test.
- L. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory may utilize a licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter to transport samples of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana product for testing, in accordance with the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the rules adopted pursuant thereto, between the originating medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business requesting testing services and the destination laboratory performing testing services.

The medical marijuana or adult use 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 or adult use 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 or adult use marijuana business that provided the sample. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory shall not test samples for any medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business in which an owner, employee or agent of the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory has any form of ownership or financial interest in the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business.

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N. The Authority, pursuant to rules promulgated by the Executive Director of the Authority, 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;

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- 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 harvest and production batches or samples containing medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products are identified and tracked from the point they are transferred from a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business, a patient or a caregiver through the point of transfer,

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destruction or disposal. The inventory tracking system reporting

shall include the results of any tests that are conducted on medical

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- 10. The employment of laboratory personnel;
- 7 11. A written standard operating procedure manual to be 8 maintained and updated by the laboratory;
  - 12. The successful participation in a proficiency testing program approved by the Executive Director for each testing category listed in this section, in order to obtain and maintain certification:
    - 13. The establishment of and adherence to a quality assurance and quality control program to ensure sufficient monitoring of laboratory processes and quality of results reported;
  - 14. The immediate recall of medical marijuana or medical marijuana products that test above allowable thresholds or are otherwise determined to be unsafe;
  - 15. The establishment by the laboratory of a system to document the complete chain of custody for samples from receipt through disposal;
- 22 16. 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

- 17. Any other aspect of laboratory testing of medical marijuana or medical marijuana product deemed necessary by the Executive Director.
- O. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory shall promptly provide the Authority or designee of the 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 or adult use marijuana business or qualified patient. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory shall also provide access to the Authority or designee of the Authority to laboratory premises and to any material or information requested by the Authority to determine compliance with the requirements of this section.
- P. A medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory shall retain all results of laboratory tests conducted on marijuana or products for a period of at least seven (7) years and shall make them available to the Authority upon request.
- Q. A medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> testing laboratory shall test samples from each harvest batch or product batch, as appropriate, of <u>medical</u> marijuana, <u>medical</u> marijuana concentrate and <u>medical</u> marijuana product for each of the following

- 1 categories of testing, consistent with standards developed by the 2 Executive Director:
- 3 1. Microbials;
- 4 2. Mycotoxins;
- 5 3. Residual solvents;
- 6 4. Pesticides;

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- 5. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and other cannabinoid potency;
  - 6. Terpenoid type and concentration; and
- 7. Heavy metals.
- A licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing 10 R. 11 laboratory shall test each individual harvest batch. A grower shall separate each harvest lot of usable marijuana into harvest batches 12 13 containing no more than fifteen (15) pounds, with the exception of 14 any plant material to be sold to a licensed processor for the 15 purposes of turning the plant material into concentrate which may be 16 separated into harvest batches of no more than fifty (50) pounds. A 17 processor shall separate each medical marijuana production lot into 18 production batches containing no more than four (4) liters of 19 concentrate or nine (9) pounds for nonliquid products, and for final 20 products, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall be 21 authorized to promulgate rules on final products as necessary. 22 Provided, however, the Authority shall not require testing of final 23 products less often than every one thousand (1,000) grams of THC. As used in this subsection, "final products" shall include, but not 24

be limited to, cookies, brownies, candies, gummies, beverages and chocolates.

- S. Medical marijuana or adult use 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 or adult use marijuana testing laboratory shall be inspected prior to initial licensure and up to two (2) times per year thereafter by an inspector approved by the Authority. The Authority may enter the licensed premises of a testing laboratory to conduct investigations and additional inspections when the Authority believes an investigation or additional inspection is necessary due to a possible violation of applicable laws, rules or regulations.
- U. Medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratories shall obtain accreditation by an accrediting body approved by the Executive Director within one (1) year of the date the initial license is issued. Renewal of any medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory license shall be contingent upon accreditation in accordance with this subsection. All medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratories shall obtain accreditation prior to applying for and receiving a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory license.

V. Unless authorized by the provisions of this section, 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 or adult use marijuana testing laboratory and passed all contaminant tests required by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and applicable laws, rules and regulations. A licensed commercial grower may transfer medical marijuana that has failed testing to a licensed processor only for the purposes of decontamination or remediation and only in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Director. Remediated and decontaminated medical marijuana may be returned only to the originating licensed commercial grower.

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W. Kief shall not be transferred or sold except as authorized in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Director.

SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.18, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.18), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.18 A. A medical marijuana or adult use 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 Executive Director of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority.

- B. A medical marijuana or adult use 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 or adult use 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 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.
- C. 1. Medical marijuana and adult use 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 or adult use 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 person 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, or consumer.
- D. The Executive Director 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:
  - 1. THC and other cannabinoid potency, and terpenoid potency;
- 2. A statement indicating that the product has been tested for contaminants;
- 3. One or more product warnings to be determined by the Executive Director; and
- 4. Any other information the Executive Director deems necessary.

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SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.19, as amended by Section 19, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.19), is amended to read as follows:
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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 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act for the limited research purposes identified in this section.
- B. The annual 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 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana 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;
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- 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 Authority shall grant the application if it determines that the applicant meets the criteria in this section.

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- 2. 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:
  - 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 Authority may revoke a medical marijuana research license for violations of this section and any other violation of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.

- 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 this state 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.

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1 SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.20, as
2 amended by Section 20, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022,
3 Section 427.20), is amended to read as follows:
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Section 427.20 A. There is hereby created a medical marijuana education facility license.

- 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 a not-for-profit organization in this state registered with the Office of the Secretary of State.
- D. A medical marijuana education facility license may only be granted upon the submission of an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority.
- E. A medical marijuana education facility license may be issued for the following education and research purposes:
- 1. 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;

- 1 4. To conduct genomic, horticultural or agricultural research;
  2 and
  - 5. To conduct research on marijuana-affiliated products or systems.

- 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 project and curriculum 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 Authority may revoke a medical marijuana education facility license for violations of this section and any other violation of applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- 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 this state 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 21. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.21, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.21), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.21 A. A medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> business shall not engage in advertising that is deceptive, false or misleading.

- B. Medical marijuana or adult use marijuana advertising shall not contain any statement or illustration that:
  - 1. Promotes overconsumption;

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- 2. Represents that the use of marijuana has curative or therapeutic effects; or
  - 3. Depicts a child or other person under legal age to consume marijuana, or includes:
    - which suggest the presence of a child, or any other depiction designed in any manner to be especially appealing to children or other persons under legal age to consume marijuana, or
    - any manner or design that would be especially appealing to children or other persons under eighteen
       (18) years of age.
  - C. Upon the effective date of this act, all medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower licensees shall be required to post signage at the site of the commercial grow operation.

    Signage shall be located at the perimeter of the property with dimensions measuring no less than eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches with a font size of no less than two (2) inches.

Information required to be displayed on the sign shall be in black standardized font on a white background. The Oklahoma Medical

Marijuana Authority shall promulgate rules as necessary regarding the size, placement, issuance and specifications of the required signage. The following information shall be included on the required signage:

1. Business name;

- 2. Physical address of the licensed business;
- 3. Phone number of the licensed business; and
- 4. Medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana commercial grower</u> business license number.

The required signage shall also comply with county regulations and local ordinances related to the real property where the commercial grow operation is located. Failure to erect the proper signage within sixty (60) days after the renewal of each application for a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower license in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall result in the immediate revocation of the medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower license. Upon issuance of a temporary license, all medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower licensees shall be required to comply with the provisions of this subsection prior to the prelicensure inspection conducted by the Authority.

1 SECTION 22. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.22, as
2 amended by Section 21, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022,
3 Section 427.22), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.22 A. All medical marijuana patient and caregiver records and information including, but not limited to, any application or renewal and supporting information submitted by a qualifying patient or designated caregiver under the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and information regarding the physician of the qualifying patient shall be considered confidential medical records that are exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

- B. The dispensary records with patient <u>or consumer</u> information shall be treated as confidential records that are exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
- C. All financial information provided by an applicant or a licensee in an application to the Authority shall be treated as confidential records that are exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
- D. All information provided by an applicant or a licensee 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.

