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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING MEASURES TO ALLOW GREATER INVESTMENT**  
102      **FLEXIBILITY IN MARIJUANA BUSINESSES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill repeals the provisions that require limited passive investors to go through an initial background check. The bill repeals the provisions that limit the number of out-of-state direct beneficial owners to 15 persons. The bill repeals the provision that prohibits publicly traded corporations from holding a marijuana license.

The bill creates 2 new ownership licenses, controlling beneficial

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owners and passive beneficial owners. The bill gives the state licensing authority rule-making authority related to the parameters of, qualifications of, disclosure of, requirements for, and suitability for the new license types. A controlling beneficial owner is a person that is the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the securities of a marijuana business, is an affiliate, or is otherwise in a position to exercise control of the marijuana business. A passive beneficial owner is a person that is not an affiliate of a marijuana business, has no control over the marijuana business, and owns less than 10% of the securities of a marijuana business.

The bill requires a person intending to apply to become a controlling beneficial owner or passive beneficial owner to receive a finding of suitability or an exemption from the state licensing authority prior to submitting a marijuana business application. When applying for suitability, a person must disclose all of its officers, directors, and affiliates; all controlling beneficial owners; if a publicly traded corporation, all of its controlling beneficial owners of 10% or more; and, if not a publicly traded corporation, all of its officers, directors, beneficial owners, affiliates, and passive beneficial owners. The bill also requires a marijuana business or controlling beneficial owner that is a publicly traded corporation to comply with various notification, disclosure, notice, and suitability requirements. The bill limits the types of publicly traded corporations that can be marijuana businesses or controlling beneficial owners.

Current statutes list areas in which the state licensing authority may adopt rules but does not limit the rules to those areas. The bill limits the state licensing authority's power to adopt rules to those areas listed in statutes.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-11-104, **amend**  
3 (1), (4), (12), (21), and (23) and; **add** (1.1), (1.2), (1.3), (1.4), (1.5), (9.5),  
4 (11.5), (19.1), (19.2), (22.7), (23.1), (23.5), and (25.5) as follows:

5 **44-11-104. Definitions.** As used in this article 11, unless the  
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (1) ~~"Direct beneficial interest owner" means a person or closely~~  
8 ~~held business entity that owns a share or shares of stock in a licensed~~  
9 ~~medical marijuana business, including the officers, directors, managing~~  
10 ~~members, or partners of the licensed medical marijuana business or~~

1 ~~closely held business entity, or a qualified limited passive investor~~  
2 "ACQUIRE" WHEN USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF AN  
3 OWNER'S INTEREST OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS, MEANS  
4 OBTAINING OWNERSHIP, CONTROL, POWER TO VOTE, OR SOLE POWER OF  
5 DISPOSITION OF THE OWNER'S INTEREST, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OR  
6 THROUGH ONE OR MORE TRANSACTIONS OR SUBSIDIARIES, THROUGH  
7 PURCHASE, ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE, SUCCESSION, OR OTHER  
8 MEANS.

9 (1.1) "ACTING IN CONCERT" MEANS KNOWING PARTICIPATION IN  
10 A JOINT ACTIVITY OR INTERDEPENDENT CONSCIOUS PARALLEL ACTION  
11 TOWARD A COMMON GOAL, WHETHER OR NOT PURSUANT TO AN EXPRESS  
12 AGREEMENT.

13 (1.2) "AFFILIATE" OF, OR PERSON "AFFILIATED WITH", HAS THE  
14 SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN THE "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", 17 CFR  
15 230.405, AS AMENDED.

16 (1.3) "BENEFICIAL OWNER OF", "BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF", OR  
17 "BENEFICIALLY OWNS AN" OWNER'S INTEREST IS DETERMINED IN  
18 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13(d) OF THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES  
19 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, AND RULE 13d-3 PROMULGATED  
20 THEREUNDER.

21 (1.4) "CONTROL", "CONTROLS", "CONTROLLED", "CONTROLLING",  
22 "CONTROLLED BY", AND "UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH", MEANS THE  
23 POSSESSION, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, OF THE POWER TO DIRECT OR CAUSE THE  
24 DIRECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT OR POLICIES OF A PERSON, WHETHER  
25 THROUGH THE OWNERSHIP OF VOTING SECURITIES, BY CONTRACT, OR  
26 OTHERWISE.

27 (1.5) "CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER" IS LIMITED TO A PERSON

1 THAT SATISFIES ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

2 (a) A NATURAL PERSON, AN ENTITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
3 7-90-102 (20) THAT IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF AND FOR WHICH  
4 ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE STATES OR  
5 TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES OR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A  
6 PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, OR A QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND THAT IS  
7 NOT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR:

8 (I) ACTING ALONE OR ACTING IN CONCERT, THAT OWNS OR  
9 ACQUIRES BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF THE  
10 OWNER'S INTEREST OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS;

11 (II) THAT IS AN AFFILIATE THAT CONTROLS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
12 BUSINESS AND INCLUDES, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY MANAGER; OR

13 (III) THAT IS OTHERWISE IN A POSITION TO CONTROL THE MEDICAL  
14 MARIJUANA BUSINESS EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 44-11-407; OR

15 (b) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR ACTING ALONE OR  
16 ACTING IN CONCERT THAT OWNS OR ACQUIRES BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
17 MORE THAN THIRTY PERCENT OF THE OWNER'S INTEREST OF A MEDICAL  
18 MARIJUANA BUSINESS.

19 (4) ~~"Indirect beneficial interest owner" means a holder of a~~  
20 ~~permitted economic interest, a recipient of a commercially reasonable~~  
21 ~~royalty associated with the use of intellectual property by a licensee, a~~  
22 ~~licensed employee who receives a share of the profits from an employee~~  
23 ~~benefit plan, a qualified institutional investor, or another similarly~~  
24 ~~situated person or entity as determined by the state licensing authority~~  
25 "INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER" MEANS A PERSON THAT IS NOT  
26 AN AFFILIATE, A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR A PASSIVE  
27 BENEFICIAL OWNER OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS AND THAT:

1 (a) HOLDS A COMMERCIALY REASONABLE ROYALTY INTEREST IN  
2 EXCHANGE FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS'S USE OF THE PERSON'S  
3 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY;

4 (b) HOLDS A PERMITTED ECONOMIC INTEREST THAT WAS ISSUED  
5 PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2020, AND THAT HAS NOT BEEN CONVERTED INTO AN  
6 OWNERSHIP INTEREST;

7 (c) IS A CONTRACT COUNTERPARTY WITH A MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
8 BUSINESS, OTHER THAN A CUSTOMARY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT , THAT  
9 HAS A DIRECT NEXUS TO THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE, OR SALE OF  
10 MEDICAL MARIJUANA, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A LEASE OF REAL  
11 PROPERTY ON WHICH THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS OPERATES, A  
12 LEASE OF EQUIPMENT USED IN THE CULTIVATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA,  
13 A SECURED OR UNSECURED FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH THE MEDICAL  
14 MARIJUANA BUSINESS, A SECURITY CONTRACT WITH THE MEDICAL  
15 MARIJUANA BUSINESS, OR A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE  
16 MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS, PROVIDED THAT NO SUCH CONTRACT  
17 COMPENSATES THE CONTRACT COUNTERPARTY WITH A PERCENTAGE OF  
18 REVENUE FOR PROFITS OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS; OR

19 (d) IS IDENTIFIED BY RULE BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY AS  
20 AN INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER.

21 (9.5) "MANAGER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN SECTION  
22 7-90-102 (35.7).

23 (11.5) "MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS" MEANS ANY OF THE  
24 FOLLOWING ENTITIES LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11: A  
25 MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTER, A MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPTIONAL PREMISES  
26 CULTIVATION OPERATION, A MEDICAL MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS  
27 MANUFACTURER, A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITY, A MEDICAL

1 MARIJUANA BUSINESS OPERATOR, A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER,  
2 A MARIJUANA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY, OR A MARIJUANA  
3 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CULTIVATION FACILITY.

4 (12) "Medical marijuana business operator" means ~~an entity or a~~  
5 ~~person who is not an owner and who~~ THAT is licensed to provide  
6 professional operational services to a medical marijuana ~~establishment~~  
7 BUSINESS for direct remuneration from the medical marijuana  
8 ~~establishment~~ BUSINESS. A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS OPERATOR IS  
9 NOT, BY VIRTUE OF ITS STATUS AS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS  
10 OPERATOR, A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR A PASSIVE BENEFICIAL  
11 OWNER OF ANY MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS IT OPERATES.

12 (19.1) "OWNER'S INTEREST" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN  
13 SECTION 7-90-102 (44).

14 (19.2) "PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER" MEANS ANY PERSON  
15 ACQUIRING ANY INTEREST IN A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS THAT IS  
16 NOT OTHERWISE A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER OR IN CONTROL.

17 (21) "Person" ~~means a natural person, partnership, association,~~  
18 ~~company, corporation, limited liability company, or organization, or a~~  
19 ~~manager, agent, owner, director, servant, officer, or employee thereof~~ HAS  
20 THE SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 7-90-102 (49).

21 (22.7) "PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION" MEANS ANY PERSON  
22 OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL THAT IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF AND  
23 FOR WHICH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE  
24 STATES OR TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES OR DISTRICT OF  
25 COLUMBIA OR ANOTHER COUNTRY THAT AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF  
26 MARIJUANA AND THAT:

27 (a) HAS A CLASS OF SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO

1 SECTION 12 OF THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS  
2 AMENDED, THAT:

3 (I) CONSTITUTES "COVERED SECURITIES" PURSUANT TO SECTION  
4 18 (b)(1)(A) OF THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED;  
5 OR

6 (II) IS QUALIFIED AND QUOTED ON THE OTCQX OR OTCQB TIER  
7 OF THE OTC MARKETS IF:

8 (A) THE PERSON IS THEN REQUIRED TO FILE REPORTS AND IS FILING  
9 REPORTS ON A CURRENT BASIS WITH THE FEDERAL SECURITIES AND  
10 EXCHANGE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES  
11 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, AS IF THE SECURITIES  
12 CONSTITUTED "COVERED SECURITIES" AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
13 (22.7)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION; AND

14 (B) THE PERSON HAS ESTABLISHED AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
15 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MEASURES PURSUANT TO CORPORATE  
16 GOVERNANCE OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED ON SECURITIES QUALIFIED AND  
17 QUOTED ON THE OTCQX TIER OF THE OTC MARKETS.

18 (b) IS AN ENTITY THAT HAS A CLASS OF SECURITIES LISTED ON THE  
19 CANADIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE, TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE, TSX  
20 VENTURE EXCHANGE, OR OTHER EQUITY SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
21 RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, IF:

22 (I) THE ENTITY CONSTITUTES A "FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER", AS  
23 DEFINED IN RULE 405 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL  
24 "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED, WHOSE SECURITIES ARE EXEMPT  
25 FROM REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE FEDERAL  
26 "SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO RULE  
27 12g3-2 (b) PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES

1 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED; AND

2 (II) THE ENTITY HAS BEEN, FOR THE PRECEDING THREE HUNDRED  
3 SIXTY-FIVE DAYS OR SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE ENTITY, IN  
4 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING OBLIGATIONS  
5 IMPOSED BY THE RELEVANT EXCHANGE ON SUCH ENTITY; OR

6 (c) IS REASONABLY IDENTIFIED AS A PUBLICLY TRADED  
7 CORPORATION BY RULE; OR

8 (d) A "PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION" DESCRIBED IN  
9 SUBSECTION (22.7)(a), (22.7)(b), OR (22.7)(c) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT  
10 INCLUDE:

11 (I) AN "INELIGIBLE ISSUER", AS DEFINED IN RULE 405  
12 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933",  
13 AS AMENDED, UNLESS SUCH PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION SATISFIES  
14 THE DEFINITION OF INELIGIBLE ISSUER SOLELY BECAUSE IT IS ONE OR MORE  
15 OF THE FOLLOWING, AND THE PERSON IS FILING REPORTS ON A CURRENT  
16 BASIS WITH THE FEDERAL SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
17 PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS  
18 AMENDED, AS IF THE SECURITIES CONSTITUTED "COVERED SECURITIES" AS  
19 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (22.7)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, AND PRIOR TO  
20 BECOMING A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, THE PERSON FOR AT LEAST  
21 TWO YEARS WAS LICENSED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY AS A  
22 MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS WITH A DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF  
23 OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, AND DURING SUCH TIME WAS  
24 NOT SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE:

25 (A) A "BLANK CHECK COMPANY", AS DEFINED IN RULE 419 (a)(2)  
26 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933",  
27 AS AMENDED;



1 (B) AN ISSUER IN AN OFFERING OF "PENNY STOCK", AS DEFINED IN  
2 RULE 3a51-1 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES  
3 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934"; OR

4 (C) A "SHELL COMPANY", AS DEFINED IN RULE 405 PROMULGATED  
5 PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED;  
6 AND

7 (II) A PERSON DISQUALIFIED AS A "BAD ACTOR" UNDER RULE 506  
8 (d) PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF  
9 1933", AS AMENDED.

