

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

SB 475 defines “straw person or party” as it relates to medical marijuana as a third party who is put up in name only to take part in a transaction. The measure provides that in the event the Director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control revokes a registration, the registrant of the land shall be required to hold controlled dangerous substances not impounded or preserved by the Director. None of the held substances may be purchased, distributed, sold, or transferred. If the revocation is finalized, all such controlled dangerous substances shall be forfeited to the state or otherwise considered waste and submitted to a licensed waste disposal service.

The measure authorizes the Director to issue a written order to be served on the parties before annulling, conditioning, suspending or revoking any registration that the Director has reason to believe is operating inconsistent with current requirements. The written order shall state with specificity the nature of the violation or basis for the action. The period a registrant has to appear before the Director disputing annulment of the registration is increased from 30 days to 60 days. All proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and the rules and regulations of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control without regard to any criminal prosecution or other proceeding.

The Director may issue an order immediately suspending a registration, without notice or a hearing, when there is cause to believe there is imminent danger to public health or safety. The Director is further authorized to levy a \$5,000.00 per day fine for any violation relating to federal law relating to controlled dangerous substances, rules implemented by the Bureau, or Oklahoma state law relating to controlled dangerous substances. Upon an annulment, revocation, or denial of a registration the Director may prohibit the registrant or applicant from reapplying for registration for a period up to 5 years following the date of the final order.

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