- F. All monthly report, inventory tracking and seed-to-sale information, data and records submitted to the Authority shall be treated as confidential records and are exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
- G. Except for license information concerning licensed patients, the Authority may share confidential information with other state agencies to assist those agencies in ensuring compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- SECTION 23. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.24, as amended by Section 23, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.24), is amended to read as follows:
  - Section 427.24 A. Whenever an authorized agent of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority finds, in whole or in part, that the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product fails to meet the requirements of Sections 420 through 426.1 of this title or the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act as it relates to health and safety, the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product is handled in violation of applicable laws or rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Director of the Authority, or the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product may be

poisonous, deleterious to health or is otherwise unsafe, an electronic or physical tag or other appropriate marking or hold shall be affixed to the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product which shall give notice that the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product is or is suspected of being manufactured, produced, transferred, sold or offered for sale in violation of applicable laws or rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Director and is embargoed. The notice shall further provide a warning to all persons not to remove or dispose of the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product until permission for removal or disposal is given by the Executive Director. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or dispose of the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product embargoed without permission by the Executive Director.

B. If the Executive Director finds that medical marijuana or medical marijuana product embargoed pursuant to subsection A of this section does not meet the requirements of applicable laws or rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Director, or is poisonous, deleterious to health or otherwise unsafe, the Executive Director may institute an action in the district court in whose jurisdiction the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product is embargoed for the condemnation and destruction of the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product. If the Executive Director finds that the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product

embargoed does meet the requirements of applicable laws and the
rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Director and is
not poisonous, deleterious to health or otherwise unsafe, the
Executive Director shall remove the embargo. In any court
proceeding regarding an embargo, neither the Authority or the
Executive Director shall be held liable if the court finds
reasonable belief for the embargo.

- C. Except as otherwise provided in subsection D of this section, if the court finds that the embargoed medical marijuana or medical marijuana product, in whole or in part, is in violation of any applicable laws or rules and regulations promulgated by the Executive Director or is poisonous, deleterious to health or otherwise unsafe, the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product shall be destroyed at the expense of the defendant under the supervision of the Executive Director. All court costs, fees, costs of storage and disposal and other proper expenses shall be paid by the defendant of the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product.
- D. The court may order that the medical marijuana or medical marijuana product be delivered to the defendant for appropriate labeling or processing under the supervision of the Executive Director only if:
- 1. The violation can be corrected by proper processing of medical marijuana or medical marijuana product;
  - 2. All costs, fees and expenses have been paid; and

3. A sufficient bond is executed and conditioned for appropriate labeling or processing as the court may require.

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The expense of supervision shall be paid to the Executive

Director by the person obtaining release of the medical marijuana or

medical marijuana product under bond.

SECTION 24. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 427.25), is amended to read as follows:

Section 427.25 A. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall implement rules to employ secret shoppers. Secret shoppers shall purchase medical marijuana or marijuana products from licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensaries.

B. For each purchase, the secret shopper shall buy an amount of medical marijuana or marijuana products sufficient for five complete compliance tests. Four samples shall be tested by licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratories, one of which shall be the laboratory of origin, if applicable. One sample shall be kept in reserve by the Authority in the event of a discrepancy between the testing laboratories, which may require retesting of the medical marijuana or marijuana products. When making purchases from a licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary, the secret shopper shall ask for the certificate of analysis for each product purchased.

The secret shopper shall deliver the medical marijuana or marijuana products to a quality assurance laboratory for homogenization. Once the samples have been homogenized, the samples shall be delivered to four randomly selected licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratories for compliance testing which shall include the testing for pesticides, heavy metals, microbials, residual solvents for extracted products, and potency. One sample shall be kept by the Authority in reserve. If the medical marijuana or marijuana products were previously tested with available results from a licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory, that testing laboratory shall be one of the four licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratories chosen by the Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary nor the licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory shall be told that the business entity is selling medical marijuana or marijuana products to a secret shopper or testing samples submitted by a secret shopper employed by the Authority and posing as a licensed medical marijuana patient or consumer.

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D. The Authority shall inspect, by secret shopper, a minimum of fifty licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensaries annually beginning January 1, 2024. In the year 2025, the Authority shall inspect, by secret shopper, a minimum of ten percent (10%) of

randomly selected licensed medical marijuana <u>or adult use marijuana</u> dispensaries in Oklahoma per year.

- marijuana testing laboratories unanimously confirm test results with safety failures for contaminants, the Authority shall recall the medical marijuana or marijuana product within seven (7) days of obtaining the test results. The name of the licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary and any other relevant product information shall be made public via a press release issued by the Authority. If there is greater than one but less than four contaminant fails among the licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratories, the Authority shall work with a quality assurance laboratory to verify the results of the licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratories and take appropriate action.
- 2. When the average of total potency or total terpene results collected from a licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana testing laboratory for a particular product is outside the allowable limits, the Authority shall work with a quality assurance laboratory to verify the results of the testing laboratory. If results are verified to be outside the allowable limits, the Authority shall require relabeling of the medical marijuana or marijuana products.
- 3. All investigative results shall be retained by the Authority for a minimum of three (3) years.