10 (23) ~~"Qualified limited passive investor" means a natural person~~  
11 ~~who is a United States citizen and is a passive investor who owns less~~  
12 ~~than a five percent share or shares of stock in a licensed medical~~  
13 ~~marijuana business.~~ "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR" MEANS:

14 (a) A BANK AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3 (a)(6) OF THE FEDERAL  
15 "SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, IF THE BANK IS  
16 CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE REPORTING AND RECORD-KEEPING  
17 REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND RULES PROMULGATED  
18 THEREUNDER;

19 (b) A BANK HOLDING COMPANY AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL  
20 "BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1956", AS AMENDED, IF THE BANK  
21 HOLDING COMPANY IS REGISTERED AND CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE  
22 REPORTING AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND  
23 RULES PROMULGATED THEREUNDER;

24 (c) AN INSURANCE COMPANY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 (a)(17) OF  
25 THE FEDERAL "INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940", AS AMENDED, IF  
26 THE INSURANCE COMPANY IS CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE REPORTING AND  
27 RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND RULES

1 PROMULGATED THEREUNDER;

2 (d) AN INVESTMENT COMPANY REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 8 OF  
3 THE FEDERAL "INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940", AS AMENDED, AND  
4 SUBJECT TO 15 U.S.C. SEC. 80a-1 TO 80a-64, IF THE INVESTMENT  
5 COMPANY IS CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE REPORTING AND  
6 RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND RULES  
7 PROMULGATED THEREUNDER;

8 (e) AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN OR PENSION FUND SUBJECT TO THE  
9 FEDERAL "EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974",  
10 EXCLUDING AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN OR PENSION FUND SPONSORED BY  
11 A LICENSEE OR AN INTERMEDIARY HOLDING COMPANY LICENSEE THAT  
12 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OWNS TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF A LICENSEE;

13 (f) A STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PENSION PLAN;

14 (g) A GROUP COMPRISED ENTIRELY OF PERSONS SPECIFIED IN  
15 SUBSECTIONS (23)(a) TO (23)(f) OF THIS SECTION; OR

16 (h) ANY OTHER ENTITY IDENTIFIED BY RULE BY THE STATE  
17 LICENSING AUTHORITY.

18 (23.1) "QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND" MEANS AN ISSUER THAT WOULD  
19 BE AN INVESTMENT COMPANY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION (3) OF THE FEDERAL  
20 "INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940", BUT FOR THE EXCLUSIONS  
21 PROVIDED UNDER SECTIONS 3(c)(1) OR 3(c)(7) OF THAT ACT, AND THAT:

22 (a) IS ADVISED OR MANAGED BY AN INVESTMENT ADVISER AS  
23 DEFINED AND REGISTERED UNDER SECTIONS 80b-1-21, TITLE 15 OF THE  
24 FEDERAL "INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940", AND FOR WHICH THE  
25 REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER IS CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE  
26 REPORTING AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND  
27 RULES PROMULGATED THEREUNDER; AND

1 (b) SATISFIES ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (I) IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAW OF A STATE OR THE UNITED  
3 STATES;

4 (II) IS ORGANIZED, OPERATED, OR SPONSORED BY A U.S. PERSON,  
5 AS DEFINED UNDER SUBSECTION 17 CFR 230.902(k), AS AMENDED; OR

6 (III) SELLS SECURITIES TO A U.S. PERSON, AS DEFINED UNDER  
7 SUBSECTION 17 CFR 230.902(k), AS AMENDED.

8 (23.5) "REASONABLE CAUSE" MEANS JUST OR LEGITIMATE  
9 GROUNDS BASED IN LAW AND IN FACT TO BELIEVE THAT THE PARTICULAR  
10 REQUESTED ACTION FURTHERS THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 11 OR  
11 PROTECTS PUBLIC SAFETY.

12 (25.5) "SECURITY" MEANS THOSE TERMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
13 (2)(I) OF THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-11-202, **amend**  
15 (1)(d) and (2)(a)(VIII); **repeal** (2)(a)(XXV); and **add** (5) and (6) as  
16 follows:

17 **44-11-202. Powers and duties of state licensing authority -**  
18 **rules.** (1) The state licensing authority shall:

19 (d) Maintain the confidentiality of reports or other information  
20 obtained from a medical or retail licensee containing any individualized  
21 data, information, or records related to the licensee or its operation,  
22 including sales information, financial records, tax returns, credit reports,  
23 cultivation information, testing results, and security information and  
24 plans, or revealing any patient information, or any other records that are  
25 exempt from public inspection pursuant to state law. Such reports or other  
26 information may be used only for a purpose authorized by this article 11  
27 or article 12 of this title 44, FOR INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY

1 INTERNATIONAL, FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL SECURITIES LAW OR  
2 REGULATIONS, or for any other state or local law enforcement purpose.

3 Any information released related to patients may be used only for a  
4 purpose authorized by this article 11 or article 12 of this title 44, or to  
5 verify that a person who presented a registry identification card to a state  
6 or local law enforcement official is lawfully in possession of such card.

7 (2) (a) Rules promulgated pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this  
8 section may include but need not be limited to the following subjects:

9 (VIII) Development of individual identification cards for ~~owners,~~  
10 ~~officers~~ CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND ANY PERSON OPERATING,  
11 WORKING IN, OR HAVING UNESCORTED ACCESS TO THE LIMITED ACCESS  
12 AREAS OF THE LICENSED PREMISES OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS,  
13 ~~managers, contractors, employees, and other support staff of entities~~  
14 ~~licensed pursuant to this article 11~~, including a fingerprint-based criminal  
15 history record check as may be required by the state licensing authority  
16 prior to issuing a card;

17 (XXV) ~~The parameters and qualifications of an indirect beneficial~~  
18 ~~interest owner; and a qualified limited passive investor;~~

19 (5) (a) RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF  
20 THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

21 (I) OWNERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES AND  
22 REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11;

23 (II) RECORDS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS IS REQUIRED TO  
24 MAINTAIN REGARDING ITS CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS, PASSIVE  
25 BENEFICIAL OWNERS, AND INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDERS THAT  
26 MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE AT RENEWAL OR AS PART OF ANY OTHER  
27 INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING INITIAL LICENSURE OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA

1 BUSINESS;

2 (III) PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FINDINGS OF

3 SUITABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11, INCLUDING FEES NECESSARY

4 TO COVER THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF ANY SUITABILITY

5 INVESTIGATION;

6 (IV) PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE

7 DIVESTITURE OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF A PERSON FOUND

8 UNSUITABLE BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY;

9 (V) PROCEDURES, PROCESSES, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR

10 TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP INVOLVING A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION,

11 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MERGERS WITH A PUBLICLY TRADED

12 CORPORATION, INVESTMENT BY A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, AND

13 PUBLIC OFFERINGS;

14 (VI) DESIGNATION OF PERSONS THAT BY VIRTUE OF COMMON

15 CONTROL CONSTITUTE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS;

16 (VII) MODIFICATION OF THE PERCENTAGE OF SECURITIES THAT

17 MAY BE HELD BY A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER AND PASSIVE

18 BENEFICIAL OWNER;

19 (VIII) DESIGNATION OF PERSONS THAT QUALIFY FOR AN

20 EXEMPTION FROM AN OTHERWISE REQUIRED FINDING OF SUITABILITY; AND

21 (IX) DESIGNATION OF INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDERS

22 AND QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS.

23 (b) RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)

24 MUST NOT BE ANY MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE REQUIREMENTS

25 EXPRESSLY ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 11.

26 (6) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY DENY, SUSPEND,

27 REVOKE, FINE, OR IMPOSE OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST A PERSON'S LICENSE

1 ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11 IF THE STATE LICENSING  
2 AUTHORITY FINDS THE PERSON OR THE PERSON'S CONTROLLING  
3 BENEFICIAL OWNER, PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL  
4 INTEREST HOLDER FAILED TO TIMELY FILE ANY REPORT, DISCLOSURE,  
5 REGISTRATION STATEMENT, OR OTHER SUBMISSION REQUIRED BY ANY  
6 STATE OR FEDERAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY THAT IS RELATED TO THE  
7 CONDUCT OF THEIR BUSINESS.

8 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-11-304, **amend**  
9 (1) and (2) as follows:

10 **44-11-304. State licensing authority - application and issuance**  
11 **procedures.** (1) Applications for a state license under the provisions of  
12 this article 11 ~~shall~~ MUST be made to the state licensing authority on  
13 forms prepared and furnished by the state licensing authority and ~~shall~~  
14 MUST set forth such information as the state licensing authority may  
15 require to enable the state licensing authority to determine whether a state  
16 license should be granted. The information ~~shall~~ MUST include the name  
17 and address of the applicant, DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY SECTION  
18 44-11-307.5, ~~the names and addresses of the officers, directors, or~~  
19 ~~managers~~, and all other information deemed necessary by the state  
20 licensing authority. Each application ~~shall~~ MUST be verified by the oath  
21 or affirmation of such person or persons as the state licensing authority  
22 may prescribe.

23 (2) The state licensing authority shall issue a state license to a  
24 ~~medical marijuana center, an optional premises cultivation operation, or~~  
25 ~~a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturer~~ BUSINESS pursuant to  
26 this section upon satisfactory completion of the applicable criminal  
27 history background check associated with the application, and the state

1 license is conditioned upon local licensing authority approval. A license  
2 applicant is prohibited from operating a licensed medical marijuana  
3 business without both state and local licensing authority approval. The  
4 denial of an application by the local licensing authority shall be  
5 considered as a basis for the state licensing authority to revoke the  
6 state-issued license.

7 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-11-306, **amend**  
8 (1)(c), (1)(m), and (1)(n); **repeal** (1)(e); and **add** (1)(o), (1)(p), (1)(q),  
9 (1)(r), (1)(s), and (1)(t) as follows:

10 **44-11-306. Persons prohibited as licensees - definition.** (1) A  
11 license provided by this article 11 shall not be issued to or held by:

12 (c) ~~A corporation,~~ PERSON OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL if the  
13 criminal history of any of its ~~officers, directors, or stockholders~~  
14 CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS indicates that ~~the officer, director, or~~  
15 ~~stockholder~~ THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER is not of good moral  
16 character AFTER CONSIDERING THE FACTORS IN SECTION 24-5-101;

17 (e) ~~A person employing, assisted by, or financed in whole or in~~  
18 ~~part by any other person whose criminal history indicates he or she is not~~  
19 ~~of good character and reputation satisfactory to the respective licensing~~  
20 ~~authority;~~

21 (m) A person for a license for a location that is currently licensed  
22 as a retail food establishment or wholesale food registrant; ~~or~~

23 (n) A publicly traded ~~company~~ ENTITY THAT DOES NOT  
24 CONSTITUTE A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION AS DEFINED IN THIS  
25 ARTICLE 11;

26 (o) A PERSON THAT IS OR HAS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER,  
27 PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER

1 THAT IS ORGANIZED OR FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF A COUNTRY  
2 DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE TO HAVE  
3 REPEATEDLY PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM  
4 OR IS INCLUDED AMONG THE LIST OF "COVERED COUNTRIES" IN SECTION  
5 1502 OF THE FEDERAL "DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND  
6 CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT", PUB.L. 111-203;

7 (p) A PERSON THAT IS OR HAS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER  
8 THAT IS AN "INELIGIBLE ISSUER" PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-11-104 (22.7)  
9 (d)(1);

10 (q) A PERSON THAT IS OR HAS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER  
11 THAT IS DISQUALIFIED AS A "BAD ACTOR" UNDER RULE 506 (d)  
12 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933",  
13 AS AMENDED, AND SUBJECT TO 17 CFR 230.506 (d)(1);

14 (r) A PERSON THAT IS NOT A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION  
15 THAT IS OR HAS A PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL  
16 INTEREST HOLDER THAT IS DISQUALIFIED AS A "BAD ACTOR" UNDER RULE  
17 506 (d) PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF  
18 1933", AS AMENDED, AND SUBJECT TO 17 CFR 230.506 (d)(1);

19 (s) A PERSON THAT IS A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION THAT IS  
20 OR HAS A NONOBJECTING PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER OR INDIRECT  
21 FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER THAT IS DISQUALIFIED AS A "BAD ACTOR"  
22 UNDER RULE 506 (d) PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL  
23 "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED, AND SUBJECT TO 17 CFR  
24 230.506 (d)(1); OR

25 (t) A PERSON THAT IS OR HAS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER,  
26 PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER  
27 THAT IS PROHIBITED FROM ENGAGING IN TRANSACTIONS PURSUANT TO



1 THIS ARTICLE 11 DUE TO ITS DESIGNATION ON THE "SPECIALLY  
2 DESIGNATED NATIONALS AND BLOCKED PERSONS" LIST MAINTAINED BY  
3 THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL.