4. The Authority shall implement rules to notify any licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary and licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower or licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana processor of any investigative results determined to be noncompliant.

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- 5. After the licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana dispensary and licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana commercial grower or licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana processor is notified of the investigative results, such results may be used by the Authority to take action against the licensee, assess fines, or assess other civil penalties available to the Authority.
- 6. The Authority shall implement rules on sharing such investigative results with any other law enforcement agencies or regulatory authorities.
- 7. The Authority may elect to conduct further evaluations of the investigative results at any time for verification or for other purposes reasonably related to sanitation, public health, or public safety.
- F. The failure of any licensed medical marijuana or adult use marijuana business to cooperate with the provisions of this section may result in the revocation of the license at the discretion of the Authority.

- G. The Authority shall implement rules necessary to enforce the provisions of this act.
- 3 SECTION 25. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 428.1, is 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 Section 428.1 As used in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste 6 Management Act:
- 7 1. "Authority" shall mean the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana 8 Authority, or successor agency;

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- 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 disposition of medical marijuana waste by a process which renders the waste unusable and unrecognizable through physical destruction or a recycling process;
  - 4. "Facility" shall mean the licensed or permitted premises where the disposal of medical marijuana waste takes place by a licensee:
  - 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 Marijuana waste" shall mean:
- a. 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 seeds, roots, stems,

stalks and fan leaves, and

- b. all product which is deemed to fail laboratory testing and cannot be remediated or decontaminated; and
- 8. "Medical marijuana Marijuana waste disposal license" shall mean a license issued by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, or successor agency.

SECTION 26. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 429, is amended to read as follows:

Section 429. A. Medical marijuana Marijuana waste shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act and shall not be subject to the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. Nothing in 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. Roots;

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1 2. Stems;
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- 3. Fan leaves;
- 4. Seeds; or
- 5. Stalks.

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.

SECTION 27. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 430, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 430), is amended to read as follows:

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 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

1 Authority shall deny the license. The Authority may, upon determining that public health or safety requires emergency action, issue a temporary license for treatment or storage of medical 3 4 marijuana waste for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days. 5 Authority shall not, for the first year of the licensure program, issue more than ten medical marijuana waste disposal licenses. Upon 6 7 the conclusion of the first year, the Authority shall assess the need for additional medical marijuana waste disposal licenses and 9 shall, if demonstrated, increase the number of licenses as deemed 10 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,

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- f. an attestation that the commercial entity will not be located on tribal land,
- g. telephone number and email address of the entity, and

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- 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:
  - a. the first, middle and last name of the applicant and suffix, if applicable,
  - b. the residence address and mailing address of the applicant,
  - c. the date of birth of the applicant,
  - d. the preferred telephone number and email address of the applicant,
  - e. an attestation that the information provided by the applicant is true and correct, and
  - f. a statement signed by the applicant pledging not to divert marijuana to any individual or entity that is not lawfully entitled to possess marijuana; and
- 3. Each application shall be accompanied by the following documentation:
  - a. a list of all persons or entities that have an ownership interest in the entity,

- a certificate of good standing from the Secretary of State, if applicable,
  - c. an Affidavit of Lawful Presence for each owner,

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- d. proof that the proposed location of the disposal facility is at least one thousand (1,000) feet from a school. The distance indicated in this subparagraph shall be measured from the nearest property line of such school to the nearest perimeter wall of the premises of such disposal facility. If any school is established within one thousand (1,000) feet of any disposal facility after such disposal facility has been licensed, the provisions of this subparagraph shall not be a deterrent to the renewal of such license or warrant revocation of the license. For the purposes of this section, "school" shall mean the same as provided in Section 427.2 of this title, 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 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.

- 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 any facility of the licensee. If the Authority receives a complaint concerning noncompliance by a licensee with the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act, the Authority may conduct additional unannounced, on-site inspections beyond an annual inspection. The Authority may 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 an annual 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 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority Revolving Fund as provided in Section 427.5 of this title.
- G. The holder of a medical marijuana waste disposal license shall not be required to obtain a medical marijuana or adult use marijuana transporter license provided for in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act for purposes of transporting medical marijuana waste.

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