4 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-11-307, **amend**  
5 (1)(a)(II), (1)(a)(IV), (1)(b), and (3); **repeal** (2), (4), (5), (6), and (7); and  
6 **add** (1)(a)(IV.5), (1)(a)(VI), and (1)(a)(VII) as follows:

7 **44-11-307. Business and owner requirements - legislative**  
8 **declaration.** (1) (a) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

9 (II) The current regulatory structure for medical marijuana creates  
10 a substantial barrier to investment from out-of-state interests AND  
11 PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATIONS;

12 (IV) Colorado medical marijuana businesses need to have ready  
13 access to capital from investors ~~in states~~ FROM outside of Colorado; and

14 (IV.5) UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PERMITTING PUBLICLY  
15 TRADED CORPORATIONS TO HOLD AN INTEREST IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
16 BUSINESSES WILL BENEFIT COLORADO'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA MARKET;  
17 AND

18 (VI) PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATIONS OFFERING SECURITIES FOR  
19 INVESTMENT IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES MUST TELL THE PUBLIC  
20 THE TRUTH ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS, THE SECURITIES THEY ARE SELLING,  
21 AND THE RISKS INVOLVED WITH INVESTING IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
22 BUSINESSES, AND PERSONS THAT SELL AND TRADE SECURITIES RELATED TO  
23 MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENGAGING IN  
24 DECEIT, MISREPRESENTATIONS, AND OTHER FRAUD IN THE SALE OF THE  
25 SECURITIES; AND

26 (VII) RECOGNIZING THAT PARTICIPATION BY PUBLICLY TRADED  
27 CORPORATIONS IN COLORADO'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY CREATES

1 AN INCREASED NEED TO ASSESS BARRIERS OF ENTRY FOR MINORITY- AND  
2 WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES, WITH SUCH EFFORTS BEING MADE TO  
3 IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO ARRIVE AT A GREATER BALANCE AND FOR  
4 FURTHER EQUITY FOR MINORITY- AND WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES, AND  
5 IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
6 ENFORCEMENT GOALS AS STATED HEREIN, IT IS THEREFORE OF  
7 SUBSTANTIVE IMPORTANCE TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF MINORITY- AND  
8 WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES' INCLUSION IN COLORADO'S MEDICAL  
9 MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH  
10 MARIJUANA PROHIBITION, SUITABILITY ISSUES RELATING TO PAST  
11 CONVICTIONS FOR POTENTIAL LICENSEES, LICENSING FEES, AND ECONOMIC  
12 CHALLENGES THAT ARISE WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESSES.

13 (b) Therefore, the general assembly is providing a mechanism for  
14 Colorado medical marijuana businesses to access capital from investors  
15 in other states AND FROM CERTAIN PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATIONS  
16 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11.

17 (2) A direct beneficial interest owner who is a natural person must  
18 either:

19 (a) Have been a resident of Colorado for at least one year prior to  
20 the date of the application; or

21 (b) Be a United States citizen prior to the date of the application.

22 (3) (a) A medical marijuana business may be comprised of an  
23 unlimited number of direct beneficial interest owners that have been  
24 residents of Colorado for at least one year prior to the date of the  
25 application.

26 (b) On and after January 1, 2017, a medical marijuana business  
27 that is composed of one or more direct beneficial interest owners who

1 ~~have not been Colorado residents for at least one year prior to application~~  
2 ~~shall have at least one officer who has been a Colorado resident for at~~  
3 ~~least one year prior to application, and All officers~~ NATURAL PERSONS  
4 ~~with day-to-day operational control over the~~ MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
5 ~~business must be Colorado residents. for at least one year prior to~~  
6 ~~application. A medical marijuana business under this subsection (3)(b) is~~  
7 ~~limited to no more than fifteen direct beneficial interest owners, including~~  
8 ~~all parent and subsidiary entities, all of whom are natural persons.~~

9 (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (3)(b) of this  
10 ~~section, the state licensing authority may review the limitation on the~~  
11 ~~number of direct beneficial interest owners and may increase the number~~  
12 ~~of allowable interests above fifteen based on reasonable considerations~~  
13 ~~such as developments in state and federal financial regulations, market~~  
14 ~~conditions, and the licensee's ability to access legitimate sources of~~  
15 ~~capital~~ A PERSON, OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL, THAT IS A MEDICAL  
16 MARIJUANA BUSINESS OR A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER SHALL  
17 APPOINT AND CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAIN A REGISTERED AGENT THAT  
18 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 7-90-701. THE MEDICAL  
19 MARIJUANA BUSINESS SHALL INFORM THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF  
20 A CHANGE IN THE REGISTERED AGENT WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE  
21 CHANGE.

22 (d) ~~A direct beneficial interest owner that is a closely held~~  
23 ~~business entity must consist entirely of natural persons who are United~~  
24 ~~States citizens prior to the date of the application, including all parent and~~  
25 ~~subsidiary entities.~~

26 (4) ~~A medical marijuana business may include qualified~~  
27 ~~institutional investors that own thirty percent or less of the medical~~

1 ~~marijuana business.~~

2 ~~(5) (a) A person who intends to apply as a direct beneficial~~  
3 ~~interest owner and is not a Colorado resident for at least one year prior to~~  
4 ~~the date of application shall first submit a request to the state licensing~~  
5 ~~authority for a finding of suitability as a direct beneficial interest owner.~~  
6 ~~The person shall receive a finding of suitability prior to submitting an~~  
7 ~~application to the state licensing authority to be a direct beneficial interest~~  
8 ~~owner. Failure to receive a finding of suitability prior to application is~~  
9 ~~grounds for denial by the state licensing authority.~~

10 ~~(b) The state licensing authority shall perform a limited initial~~  
11 ~~background check on qualified limited passive investors. If the initial~~  
12 ~~background check provides reasonable cause for additional investigation,~~  
13 ~~the state licensing authority may require a full background check.~~

14 ~~(6) The state licensing authority shall review the medical~~  
15 ~~marijuana business's operating documents to ensure compliance with this~~  
16 ~~section.~~

17 ~~(7) For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise~~  
18 ~~requires, "institutional investor" means:~~

19 ~~(a) A bank as defined in section 3 (a)(6) of the federal "Securities~~  
20 ~~Exchange Act of 1934", as amended;~~

21 ~~(b) An insurance company as defined in section 2 (a)(17) of the~~  
22 ~~federal "Investment Company Act of 1940", as amended;~~

23 ~~(c) An investment company registered under section 8 of the~~  
24 ~~federal "Investment Company Act of 1940", as amended;~~

25 ~~(d) An investment adviser registered under section 203 of the~~  
26 ~~federal "Investment Advisers Act of 1940", as amended;~~

27 ~~(e) Collective trust funds as defined in section 3 (c)(11) of the~~

- 1 federal "Investment Company Act of 1940", as amended;
- 2 (f) An employee benefit plan or pension fund that is subject to the
- 3 federal "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974", as
- 4 amended, excluding an employee benefit plan or pension fund sponsored
- 5 by a licensee or an intermediary or holding company licensee that directly
- 6 or indirectly owns five percent or more of a licensee;
- 7 (g) A state or federal government pension plan;
- 8 (h) A group comprised entirely of persons specified in subsections
- 9 (7)(a) to (7)(g) of this section; or
- 10 (i) Any other entity identified through rule by the state licensing
- 11 authority.

12 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 44-11-307.5 and

13 44-11-307.6 as follows:

14 **44-11-307.5. Business owner and financial interest disclosure**

15 **requirements.** (1) APPLICANTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A STATE LICENSE

16 SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY THE FOLLOWING:

17 (a) A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE

18 MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS REFLECTING THE IDENTITY AND

19 OWNERSHIP PERCENTAGES OF ITS CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS;

20 (b) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING ALL CONTROLLING

21 BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS:

22 (I) IF THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER IS A PUBLICLY

23 TRADED CORPORATION, THE APPLICANT SHALL DISCLOSE THE

24 CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS' MANAGERS AND ANY BENEFICIAL

25 OWNERS THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BENEFICIALLY OWN TEN PERCENT

26 OR MORE OF THE SECURITIES IN THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER;

27 (II) IF THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT A PUBLICLY

1     TRADED CORPORATION AND IS NOT A QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND, THE  
2     APPLICANT SHALL DISCLOSE THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER'S  
3     MANAGERS AND ANY BENEFICIAL OWNERS THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY  
4     BENEFICIALLY OWN TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF THE SECURITIES IN THE  
5     CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER;

6             (III) IF THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER IS A QUALIFIED  
7     PRIVATE FUND, THE APPLICANT SHALL DISCLOSE A COMPLETE AND  
8     ACCURATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND  
9     REFLECTING THE IDENTITY AND OWNERSHIP PERCENTAGES OF THE  
10    QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND'S MANAGERS, INVESTMENT ADVISERS,  
11    INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVES, ANY TRUSTEE OR EQUIVALENT,  
12    AND ANY OTHER PERSON THAT CONTROLS THE INVESTMENT IN, OR  
13    MANAGEMENT OR OPERATIONS OF, THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS;

14            (IV) IF THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER IS A NATURAL  
15    PERSON, THE APPLICANT SHALL DISCLOSE THE NATURAL PERSON'S  
16    IDENTIFYING INFORMATION;

17            (c) A PERSON THAT IS BOTH A PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER AND AN  
18    INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER IN THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
19    BUSINESS; AND

20            (d) ANY INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER THAT HOLDS TWO  
21    OR MORE INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
22    BUSINESS OR THAT IS CONTRIBUTING OVER FIFTY PERCENT OF THE  
23    OPERATING CAPITAL OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS.

24            (2) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY REQUEST THAT THE  
25    MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS DISCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:

26            (a) EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER AND AFFILIATE OF AN APPLICANT,  
27    MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS, OR CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER

1 THAT IS NOT A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION OR A QUALIFIED PRIVATE  
2 FUND; AND

3 (b) EACH AFFILIATE OF A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT  
4 IS A QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND.

5 (3) FOR REASONABLE CAUSE, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY  
6 MAY REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF:

7 (a) A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE LIST OF EACH NONOBJECTING  
8 BENEFICIAL INTEREST OWNER OF AN APPLICANT, MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
9 BUSINESS, OR CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT IS A PUBLICLY  
10 TRADED CORPORATION;

11 (b) PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
12 BUSINESS, AND FOR ANY PASSIVE BENEFICIAL INTEREST OWNER THAT IS  
13 NOT A NATURAL PERSON, THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
14 GENERAL PARTNERS, MANAGING MEMBERS, OR MANAGERS OR EXECUTIVE  
15 OFFICERS AND TEN PERCENT OR MORE OWNERS OF THE PASSIVE BENEFICIAL  
16 OWNER;

17 (c) A LIST OF EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER IN A QUALIFIED PRIVATE  
18 FUND THAT IS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER;

19 (d) ALL INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDERS OF THE MEDICAL  
20 MARIJUANA BUSINESS, AND FOR ANY INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST  
21 HOLDER THAT IS NOT A NATURAL PERSON AND TEN PERCENT OR MORE  
22 BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER.

23 (4) AN APPLICANT OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS THAT IS NOT  
24 A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION SHALL AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF  
25 PERJURY THAT IT EXERCISED REASONABLE CARE TO CONFIRM THAT ITS  
26 PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNERS, INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDERS,  
27 AND QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ARE NOT PERSONS PROHIBITED

1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-11-306, OR OTHERWISE RESTRICTED FROM  
2 HOLDING AN INTEREST UNDER THIS ARTICLE 11. AN APPLICANT'S OR  
3 MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS'S FAILURE TO EXERCISE REASONABLE CARE  
4 IS A BASIS FOR DENIAL, FINE, SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR OTHER  
5 SANCTION BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

6 (5) AN APPLICANT OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS THAT IS A  
7 PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION SHALL AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF  
8 PERJURY THAT IT EXERCISED REASONABLE CARE TO CONFIRM THAT ITS  
9 NONOBJECTING PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNERS, INDIRECT FINANCIAL  
10 INTEREST HOLDERS, AND QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ARE NOT  
11 PERSONS PROHIBITED PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-11-306, OR OTHERWISE  
12 RESTRICTED FROM HOLDING AN INTEREST UNDER THIS ARTICLE 11. AN  
13 APPLICANT'S OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS'S FAILURE TO EXERCISE  
14 REASONABLE CARE IS A BASIS FOR DENIAL, FINE, SUSPENSION,  
15 REVOCATION, OR OTHER SANCTION BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

16 (6) THIS SECTION DOES NOT RESTRICT THE STATE LICENSING  
17 AUTHORITY'S ABILITY TO REASONABLY REQUEST INFORMATION OR  
18 RECORDS AT RENEWAL OR AS PART OF ANY OTHER INVESTIGATION  
19 FOLLOWING INITIAL LICENSURE OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS.

20 (7) THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER MAY, BY RULE OR ORDER,  
21 REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES IF SUCH INFORMATION IS FULL AND  
22 FAIR WITH RESPECT TO THE INVESTMENT OR IN THE INTEREST OF INVESTOR  
23 PROTECTION.

24 **44-11-307.6. Business owner and financial interest suitability**  
25 **requirements.** (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL PERSONS REQUIRED TO  
26 SUBMIT A FINDING OF SUITABILITY.

27 (2) ANY PERSON INTENDING TO BECOME A CONTROLLING



1 BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS, EXCEPT AS  
2 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 44-11-309 (4), SHALL FIRST SUBMIT A  
3 REQUEST TO THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR A FINDING OF  
4 SUITABILITY OR AN EXEMPTION FROM AN OTHERWISE REQUIRED FINDING  
5 OF SUITABILITY.

6 (3) FOR REASONABLE CAUSE, ANY OTHER PERSON THAT WAS  
7 DISCLOSED OR THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCLOSED PURSUANT TO  
8 SECTION 44-11-307.5, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A PASSIVE  
9 BENEFICIAL OWNER, SHALL SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A FINDING OF  
10 SUITABILITY.

11 (4) FAILURE TO PROVIDE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION IN  
12 CONNECTION WITH A REQUEST FOR A FINDING OF SUITABILITY IS GROUNDS  
13 FOR DENIAL OF THAT FINDING OF SUITABILITY.

14 (5) FAILURE TO RECEIVE ALL REQUIRED FINDINGS OF SUITABILITY  
15 IS GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION OR FOR SUSPENSION,  
16 REVOCATION, OR OTHER SANCTION AGAINST THE LICENSE BY THE STATE  
17 LICENSING AUTHORITY. FOR INITIAL APPLICATIONS, THE FINDING OF  
18 SUITABILITY SHALL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION  
19 FOR LICENSURE.

20 (6) ANY PERSON REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A FINDING OF SUITABILITY  
21 SHALL DO SO ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY  
22 AND THE FORMS MUST CONTAIN SUCH INFORMATION AS THE STATE  
23 LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY REQUIRE. EACH SUITABILITY APPLICATION  
24 MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF THE PERSONS  
25 PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

26 (7) A PERSON REQUESTING A FINDING OF SUITABILITY SHALL  
27 PROVIDE THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY WITH A DEPOSIT TO COVER THE

1 DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF ANY INVESTIGATION NECESSARY TO  
2 DETERMINE ANY REQUIRED FINDING OF SUITABILITY UNLESS OTHERWISE  
3 ESTABLISHED BY RULE. THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY MAKE  
4 FURTHER RULES REGARDING THE DEPOSIT AND DIRECT AND INDIRECT  
5 COSTS THAT MUST BE BILLED AGAINST THE DEPOSIT, UNLESS OTHERWISE  
6 ESTABLISHED BY RULE.

7 (8) WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER A PERSON IS SUITABLE OR  
8 UNSUITABLE FOR LICENSURE, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY  
9 CONSIDER THE PERSON'S CRIMINAL CHARACTER OR RECORD, LICENSING  
10 CHARACTER OR RECORD, OR FINANCIAL CHARACTER OR RECORD.

11 (9) A PERSON THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN  
12 A FINDING OF SUITABILITY MAY REQUEST AN EXEMPTION FROM THE STATE  
13 LICENSING AUTHORITY AS DETERMINED BY RULE.

14 (10) ABSENT REASONABLE CAUSE, THE STATE LICENSING  
15 AUTHORITY SHALL APPROVE OR DENY A REQUEST FOR A FINDING OF  
16 SUITABILITY WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF  
17 SUBMISSION OF THE REQUEST FOR SUCH FINDING.

18 (11) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY DENY, SUSPEND,  
19 REVOKE, FINE, OR IMPOSE OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST A PERSON'S LICENSE  
20 ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11 IF THE STATE LICENSING  
21 AUTHORITY FINDS THE PERSON OR THE PERSON'S CONTROLLING  
22 BENEFICIAL OWNER, PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL  
23 INTEREST HOLDER TO BE UNSUITABLE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

24 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-11-309, **amend**  
25 **(2); and add (3) and (4) as follows:**

26 **44-11-309. Transfer of ownership.** (2) For a transfer of  
27 ownership INVOLVING A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER, a license

1 holder shall apply to the state and local licensing authorities on forms  
2 prepared and furnished by the state licensing authority. In determining  
3 whether to permit a transfer of ownership, the state and local licensing  
4 authorities shall consider only the requirements of this article 11, any  
5 rules promulgated by the state licensing authority, and any other local  
6 restrictions. The local licensing authority may hold a hearing on the  
7 application for transfer of ownership. The local licensing authority shall  
8 not hold a hearing pursuant to this subsection (2) until the local licensing  
9 authority has posted a notice of hearing in the manner described in section  
10 44-11-302 (2) on the licensed medical marijuana center premises for a  
11 period of ten days and has provided notice of the hearing to the applicant  
12 at least ten days prior to the hearing. Any transfer of ownership hearing  
13 by the state licensing authority shall MUST be held in compliance with the  
14 requirements specified in section 44-11-302.

15 (3) FOR A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP INVOLVING A PASSIVE  
16 BENEFICIAL OWNER, THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE  
17 LICENSING AUTHORITY ON FORMS PREPARED AND FURNISHED BY THE  
18 STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS TO THE EXTENT  
19 DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED BY SECTION 44-11-307.5.

20 (4) A PERSON THAT BECOMES A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER  
21 OF A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION THAT IS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
22 BUSINESS OR THAT BECOMES A BENEFICIAL OWNER, THROUGH DIRECT OR  
23 INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER, OF TEN  
24 PERCENT OR MORE OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS THAT IS A  
25 PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION MUST DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION  
26 REQUIRED BY SECTION 44-11-307.5 AND APPLY TO THE STATE LICENSING  
27 AUTHORITY FOR A FINDING OF SUITABILITY OR EXEMPTION FROM A

1 FINDING OF SUITABILITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-11-307.6 WITHIN  
2 FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER BECOMING SUCH A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL  
3 OWNER. A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS SHALL NOTIFY EACH PERSON  
4 THAT IS SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4) OF ITS REQUIREMENTS AS SOON  
5 AS THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS BECOMES AWARE OF THE  
6 BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRIGGERING THE REQUIREMENT, PROVIDED THAT  
7 THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4) ARE  
8 INDEPENDENT OF, AND UNAFFECTED BY, THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
9 BUSINESS'S FAILURE TO GIVE THE NOTICE.

10 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-11-310, **amend**  
11 (3), (4), (6), and (11) as follows:

12 **44-11-310. Licensing in general.** (3) A medical marijuana  
13 ~~center, optional premises cultivation operation, or medical~~  
14 ~~marijuana-infused products manufacturer~~ BUSINESS THAT IS NOT A  
15 PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION shall notify the state licensing authority  
16 in writing within ten days after an owner officer or manager ceases to  
17 work at, manage, own, or otherwise be associated with the operation. The  
18 owner, officer or manager shall surrender to the state licensing authority  
19 any identification card that may have been issued by the state licensing  
20 authority on or before the date of the notification.

21 (4) A medical marijuana ~~center, optional premises cultivation~~  
22 ~~operation, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturer~~ BUSINESS  
23 THAT IS NOT A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION shall notify the state  
24 licensing authority in writing of the name, address, and date of birth of an  
25 owner OR officer, or manager before the new owner, officer or manager  
26 begins managing, owning, or associating with the operation. Any  
27 CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL owner, officer, manager, or employee shall

1 pass a fingerprint-based criminal history record check as required by the  
2 state licensing authority and obtain the required identification prior to  
3 being associated with, managing, owning, or working at the operation.

4 THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY FOR REASONABLE CAUSE REQUIRE  
5 A PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER TO PASS A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL  
6 HISTORY CHECK.

7 (6) All managers and employees WITH DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONAL  
8 CONTROL of a medical marijuana center, optional premises cultivation  
9 operation, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturer shall be  
10 residents of Colorado upon the date of their license application. All  
11 licenses granted pursuant to this article 11 shall be valid for a period not  
12 to exceed two years after the date of issuance unless revoked or  
13 suspended pursuant to this article 11 or the rules promulgated pursuant to  
14 this article 11.

15 (11) EXCEPT FOR A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, a licensee  
16 MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS shall report each transfer or change of  
17 financial interest in the license to the state and local licensing authorities  
18 thirty days prior to any transfer or change pursuant to section 44-11-309.  
19 EXCEPT FOR A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, a report shall be required  
20 for transfers of ~~capital stock of any corporation~~ OWNER'S INTEREST OF  
21 ANY ENTITY regardless of size.

22 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-11-313, **amend**  
23 (1); and **repeal** (2) as follows:

24 **44-11-313. Unlawful financial assistance.** (1) The state  
25 licensing authority, by rule, shall require a complete disclosure ~~of all~~  
26 ~~persons having a direct or indirect financial interest, and the extent of~~  
27 ~~such interest, in~~ PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-11-307.5 IN CONNECTION WITH

1 each license issued under this article 11.

2 (2) A person shall not have an unreported financial interest in a  
3 license pursuant to this article 11 unless that person has undergone a  
4 fingerprint-based criminal history record check as provided for by the  
5 state licensing authority in its rules; except that this subsection (2) does  
6 not apply to banks or savings and loan associations supervised and  
7 regulated by an agency of the state or federal government, or to  
8 FHA-approved mortgagees, or to stockholders, directors, or officers  
9 thereof.

10 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 44-11-407  
11 as follows:

12 **44-11-407. Medical marijuana business operator license.** A  
13 medical marijuana business operator license may be issued to an entity or  
14 A person who THAT operates a medical marijuana establishment BUSINESS  
15 licensed pursuant to this article 11 for an owner ANOTHER MEDICAL  
16 MARIJUANA BUSINESS licensed pursuant to this article 11 and who THAT  
17 may receive a portion of the profits as compensation.

18 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-11-901, add  
19 (7.5) as follows:

20 **44-11-901. Unlawful acts - exceptions - repeal.** (7.5) (a) IT IS  
21 UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACT OR OMISSION WITH THE  
22 INTENT TO EVADE DISCLOSURE, REPORTING, RECORD KEEPING, OR  
23 SUITABILITY REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11, INCLUDING  
24 BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

25 (I) FAILING TO FILE A REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 11  
26 OR CAUSING OR ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE A PERSON TO FAIL TO FILE SUCH A  
27 REPORT;

1 (II) FILING OR CAUSING OR ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE A PERSON TO  
2 FILE A REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 11 THAT CONTAINS A  
3 MATERIAL OMISSION OR MISSTATEMENT OF FACT;

4 (III) MAKING FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS REGARDING THE  
5 OFFERING OF INTERESTS OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS; OR

6 (IV) STRUCTURING ANY TRANSACTION WITH THE INTENT TO EVADE  
7 DISCLOSURE, REPORTING, RECORD KEEPING, OR SUITABILITY  
8 REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 11.

9 (b) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY DENY, SUSPEND,  
10 REVOKE, FINE, OR IMPOSE OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST A PERSON'S LICENSE  
11 ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 11 IF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FINDS  
12 A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (7.5) BY THE PERSON, THE PERSON'S  
13 CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER, PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, INDIRECT  
14 FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER OR ANY AGENT OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF.

15 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-12-103, **amend**  
16 (1), (5), (18), (20), (24), and (25); and **add** (1.1), (1.2), (1.3), (1.4), (1.5),  
17 (11.5), (16.1), (16.5), (19.5), (20.3), (20.5), (32.5), and (34) as follows:

18 **44-12-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 12, unless the  
19 context otherwise requires:

20 (1) ~~"Direct beneficial interest owner" means a person or closely~~  
21 ~~held business entity that owns a share or shares of stock in a licensed~~  
22 ~~retail marijuana business, including the officers, directors, managing~~  
23 ~~members, or partners of the licensed retail marijuana business or closely~~  
24 ~~held business entity, or a qualified limited passive investor "ACQUIRE"~~  
25 ~~WHEN USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF AN OWNER'S~~  
26 ~~INTEREST OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS, MEANS OBTAINING~~  
27 ~~OWNERSHIP, CONTROL, POWER TO VOTE, OR SOLE POWER OF DISPOSITION~~

1 OF THE OWNER'S INTEREST, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OR THROUGH ONE OR  
2 MORE TRANSACTIONS OR SUBSIDIARIES, THROUGH PURCHASE,  
3 ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE, SUCCESSION, OR OTHER MEANS.

4 (1.1) "ACTING IN CONCERT" MEANS KNOWING PARTICIPATION IN  
5 A JOINT ACTIVITY OR INTERDEPENDENT CONSCIOUS PARALLEL ACTION  
6 TOWARD A COMMON GOAL, WHETHER OR NOT PURSUANT TO AN EXPRESS  
7 AGREEMENT.

8 (1.2) "AFFILIATE" OF, OR PERSON "AFFILIATED WITH", HAS THE  
9 SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN THE "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", 17 CFR  
10 230.405, AS AMENDED.

11 (1.3) "BENEFICIAL OWNER OF", "BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF", OR  
12 "BENEFICIALLY OWNS AN" OWNER'S INTEREST IS DETERMINED IN  
13 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13(d) OF THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES  
14 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, AND RULE 13d-3 PROMULGATED  
15 THEREUNDER.

16 (1.4) "CONTROL", "CONTROLS", "CONTROLLED", "CONTROLLING",  
17 "CONTROLLED BY", AND "UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH", MEANS THE  
18 POSSESSION, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, OF THE POWER TO DIRECT OR CAUSE THE  
19 DIRECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT OR POLICIES OF A PERSON, WHETHER  
20 THROUGH THE OWNERSHIP OF VOTING SECURITIES, BY CONTRACT, OR  
21 OTHERWISE.

22 (1.5) "CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER" IS LIMITED TO A PERSON  
23 THAT SATISFIES ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

24 (a) A NATURAL PERSON, AN ENTITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
25 7-90-102 (20) THAT IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF AND FOR WHICH  
26 ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE STATES OR  
27 TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES OR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A



1 PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, OR A QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND THAT IS  
2 NOT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR:

3 (I) ACTING ALONE OR ACTING IN CONCERT, THAT OWNS OR  
4 ACQUIRES BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF THE  
5 OWNER'S INTEREST OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS;

6 (II) THAT IS AN AFFILIATE THAT CONTROLS A RETAIL MARIJUANA  
7 BUSINESS AND INCLUDES, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY MANAGER; OR

8 (III) THAT IS OTHERWISE IN A POSITION TO CONTROL THE RETAIL  
9 MARIJUANA BUSINESS EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 44-12-407; OR

10 (b) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR ACTING ALONE OR  
11 ACTING IN CONCERT THAT OWNS OR ACQUIRES BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
12 MORE THAN THIRTY PERCENT OF THE OWNER'S INTEREST OF A RETAIL  
13 MARIJUANA BUSINESS.

14 (5) ~~"Indirect beneficial interest owner" means a holder of a  
15 permitted economic interest, a recipient of a commercially reasonable  
16 royalty associated with the use of intellectual property by a licensee, a  
17 licensed employee who receives a share of the profits from an employee  
18 benefit plan, a qualified institutional investor, or another similarly  
19 situated person or entity as determined by the state licensing authority~~

20 "INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER" MEANS A PERSON THAT IS NOT  
21 AN AFFILIATE, A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR A PASSIVE  
22 BENEFICIAL OWNER OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS AND THAT:

23 (a) HOLDS A COMMERCIALY REASONABLE ROYALTY INTEREST IN  
24 EXCHANGE FOR A RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS'S USE OF THE PERSON'S  
25 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY;

26 (b) HOLDS A PERMITTED ECONOMIC INTEREST THAT WAS ISSUED  
27 PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2020, AND THAT HAS NOT BEEN CONVERTED INTO AN

1 OWNERSHIP INTEREST;

2 (c) IS A CONTRACT COUNTERPARTY WITH A RETAIL MARIJUANA  
3 BUSINESS, OTHER THAN A CUSTOMARY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, THAT  
4 HAS A DIRECT NEXUS TO THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE, OR SALE OF  
5 MARIJUANA, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY  
6 ON WHICH THE RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS OPERATES, A LEASE OF  
7 EQUIPMENT USED IN THE CULTIVATION OF RETAIL MARIJUANA, A SECURED  
8 OR UNSECURED FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH THE RETAIL MARIJUANA  
9 BUSINESS, A SECURITY CONTRACT WITH THE RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS,  
10 OR A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS,  
11 PROVIDED THAT NO SUCH CONTRACT COMPENSATES THE CONTRACT  
12 COUNTERPARTY WITH A PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE FOR PROFITS OF THE  
13 RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS; OR

14 (d) IS IDENTIFIED BY RULE BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY AS  
15 AN INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER.

16 (11.5) "MANAGER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN SECTION  
17 7-90-102 (35.7).

18 (16.1) "OWNER'S INTEREST" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN  
19 SECTION 7-90-102 (44).

20 (16.5) "PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER" MEANS ANY PERSON  
21 ACQUIRING ANY INTEREST IN A RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT THAT  
22 IS NOT OTHERWISE A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER OR IN CONTROL.

23 (18) "Person" ~~means a natural person, partnership, association,~~  
24 ~~company, corporation, limited liability company, or organization; except~~  
25 ~~that "person" does not include any governmental organization.~~ HAS THE  
26 SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 7-90-102 (49).

27 (19.5) "PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION" MEANS ANY PERSON

1 OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS A CLASS OF SECURITIES  
2 REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES  
3 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, THAT IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE  
4 LAWS OF AND FOR WHICH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED IN  
5 ONE OF THE STATES OR TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES OR DISTRICT  
6 OF COLUMBIA OR ANOTHER COUNTRY THAT AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF  
7 MARIJUANA AND THAT:

8 (a) HAS A CLASS OF SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO  
9 SECTION 12 OF THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS  
10 AMENDED, THAT:

11 (I) CONSTITUTES "COVERED SECURITIES" PURSUANT TO SECTION  
12 18 (b)(1)(A) OF THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED;  
13 OR

14 (II) IS QUALIFIED AND QUOTED ON THE OTCQX OR OTCQB TIER  
15 OF THE OTC MARKETS IF:

16 (A) THE PERSON IS THEN REQUIRED TO FILE REPORTS AND IS FILING  
17 REPORTS ON A CURRENT BASIS WITH THE FEDERAL SECURITIES AND  
18 EXCHANGE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES  
19 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, AS IF THE SECURITIES  
20 CONSTITUTED "COVERED SECURITIES" AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
21 (19.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION; AND

22 (B) THE PERSON HAS ESTABLISHED AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
23 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MEASURES PURSUANT TO CORPORATE  
24 GOVERNANCE OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED ON SECURITIES QUALIFIED AND  
25 QUOTED ON THE OTCQX TIER OF THE OTC MARKETS;

26 (b) IS AN ENTITY THAT HAS A CLASS OF SECURITIES LISTED ON THE  
27 CANADIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE, TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE, TSX

1 VENTURE EXCHANGE, OR OTHER EQUITY SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
2 RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, IF:

3 (I) THE ENTITY CONSTITUTES A "FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER", AS  
4 DEFINED IN RULE 405 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL  
5 "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED, WHOSE SECURITIES ARE EXEMPT  
6 FROM REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE FEDERAL  
7 "SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO RULE  
8 12g3-2 (b) PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES  
9 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED; AND

10 (II) THE ENTITY HAS BEEN, FOR THE PRECEDING THREE HUNDRED  
11 SIXTY-FIVE DAYS OR SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE ENTITY, IN  
12 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING OBLIGATIONS  
13 IMPOSED BY THE RELEVANT EXCHANGE ON SUCH ENTITY;

14 (c) IS REASONABLY IDENTIFIED AS A PUBLICLY TRADED  
15 CORPORATION BY RULE; OR

16 (d) A "PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION" DESCRIBED IN  
17 SUBSECTION (19.5)(a), (19.5)(b), OR (19.5)(c) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT  
18 INCLUDE:

19 (I) AN "INELIGIBLE ISSUER", AS DEFINED IN RULE 405  
20 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933",  
21 AS AMENDED, UNLESS SUCH PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION SATISFIES  
22 THE DEFINITION OF INELIGIBLE ISSUER SOLELY BECAUSE IT IS ONE OR MORE  
23 OF THE FOLLOWING, AND THE PERSON REPORTS AND IS FILING REPORTS ON  
24 A CURRENT BASIS WITH THE FEDERAL SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
25 COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
26 1934", AS AMENDED, AS IF THE SECURITIES CONSTITUTED "COVERED  
27 SECURITIES" AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (19.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION,

1 AND PRIOR TO BECOMING A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, THE PERSON  
2 FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS WAS LICENSED BY THE STATE LICENSING  
3 AUTHORITY AS A RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT WITH A  
4 DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF COLORADO,  
5 AND DURING SUCH TIME WAS NOT SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION OR  
6 REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE:

7 (A) A "BLANK CHECK COMPANY", AS DEFINED IN RULE 419 (a)(2)  
8 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933",  
9 AS AMENDED;

10 (B) AN ISSUER IN AN OFFERING OF "PENNY STOCK", AS DEFINED IN  
11 RULE 3a51-1 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES  
12 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934"; OR

13 (C) A "SHELL COMPANY", AS DEFINED IN RULE 405 PROMULGATED  
14 PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED;  
15 AND

16 (II) A PERSON DISQUALIFIED AS A "BAD ACTOR" UNDER RULE 506  
17 (D) PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF  
18 1933", AS AMENDED.

19 (20) ~~"Qualified limited passive investor" means a natural person~~  
20 ~~who is a United States citizen and is a passive investor who owns less~~  
21 ~~than a five percent share or shares of stock in a licensed retail marijuana~~  
22 ~~business.~~ "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR" MEANS:

23 (a) A BANK AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3 (a)(6) OF THE FEDERAL  
24 "SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934", AS AMENDED, PROVIDED THE  
25 BANK IS CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE REPORTING AND RECORD-KEEPING  
26 REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND RULES PROMULGATED  
27 THEREUNDER;

1 (b) A BANK HOLDING COMPANY AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL  
2 "BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1956", AS AMENDED, IF THE BANK  
3 HOLDING COMPANY IS REGISTERED AND CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE  
4 REPORTING AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND  
5 RULES PROMULGATED THEREUNDER;

6 (c) AN INSURANCE COMPANY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 (a)(17) OF  
7 THE FEDERAL "INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940", AS AMENDED,  
8 PROVIDED THE INSURANCE COMPANY IS CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE  
9 REPORTING AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND  
10 RULES PROMULGATED THEREUNDER;

11 (d) AN INVESTMENT COMPANY REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 8 OF  
12 THE FEDERAL "INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940", AS AMENDED, AND  
13 SUBJECT TO 15 U.S.C. SEC. 80a-1 TO 80a-64, IF THE INVESTMENT  
14 COMPANY IS CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE REPORTING AND  
15 RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND RULES  
16 PROMULGATED THEREUNDER;

17 (e) AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN OR PENSION FUND SUBJECT TO THE  
18 FEDERAL "EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974",  
19 EXCLUDING AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN OR PENSION FUND SPONSORED BY  
20 A LICENSEE OR AN INTERMEDIARY HOLDING COMPANY LICENSEE THAT  
21 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OWNS TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF A LICENSEE;

22 (f) A STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PENSION PLAN;

23 (g) A GROUP COMPRISED ENTIRELY OF PERSONS SPECIFIED IN  
24 SUBSECTIONS (20)(a) TO (20)(f) OF THIS SECTION; OR

25 (h) ANY OTHER ENTITY IDENTIFIED BY RULE BY THE STATE  
26 LICENSING AUTHORITY.

27 (20.3) "QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND" MEANS AN ISSUER THAT WOULD

1 BE AN INVESTMENT COMPANY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION (3) OF THE FEDERAL  
2 "INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940", BUT FOR THE EXCLUSIONS  
3 PROVIDED UNDER SECTIONS 3(c)(1) OR 3(c)(7) OF THAT ACT, AND THAT:

4 (a) IS ADVISED OR MANAGED BY AN INVESTMENT ADVISER AS  
5 DEFINED AND REGISTERED UNDER SECTIONS 80b-1-21, TITLE 15 OF THE  
6 FEDERAL "INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940", AND FOR WHICH THE  
7 REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISER IS CURRENT IN ALL APPLICABLE  
8 REPORTING AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT AND  
9 RULES PROMULGATED THEREUNDER; AND

10 (b) SATISFIES ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

11 (I) IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAW OF A STATE OR THE UNITED  
12 STATES;

13 (II) IS ORGANIZED, OPERATED, OR SPONSORED BY A U.S. PERSON,  
14 AS DEFINED UNDER SUBSECTION 17 CFR 230.902(k), AS AMENDED; OR

15 (III) SELLS SECURITIES TO A U.S. PERSON, AS DEFINED UNDER  
16 SUBSECTION 17 CFR 230.902(k), AS AMENDED.

17 (20.5) "REASONABLE CAUSE" MEANS JUST OR LEGITIMATE  
18 GROUNDS BASED IN LAW AND IN FACT TO BELIEVE THAT THE PARTICULAR  
19 REQUESTED ACTION FURTHERS THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 12 OR  
20 PROTECTS PUBLIC SAFETY.

21 (24) "Retail marijuana establishment" means ANY OF THE  
22 FOLLOWING ENTITIES LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 12: A retail  
23 marijuana store, a retail marijuana cultivation facility, a retail marijuana  
24 products manufacturer, or a retail marijuana testing facility, A RETAIL  
25 MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT OPERATOR, OR A RETAIL MARIJUANA  
26 TRANSPORTER.

27 (25) "Retail marijuana establishment operator" means an entity or

1 A person ~~who is not an owner and who~~ THAT is licensed to provide  
2 professional operational services to a retail marijuana establishment for  
3 direct remuneration from the retail marijuana establishment. A RETAIL  
4 MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT OPERATOR IS NOT, BY VIRTUE OF ITS STATUS  
5 AS RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT OPERATOR, A CONTROLLING  
6 BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR A PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY RETAIL  
7 MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT IT OPERATES.

8 (32.5) "SECURITY" MEANS THOSE TERMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
9 (2)(1) OF THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED.

10 (34) "SUBSTANTIAL JUSTIFICATION" MEANS A POSITION OR REASON  
11 THAT HAS A REASONABLE BASIS BOTH IN LAW AND IN FACT.

12 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-12-202, **amend**  
13 (2)(d) and (3)(c)(IV); **repeal** (3)(a)(XXI); and **add** (6) and (7) as follows:

14 **44-12-202. Powers and duties of state licensing authority -**  
15 **rules.** (2) The state licensing authority has the authority to:

16 (d) Maintain the confidentiality of reports or other information  
17 obtained from a licensee containing any individualized data, information,  
18 or records related to the licensee or its operation, including sales  
19 information, financial records, tax returns, credit reports, cultivation  
20 information, testing results, and security information and plans, or  
21 revealing any customer information, or any other records that are exempt  
22 from public inspection pursuant to state law. Such reports or other  
23 information may be used only for a purpose authorized by this article 12  
24 FOR INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY INTERNATIONAL, FEDERAL,  
25 STATE, OR LOCAL SECURITIES LAW OR REGULATIONS, or for any other state  
26 or local law enforcement purpose. Any customer information may be used  
27 only for a purpose authorized by this article 12.



1 (3) (a) Rules promulgated pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this  
2 section must include but need not be limited to, the following subjects:

3 (XXI) ~~The parameters and qualifications of an indirect beneficial~~  
4 ~~interest owner; and a qualified limited passive investor;~~

5 (c) Rules promulgated pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section  
6 must also include the following subjects:

7 (IV) Development of individual identification cards for ~~owners,~~  
8 ~~officers~~ CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND ANY PERSON OPERATING,  
9 WORKING IN, OR HAVING UNESCORTED ACCESS TO THE LIMITED ACCESS  
10 AREAS OF THE LICENSED PREMISES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA  
11 ESTABLISHMENT, ~~managers, contractors, employees, and other support~~  
12 ~~staff of entities licensed pursuant to this article 12,~~ including a  
13 fingerprint-based criminal history record check as may be required by the  
14 state licensing authority prior to issuing a card;

15 (6) (a) RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF  
16 THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

17 (I) OWNERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES AND  
18 REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 12;

19 (II) RECORDS A RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT IS REQUIRED  
20 TO MAINTAIN REGARDING ITS CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS, PASSIVE  
21 BENEFICIAL OWNERS, AND INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDERS THAT  
22 MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE AT RENEWAL OR AS PART OF ANY OTHER  
23 INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING INITIAL LICENSURE OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA  
24 ESTABLISHMENT;

25 (III) PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FINDINGS OF  
26 SUITABILITY PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 12, INCLUDING FEES NECESSARY  
27 TO COVER THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF ANY SUITABILITY

1 INVESTIGATION;

2 (IV) PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE

3 DIVESTITURE OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF A PERSON FOUND

4 UNSUITABLE BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY;

5 (V) PROCEDURES, PROCESSES, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR

6 TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP INVOLVING A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION,

7 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MERGERS WITH A PUBLICLY TRADED

8 CORPORATION, INVESTMENT BY A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, AND

9 PUBLIC OFFERINGS;

10 (VI) DESIGNATION OF PERSONS THAT BY VIRTUE OF COMMON

11 CONTROL CONSTITUTE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS;

12 (VII) MODIFICATION OF THE PERCENTAGE OF SECURITIES THAT

13 MAY BE HELD BY A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER AND PASSIVE

14 BENEFICIAL OWNER;

15 (VIII) DESIGNATION OF PERSONS THAT QUALIFY FOR AN

16 EXEMPTION FROM AN OTHERWISE REQUIRED FINDING OF SUITABILITY; AND

17 (IX) DESIGNATION OF INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDERS

18 AND QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS.

19 (b) RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6)

20 SHALL NOT BE ANY MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE REQUIREMENTS

21 EXPRESSLY ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 12.

22 (7) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY DENY, SUSPEND,

23 REVOKE, FINE, OR IMPOSE OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST A PERSON'S LICENSE

24 ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 12 IF THE STATE LICENSING

25 AUTHORITY FINDS THE PERSON OR THE PERSON'S CONTROLLING

26 BENEFICIAL OWNER, PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL

27 INTEREST HOLDER FAILED TO TIMELY FILE ANY REPORT, DISCLOSURE,

1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT, OR OTHER SUBMISSION REQUIRED BY ANY  
2 STATE OR FEDERAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY THAT IS RELATED TO THE  
3 CONDUCT OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

4 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-12-303, **amend**  
5 (1) as follows:

6 **44-12-303. State licensing authority - application and issuance**  
7 **procedures.** (1) Applications for a state license under the provisions of  
8 this article 12 must be made to the state licensing authority on forms  
9 prepared and furnished by the state licensing authority and must set forth  
10 such information as the state licensing authority may require to enable the  
11 state licensing authority to determine whether a state license should be  
12 granted. The information must include the name and address of the  
13 applicant and ~~the names and addresses of the officers, directors, or~~  
14 ~~managers~~ DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY SECTION 44-11-307.5. Each  
15 application must be verified by the oath or affirmation of such person or  
16 persons as the state licensing authority may prescribe. The state licensing  
17 authority may issue a state license to an applicant pursuant to this section  
18 upon completion of the applicable criminal history background check  
19 associated with the application, and the state license is conditioned upon  
20 local jurisdiction approval. A license applicant is prohibited from  
21 operating a licensed retail marijuana business without state and local  
22 jurisdiction approval. If the applicant does not receive local jurisdiction  
23 approval within one year from the date of state licensing authority  
24 approval, the state license shall expire and may not be renewed. If an  
25 application is denied by the local licensing authority, the state licensing  
26 authority shall revoke the state-issued license.

27 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-12-305, **amend**

1 (1)(c), (1)(j), and (1)(k); and **add** (1)(l), (1)(m), (1)(n), (1)(o), (1)(p), and  
2 (1)(q) as follows:

3 **44-12-305. Persons prohibited as licensees - definition.** (1) A  
4 license provided by this article 12 shall not be issued to or held by:

5 (c) A person other than an individual if the criminal history of any  
6 of its ~~officers, directors, stockholders, or owners~~ CONTROLLING  
7 BENEFICIAL OWNERS indicates that ~~the officer, director, stockholder, or~~  
8 ~~owner~~ A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER is not of good moral character  
9 after considering the factors in section 24-5-101 (2); ~~C.R.S.~~

10 (j) A person applying for a license for a location that is currently  
11 licensed as a retail food establishment or wholesale food registrant; ~~or~~

12 (k) A publicly traded ~~company~~ ENTITY THAT DOES NOT  
13 CONSTITUTE A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION;

14 (l) A PERSON THAT IS OR HAS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER,  
15 PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER  
16 THAT IS ORGANIZED OR FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF A COUNTRY  
17 DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE TO HAVE  
18 REPEATEDLY PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM  
19 OR INCLUDED AMONG THE LIST OF "COVERED COUNTRIES" IN SECTION 1502  
20 OF THE FEDERAL "DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER  
21 PROTECTION ACT", PUB.L. 111-203;

22 (m) A PERSON THAT IS OR HAS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL  
23 OWNER, THAT IS AN "INELIGIBLE ISSUER" PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-12-104  
24 (19.5)(d)(1);

25 (n) A PERSON THAT IS OR HAS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER  
26 THAT IS DISQUALIFIED AS A "BAD ACTOR" UNDER RULE 506 (d)(1)  
27 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933",

1 AS AMENDED, AND SUBJECT TO 17 CFR 230.506 (d)(1);

2 (o) A PERSON THAT IS NOT A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION  
3 THAT IS DISQUALIFIED AS A "BAD ACTOR" UNDER RULE 506 (d)  
4 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933",  
5 AS AMENDED, AND SUBJECT TO 17 CFR 230.506 (d)(1);

6 (p) A PERSON THAT IS A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION THAT IS  
7 OR HAS A PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST  
8 HOLDER THAT IS OR HAS A KNOWN PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER OR  
9 INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER THAT IS DISQUALIFIED AS A "BAD  
10 ACTOR" UNDER RULE 506 (d) PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL  
11 "SECURITIES ACT OF 1933", AS AMENDED, AND SUBJECT TO 17 CFR  
12 230.506 (d)(1); OR

13 (q) A PERSON THAT IS OR HAS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER,  
14 PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER  
15 THAT IS PROHIBITED FROM ENGAGING IN TRANSACTIONS PURSUANT TO  
16 THIS ARTICLE 12 DUE TO ITS DESIGNATION ON THE "SPECIALLY  
17 DESIGNATED NATIONALS AND BLOCKED PERSONS" LIST MAINTAINED BY  
18 THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL.

19 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-12-306, **amend**  
20 **(1)(a)(II), (1)(a)(IV), (1)(b), and (3); repeal (2), (4), (5), (6), and (7); and**  
21 **add (1)(a)(IV.5), (1)(a)(VI), and (1)(a)(VII) as follows:**

22 **44-12-306. Business and owner requirements - legislative**  
23 **declaration - definition.** (1) (a) The general assembly hereby finds and  
24 declares that:

25 (II) The current regulatory structure for retail marijuana creates a  
26 substantial barrier to investment from out-of-state interests AND PUBLICLY  
27 TRADED CORPORATIONS;

1 (IV) Colorado retail marijuana ~~businesses~~ ESTABLISHMENTS need  
2 to have ready access to capital from investors ~~in states~~ FROM outside of  
3 Colorado; and

4 (IV.5) UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PERMITTING PUBLICLY  
5 TRADED CORPORATIONS TO HOLD AN INTEREST IN RETAIL MARIJUANA  
6 ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BENEFIT COLORADO'S RETAIL MARIJUANA MARKET;

7 (VI) PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATIONS OFFERING SECURITIES FOR  
8 INVESTMENT IN RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS MUST TELL THE  
9 PUBLIC THE TRUTH ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS, THE SECURITIES THEY ARE  
10 SELLING, AND THE RISKS INVOLVED WITH INVESTING IN RETAIL MARIJUANA  
11 ESTABLISHMENTS, AND PEOPLE THAT SELL AND TRADE SECURITIES  
12 RELATED TO RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM  
13 ENGAGING IN DECEIT, MISREPRESENTATIONS, AND OTHER FRAUD IN THE  
14 SALE OF THE SECURITIES; AND

15 (VII) RECOGNIZING THAT PARTICIPATION BY PUBLICLY TRADED  
16 CORPORATIONS IN COLORADO'S RETAIL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY CREATES AN  
17 INCREASED NEED TO ASSESS BARRIERS OF ENTRY FOR MINORITY- AND  
18 WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES, WITH SUCH EFFORTS BEING MADE TO  
19 IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO ARRIVE AT A GREATER BALANCE AND FOR  
20 FURTHER EQUITY FOR MINORITY- AND WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES, AND  
21 IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
22 ENFORCEMENT GOALS AS STATED HEREIN, IT IS THEREFORE OF  
23 SUBSTANTIVE IMPORTANCE TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF MINORITY- AND  
24 WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES' INCLUSION IN COLORADO'S RETAIL  
25 MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH  
26 MARIJUANA PROHIBITION, SUITABILITY ISSUES RELATING TO PAST  
27 CONVICTIONS FOR POTENTIAL LICENSEES, LICENSING FEES, AND ECONOMIC

1 CHALLENGES THAT ARISE WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESSES.

2 (b) Therefore, the general assembly is providing a mechanism for  
3 Colorado retail marijuana ~~businesses~~ ESTABLISHMENTS to access capital  
4 from investors in other states AND FROM CERTAIN PUBLICLY TRADED  
5 CORPORATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTION 44-12-306.5.

6 (2) A direct beneficial interest owner who is a natural person must  
7 either:

8 (a) Have been a resident of Colorado for at least one year prior to  
9 the date of the application; or

10 (b) Be a United States citizen prior to the date of the application.

11 (3) (a) A retail marijuana business may be comprised of an  
12 unlimited number of direct beneficial interest owners that have been  
13 residents of Colorado for at least one year prior to the date of the  
14 application.

15 (b) On and after January 1, 2017, a retail marijuana business that  
16 is composed of one or more direct beneficial interest owners who have  
17 not been Colorado residents for at least one year prior to application shall  
18 have at least one officer who has been a Colorado resident for at least one  
19 year prior to application, and All officers NATURAL PERSONS with  
20 day-to-day operational control over the RETAIL MARIJUANA  
21 ESTABLISHMENT must be Colorado residents. for at least one year prior to  
22 application. A retail marijuana business under this subsection (3)(b) is  
23 limited to no more than fifteen direct beneficial interest owners, including  
24 all parent and subsidiary entities, all of whom are natural persons.

25 (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (3)(b) of this  
26 section, the state licensing authority may review the limitation on the  
27 number of direct beneficial interest owners and may increase the number

1 of allowable interests above fifteen based on reasonable considerations  
2 such as developments in state and federal financial regulations, market  
3 conditions, and the licensee's ability to access legitimate sources of  
4 capital. A PERSON, OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL, THAT IS A RETAIL  
5 MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT OR A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER  
6 SHALL APPOINT AND CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAIN A REGISTERED AGENT  
7 THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 7-90-701. THE RETAIL  
8 MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT SHALL INFORM THE STATE LICENSING  
9 AUTHORITY OF A CHANGE IN THE REGISTERED AGENT WITHIN TEN DAYS  
10 AFTER THE CHANGE.

11 (d) A direct beneficial interest owner that is a closely held  
12 business entity must consist entirely of natural persons who are United  
13 States citizens prior to the date of the application, including all parent and  
14 subsidiary entities.

15 (4) A retail marijuana business may include qualified institutional  
16 investors that own thirty percent or less of the retail marijuana business.

17 (5) (a) A person who intends to apply as a direct beneficial interest  
18 owner and is not a Colorado resident for at least one year prior to the date  
19 of application shall first submit a request to the state licensing authority  
20 for a finding of suitability as a direct beneficial interest owner. The  
21 person shall receive a finding of suitability prior to submitting an  
22 application to the state licensing authority to be a direct beneficial interest  
23 owner. Failure to receive a finding of suitability prior to application is  
24 grounds for denial by the state licensing authority.

25 (b) The state licensing authority shall perform a limited initial  
26 background check on qualified limited passive investors. If the initial  
27 background check provides reasonable cause for additional investigation,



1 ~~the state licensing authority may require a full background check.~~

2 ~~(6) The state licensing authority shall review the retail marijuana~~  
3 ~~business's operating documents to ensure compliance with this section.~~

4 ~~(7) For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise~~  
5 ~~requires, "institutional investor" means:~~

6 ~~(a) A bank as defined in section 3 (a)(6) of the federal "Securities~~  
7 ~~Exchange Act of 1934", as amended;~~

8 ~~(b) An insurance company as defined in section 2 (a)(17) of the~~  
9 ~~federal "Investment Company Act of 1940", as amended;~~

10 ~~(c) An investment company registered under section 8 of the~~  
11 ~~federal "Investment Company Act of 1940", as amended;~~

12 ~~(d) An investment adviser registered under section 203 of the~~  
13 ~~federal "Investment Advisers Act of 1940", as amended;~~

14 ~~(e) Collective trust funds as defined in section 3 (c)(11) of the~~  
15 ~~federal "Investment Company Act of 1940", as amended;~~

16 ~~(f) An employee benefit plan or pension fund that is subject to the~~  
17 ~~federal "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974", as~~  
18 ~~amended, excluding an employee benefit plan or pension fund sponsored~~  
19 ~~by a licensee or an intermediary or holding company licensee that directly~~  
20 ~~or indirectly owns five percent or more of a licensee;~~

21 ~~(g) A state or federal government pension plan;~~

22 ~~(h) A group comprised entirely of persons specified in subsections~~  
23 ~~(7)(a) to (7)(g) of this section; or~~

24 ~~(i) Any other entity identified through rule by the state licensing~~  
25 ~~authority.~~

26 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 44-12-306.5  
27 and 44-12-306.6 as follows:

1           **44-12-306.5. Business owner and financial interest disclosure**

2           **requirements.** (1) APPLICANTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A STATE LICENSE  
3           SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY THE FOLLOWING:

4           (a) A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE  
5           RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT REFLECTING THE IDENTITY AND  
6           OWNERSHIP PERCENTAGES OF ITS CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS;

7           (b) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING ALL CONTROLLING  
8           BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT:

9           (I) IF THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER IS A PUBLICLY  
10          TRADED CORPORATION, THE APPLICANT SHALL DISCLOSE THE  
11          CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS' MANAGERS, AND ANY BENEFICIAL  
12          OWNERS THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BENEFICIALLY OWN TEN PERCENT  
13          OR MORE OF THE SECURITIES IN THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER;

14          (II) IF THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT A PUBLICLY  
15          TRADED CORPORATION AND IS NOT A QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND, THE  
16          APPLICANT SHALL DISCLOSE THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER'S  
17          MANAGERS AND ANY BENEFICIAL OWNERS THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY  
18          BENEFICIALLY OWN TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF THE SECURITIES IN THE  
19          CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER;

20          (III) IF THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER IS A QUALIFIED  
21          PRIVATE FUND, THE APPLICANT SHALL DISCLOSE A COMPLETE AND  
22          ACCURATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND  
23          REFLECTING THE IDENTITY AND OWNERSHIP PERCENTAGES OF THE  
24          QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND'S MANAGERS, INVESTMENT ADVISERS,  
25          INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVES, ANY TRUSTEE OR EQUIVALENT,  
26          AND ANY OTHER PERSON THAT CONTROLS THE INVESTMENT IN, OR  
27          MANAGEMENT OR OPERATIONS OF, THE RETAIL MARIJUANA

1 ESTABLISHMENT;

2 (IV) IF THE CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER IS A NATURAL  
3 PERSON, THE APPLICANT SHALL DISCLOSE THE NATURAL PERSON'S  
4 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION;

5 (c) A PERSON THAT IS BOTH A PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER AND AN  
6 INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER IN THE RETAIL MARIJUANA  
7 ESTABLISHMENT; AND

8 (d) ANY INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER THAT HOLDS TWO  
9 OR MORE INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN THE RETAIL MARIJUANA  
10 ESTABLISHMENT OR THAT IS CONTRIBUTING OVER FIFTY PERCENT OF THE  
11 OPERATING CAPITAL OF THE RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT.

12 (2) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY REQUEST THAT THE  
13 RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT DISCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:

14 (a) EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER AND AFFILIATE OF AN APPLICANT,  
15 RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT, OR CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL  
16 OWNER THAT IS NOT A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION OR A QUALIFIED  
17 PRIVATE FUND; AND

18 (b) EACH AFFILIATE OF A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT  
19 IS A QUALIFIED PRIVATE FUND.

20 (3) FOR REASONABLE CAUSE, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY  
21 MAY REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF:

22 (a) A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE LIST OF EACH NONOBJECTING  
23 BENEFICIAL INTEREST OWNER OF AN APPLICANT, RETAIL MARIJUANA  
24 ESTABLISHMENT, OR CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT IS A  
25 PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION;

26 (b) PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE RETAIL MARIJUANA  
27 ESTABLISHMENT, AND FOR ANY PASSIVE BENEFICIAL INTEREST OWNER

1 THAT IS NOT A NATURAL PERSON, THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
2 DIRECTORS, GENERAL PARTNERS, MANAGING MEMBERS, MANAGERS OR  
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND TEN PERCENT OR MORE OWNERS OF THE PASSIVE  
4 BENEFICIAL OWNER;

5 (c) A LIST OF EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER IN A QUALIFIED PRIVATE  
6 FUND THAT IS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER;

7 (d) ALL INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDERS OF THE RETAIL  
8 MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT, AND FOR ANY INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST  
9 HOLDER THAT IS NOT A NATURAL PERSON AND TEN PERCENT OR MORE  
10 BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER.

11 (4) AN APPLICANT OR RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT THAT  
12 IS NOT A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION SHALL AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY  
13 OF PERJURY THAT IT EXERCISED REASONABLE CARE TO CONFIRM THAT ITS  
14 PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNERS, INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDERS,  
15 AND QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ARE NOT PERSONS PROHIBITED  
16 PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-12-305, OR OTHERWISE RESTRICTED FROM  
17 HOLDING AN INTEREST UNDER THIS ARTICLE 12. AN APPLICANT'S OR  
18 RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT'S FAILURE TO EXERCISE REASONABLE  
19 CARE IS A BASIS FOR DENIAL, FINE, SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR OTHER  
20 SANCTION BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

21 (5) AN APPLICANT OR RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT THAT  
22 IS A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION SHALL AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF  
23 PERJURY THAT IT EXERCISED REASONABLE CARE TO CONFIRM THAT ITS  
24 NONOBJECTING PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNERS, INDIRECT FINANCIAL  
25 INTEREST HOLDERS, AND QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ARE NOT  
26 PERSONS PROHIBITED PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-12-305, OR OTHERWISE  
27 RESTRICTED FROM HOLDING AN INTEREST UNDER THIS ARTICLE 12. AN

1 APPLICANT'S OR RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT'S FAILURE TO  
2 EXERCISE REASONABLE CARE IS A BASIS FOR DENIAL, FINE, SUSPENSION,  
3 REVOCATION, OR OTHER SANCTION BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

4 (6) THIS SECTION DOES NOT RESTRICT THE STATE LICENSING  
5 AUTHORITY'S ABILITY TO REASONABLY REQUEST INFORMATION OR  
6 RECORDS AT RENEWAL OR AS PART OF ANY OTHER INVESTIGATION  
7 FOLLOWING INITIAL LICENSURE OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT.

8 (7) THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER MAY, BY RULE OR ORDER,  
9 REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES IF SUCH INFORMATION IS FULL AND  
10 FAIR WITH RESPECT TO THE INVESTMENT OR IN THE INTEREST OF INVESTOR  
11 PROTECTION.

12 **44-12-306.6. Business owner and financial interest suitability**

13 **requirements.** (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL PERSONS REQUIRED TO  
14 SUBMIT A FINDING OF SUITABILITY.

15 (2) ANY PERSON INTENDING TO BECOME A CONTROLLING  
16 BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT, EXCEPT  
17 AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 44-12-308 (4), SHALL FIRST SUBMIT  
18 A REQUEST TO THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR A FINDING OF  
19 SUITABILITY OR AN EXEMPTION FROM AN OTHERWISE REQUIRED FINDING  
20 OF SUITABILITY.

21 (3) FOR REASONABLE CAUSE, ANY OTHER PERSON THAT WAS  
22 DISCLOSED OR THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCLOSED PURSUANT TO  
23 SECTION 44-12-306.5, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A PASSIVE  
24 BENEFICIAL OWNER, SHALL SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A FINDING OF  
25 SUITABILITY.

26 (4) FAILURE TO PROVIDE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION IN  
27 CONNECTION WITH A REQUEST FOR A FINDING OF SUITABILITY IS GROUNDS

1 FOR DENIAL OF THAT FINDING OF SUITABILITY.

2 (5) FAILURE TO RECEIVE ALL REQUIRED FINDINGS OF SUITABILITY  
3 IS GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION OR FOR SUSPENSION,  
4 REVOCATION, OR OTHER SANCTION AGAINST THE LICENSE BY THE STATE  
5 LICENSING AUTHORITY. FOR INITIAL APPLICATIONS, THE FINDING OF  
6 SUITABILITY SHALL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION  
7 FOR LICENSURE.

8 (6) ANY PERSON REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A FINDING OF SUITABILITY  
9 SHALL DO SO ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY  
10 AND MUST CONTAIN SUCH INFORMATION AS THE STATE LICENSING  
11 AUTHORITY MAY REQUIRE. EACH SUITABILITY APPLICATION MUST BE  
12 VERIFIED BY THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF THE PERSONS PRESCRIBED BY  
13 THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

14 (7) A PERSON REQUESTING A FINDING OF SUITABILITY SHALL  
15 PROVIDE THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY WITH A DEPOSIT TO COVER THE  
16 DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF ANY INVESTIGATION NECESSARY TO  
17 DETERMINE ANY REQUIRED FINDING OF SUITABILITY UNLESS OTHERWISE  
18 ESTABLISHED BY RULE. THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY MAKE  
19 FURTHER RULES REGARDING THE DEPOSIT AND DIRECT AND INDIRECT  
20 COSTS THAT SHALL BE BILLED AGAINST THE DEPOSIT, UNLESS OTHERWISE  
21 ESTABLISHED BY RULE.

22 (8) WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER A PERSON IS SUITABLE OR  
23 UNSUITABLE FOR LICENSURE, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY  
24 CONSIDER THE PERSON'S CRIMINAL CHARACTER OR RECORD, LICENSING  
25 CHARACTER OR RECORD OR FINANCIAL CHARACTER OR RECORD.

26 (9) A PERSON THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN  
27 A FINDING OF SUITABILITY MAY REQUEST AN EXEMPTION FROM THE STATE

1 LICENSING AUTHORITY AS DETERMINED BY RULE.

2 (10) ABSENT REASONABLE CAUSE, THE STATE LICENSING  
3 AUTHORITY SHALL APPROVE OR DENY A REQUEST FOR A FINDING OF  
4 SUITABILITY WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF  
5 SUBMISSION OF THE REQUEST FOR SUCH FINDING.

6 (11) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY DENY, SUSPEND,  
7 REVOKE, FINE, OR IMPOSE OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST A PERSON'S LICENSE  
8 ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 12 IF THE STATE LICENSING  
9 AUTHORITY FINDS THE PERSON OR THE PERSON'S CONTROLLING  
10 BENEFICIAL OWNER, PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL  
11 INTEREST HOLDER TO BE UNSUITABLE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

12 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-12-308, **amend**  
13 **(2); and add (3) and (4) as follows:**

14 **44-12-308. Transfer of ownership.** (2) For a transfer of  
15 ownership INVOLVING A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER, a license  
16 holder shall apply to the state licensing authority on forms prepared and  
17 furnished by the state licensing authority. Upon receipt of an application  
18 for transfer of ownership, the state licensing authority shall submit, within  
19 seven days, a copy of the application to the local jurisdiction to determine  
20 whether the transfer complies with local restrictions on transfer of  
21 ownership. In determining whether to permit a transfer of ownership, the  
22 state licensing authority shall consider only the requirements of this  
23 article 12, any rules promulgated by the state licensing authority, and any  
24 other local restrictions. The local jurisdiction may hold a hearing on the  
25 application for transfer of ownership. The local jurisdiction shall not hold  
26 a hearing pursuant to this subsection (2) until the local jurisdiction has  
27 posted a notice of hearing in the manner described in section 44-12-302

1 (1) on the licensed premises for a period of ten days and has provided  
2 notice of the hearing to the applicant at least ten days prior to the hearing.  
3 Any transfer of ownership hearing by the state licensing authority shall  
4 MUST be held in compliance with the requirements specified in section  
5 44-12-303.

6 (3) FOR A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP INVOLVING A PASSIVE  
7 BENEFICIAL OWNER, THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE  
8 LICENSING AUTHORITY ON FORMS PREPARED AND FURNISHED BY THE  
9 STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS TO THE EXTENT  
10 DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED BY SECTION 44-12-306.5.

11 (4) A PERSON THAT BECOMES A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER  
12 OF A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION THAT IS A RETAIL MARIJUANA  
13 ESTABLISHMENT OR THAT BECOMES A BENEFICIAL OWNER, THROUGH  
14 DIRECT OR INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER,  
15 OF TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT THAT  
16 IS A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION MUST DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION  
17 REQUIRED BY SECTION 44-12-306.5 AND APPLY TO THE STATE LICENSING  
18 AUTHORITY FOR A FINDING OF SUITABILITY OR EXEMPTION FROM A  
19 FINDING OF SUITABILITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-12-306.6 WITHIN  
20 FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER BECOMING SUCH A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL  
21 OWNER. A RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT SHALL NOTIFY EACH  
22 PERSON THAT IS SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4) OF ITS REQUIREMENTS  
23 AS SOON AS THE RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT BECOMES AWARE OF  
24 THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRIGGERING THE REQUIREMENT, PROVIDED  
25 THAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4)  
26 ARE INDEPENDENT OF, AND UNAFFECTED BY, THE RETAIL MARIJUANA  
27 ESTABLISHMENT'S FAILURE TO GIVE THE NOTICE.



1           **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-12-309, **amend**  
2 (3), (5), and (10) as follows:

3           **44-12-309. Licensing in general.** (3) A retail marijuana  
4 establishment THAT IS NOT A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION shall notify  
5 the state licensing authority in writing of the name, address, and date of  
6 birth of ~~an~~ A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL owner OR officer ~~or manager~~  
7 before the new CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL owner or officer ~~or manager~~  
8 begins managing, owning, or associating with the operation. The  
9 CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL owner, officer, ~~manager~~, or employee must  
10 pass a fingerprint-based criminal history record check as required by the  
11 state licensing authority and obtain the required identification prior to  
12 being associated with, managing, owning, or working at the operation.  
13 THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY FOR REASONABLE CAUSE REQUIRE  
14 A PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER TO PASS A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL  
15 HISTORY CHECK.

16           (5) All managers and employees WITH DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONAL  
17 CONTROL of a retail marijuana establishment shall be residents of  
18 Colorado upon the date of their license application. All licenses granted  
19 pursuant to this article 12 are valid for a period of one year after the date  
20 of issuance unless revoked or suspended pursuant to this article 12 or the  
21 rules promulgated pursuant to this article 12.

22           (10) EXCEPT FOR A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, a licensee  
23 RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT shall report each transfer or change  
24 of financial interest in the license to the state and local licensing  
25 authorities and receive approval prior to any transfer or change pursuant  
26 to section 44-12-308. EXCEPT FOR A PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION, a  
27 report is required for transfers of ~~capital stock of any corporation~~

1 OWNER'S INTEREST OF ANY ENTITY regardless of size.

2 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-12-312, **amend**  
3 (1) as follows:

4 **44-12-312. Unlawful financial assistance.** (1) The state  
5 licensing authority shall require a complete disclosure ~~of all persons~~  
6 ~~having a direct or indirect financial interest, and the extent of such~~  
7 ~~interest, in~~ PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-12-306.5 WITH each license issued  
8 under this article 12.

9 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 44-12-407  
10 as follows:

11 **44-12-407. Retail marijuana business operator license.** A retail  
12 marijuana business operator license may be issued to a person ~~who~~ THAT  
13 operates a retail marijuana establishment licensed pursuant to this article  
14 12, for ~~an owner~~ ANOTHER RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT licensed  
15 pursuant to this article 12, and who may receive a portion of the profits  
16 as compensation.

17 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-12-901, **add** (6)  
18 as follows:

19 **44-12-901. Unlawful acts - exceptions.** (6) (a) IT IS UNLAWFUL  
20 FOR A PERSON TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACT OR OMISSION WITH THE INTENT TO  
21 EVADE DISCLOSURE, REPORTING, RECORD KEEPING, OR SUITABILITY  
22 REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 12, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
23 LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

24 (I) FAILING TO FILE A REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 12  
25 OR CAUSING OR ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE A PERSON TO FAIL TO FILE SUCH A  
26 REPORT;

27 (II) FILING OR CAUSING OR ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE A PERSON TO

1 FILE A REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 12 THAT CONTAINS A  
2 MATERIAL OMISSION OR MISSTATEMENT OF FACT;

3 (III) MAKING FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS REGARDING THE  
4 OFFERING OF INTERESTS OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT; OR

5 (IV) STRUCTURING ANY TRANSACTION WITH THE INTENT TO EVADE  
6 DISCLOSURE, REPORTING, RECORD KEEPING, OR SUITABILITY  
7 REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 12.

8 (b) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY DENY, SUSPEND,  
9 REVOKE, FINE, OR IMPOSE OTHER SANCTION AGAINST A PERSON'S LICENSE  
10 ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 12 IF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FINDS  
11 A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (6) BY THE PERSON, THE PERSON'S  
12 CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER, PASSIVE BENEFICIAL OWNER, INDIRECT  
13 FINANCIAL INTEREST HOLDER, OR ANY AGENT OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF.

14 **SECTION 23. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2018-19 state fiscal  
15 year, \$54,766 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This  
16 appropriation is from the marijuana cash fund created in section  
17 44-11-501 (1)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use  
18 this appropriation as follows:

19 (a) \$23,677 for marijuana enforcement, which amount is based on  
20 an assumption that the department will require an additional 0.2 FTE;

21 (b) \$31,089 for the purchase of legal services.

22 (2) For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, \$31,089 is appropriated to  
23 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
24 received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(b) of this  
25 section and is based on an assumption that the department of law will  
26 require an additional 0.2 FTE. To implement this act, the department of  
27 law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the

1 department of revenue.

2 **SECTION 24. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2019-20 state fiscal  
3 year, \$2,728,795 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This  
4 appropriation is from the marijuana cash fund created in section  
5 44-11-501 (1)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use  
6 this appropriation as follows:

7 (a) \$2,440,779 for marijuana enforcement, which amount is based  
8 on an assumption that the department will require an additional 15.5 FTE;

9 (b) \$2,000 for tax administration IT system (GenTax) support;

10 (c) \$242,494 for the purchase of legal services;

11 (d) \$18,772 for the purchase of criminal history record checks;

12 and

13 (e) \$24,750 for vehicle lease payments.

14 (2) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$242,494 is appropriated to  
15 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
16 received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(c) of this  
17 section and is based on an assumption that the department of law will  
18 require an additional 1.3 FTE. To implement this act, the department of  
19 law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the  
20 department of revenue.

21 (3) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$18,772 is appropriated to  
22 the department of public safety for use by the biometric identification and  
23 records unit. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received  
24 from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(d) of this section.  
25 To implement this act, the unit may use this appropriation to provide  
26 criminal history record checks for the department of revenue.

27 (4) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$24,750 is appropriated to

1 the department of personnel. This appropriation is from reappropriated  
2 funds received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(e) of  
3 this section. To implement this act, the department of personnel may use  
4 this appropriation to provide vehicles for the department of revenue.

5 **SECTION 25. Applicability.** This act applies to applications  
6 made on or after November 1, 2019.

7 **SECTION 26. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.