1	HOUSE BILL 128
2	56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO CANNABIS; CHANGING CANNABIS REGULATION ACT
12	DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES; INCREASING THE PLANT
13	COUNT FOR CANNABIS PRODUCER MICROBUSINESSES; PROVIDING
14	PROCEDURES FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS; REMOVING THE
15	PROHIBITION AGAINST A PERSON OWNING BOTH A CANNABIS LICENSE AND
16	A LICENSE UNDER THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT; PROHIBITING CO-LOCATION
17	OF CANNABIS ACTIVITIES AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES OR SERVICE
18	ACTIVITIES TO THE PUBLIC OR MEMBERS OF PRIVATE CLUBS; PROVIDING
19	FOR INVESTIGATORY CONFIDENTIALITY; PROVIDING FOR SEIZURE AND
20	DESTRUCTION OF ILLEGAL, ADULTERATED OR MISBRANDED CANNABIS
21	PRODUCTS; ALLOWING FOR LICENSEE CONVERSION FROM NONPROFIT TO
22	FOR-PROFIT CORPORATE STATUS; CHANGING PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS;
23	REPLACING LICENSURE WITH REGISTRATION OF CANNABIS TRAINING AND
24	EDUCATION PROGRAMS; INCLUDING THE CANNABIS REGULATION ACT IN
25	THE RACKETEERING ACT, THE DELINQUENCY ACT AND THE UNIFORM
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LICENSING ACT; INCLUDING CANNABIS IN A LIST OF CONTRABAND IN
 JAILS AND PRISONS; CREATING CRIMES; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES;
 REPEALING A DELAYED REPEAL; AMENDING, REPEALING AND ENACTING
 SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO: SECTION 1. Section 14-2-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1947, Chapter 130, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "14-2-1. RIGHT TO INSPECT PUBLIC RECORDS--EXCEPTIONS.-10 Every person has a right to inspect public records of this
11 state except:

A. records pertaining to physical or mental
examinations and medical treatment of persons confined to an
institution;

15 B. letters of reference concerning employment,16 licensing or permits;

C. letters or memoranda that are matters of opinion in personnel files or students' cumulative files;

19 D. portions of law enforcement records as provided
20 in Section 14-2-1.2 NMSA 1978;

E. as provided by the Confidential Materials Act;F. trade secrets;

G. attorney-client privileged information;
 H. long-range or strategic business plans of public
 hospitals discussed in a properly closed meeting;

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1 I. tactical response plans or procedures prepared 2 for or by the state or a political subdivision of the state, 3 the publication of which could reveal specific vulnerabilities, 4 risk assessments or tactical emergency security procedures that 5 could be used to facilitate the planning or execution of a 6 terrorist attack: 7 information concerning information technology J. systems, the publication of which would reveal specific 8 9 vulnerabilities that compromise or allow unlawful access to 10 such systems; provided that this subsection shall not be used 11 to restrict requests for: 12 (1) records stored or transmitted using 13 information technology systems; 14 (2) internal and external audits of 15 information technology systems, except for those portions that 16 would reveal ongoing vulnerabilities that compromise or allow 17 unlawful access to such systems; or 18 (3)information to authenticate or validate 19 records received pursuant to a request fulfilled pursuant to 20 the Inspection of Public Records Act; 21 submissions in response to a competitive grant, Κ. 22 land lease or scholarship and related scoring materials and 23 evaluation reports until finalists are publicly named or the 24 award is announced; [and] 25 L. information developed or obtained by the .227278.1 - 3 -

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1	cannabis control division of the regulation and licensing
2	department during an enforcement investigation; and
3	[L.] <u>M.</u> as otherwise provided by law."
4	SECTION 2. Section 26-2C-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021
5	(lst S.S.), Chapter 4, Section l) is amended to read:
6	"26-2C-1. SHORT TITLE[Sections l through 42 of this
7	act] <u>Chapter 26, Article 2C NMSA 1978</u> may be cited as the
8	"Cannabis Regulation Act"."
9	SECTION 3. Section 26-2C-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021
10	(lst S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 2) is amended to read:
11	"26-2C-2. DEFINITIONSAs used in the Cannabis
12	Regulation Act:
13	[A. "advertisement":
14	(1) means a statement or a depiction that is
15	intended to induce the purchase of cannabis products and that
16	is displayed in printed material or on a sign or other outdoor
17	display or presented in a radio, television or other media
18	broadcast or in digital media; and
19	(2) does not include:
20	(a) a sign or outdoor display or other
21	statement permanently affixed to a licensed premises that is
22	intended to induce the sale of a cannabis product produced or
23	sold on the premises;
24	(b) a label affixed to a cannabis
25	product or the covering, wrapper or container of a cannabis
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(c) an editorial or other material printed in a publication when the publication of the editorial or material was not paid for by a licensee and was not intended to promote the sale of cannabis products by a particular brand or company;

B.] A. "cannabis":

8 (1) means all parts of the plant genus
9 Cannabis containing a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol
10 concentration of more than three-tenths percent on a dry weight
11 basis, whether growing or not; the seeds of the plant; the
12 resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound,
13 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the
14 plant, its seeds or its resin; and

(2) does not include:

(a) the mature stalks of the plant; fiber produced from the stalks; oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant; any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the mature stalks, fiber, oil or cake; or the sterilized seed of the plant that is incapable of germination; or

(b) the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis [products] to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink or [another] other product;

[C.] <u>B.</u> "cannabis consumption area" means an area

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1 of a licensed premises where cannabis products may be served
2 and consumed;

3 [D.] C. "cannabis courier" means a person that 4 transports commercial or medical cannabis products to 5 [qualified patients, primary caregivers or reciprocal 6 participants or directly to] consumers; 7 [E.] D. "cannabis establishment" means: a cannabis testing laboratory; 8 (1) 9 (2) a cannabis manufacturer; 10 a cannabis producer; (3) 11 (4) a cannabis retailer; 12 a cannabis research laboratory; (5) 13 (6) a vertically integrated cannabis 14 establishment; 15 a cannabis producer microbusiness; [or] (7) 16 an integrated cannabis microbusiness; or (8) 17 (9) a cannabis consumption area; 18 [F.] E. "cannabis extract": 19 (1) means a product obtained by separating 20 resins, tetrahydrocannabinols or other substances from cannabis 21 by extraction methods approved by the division; and 22 does not include the weight of any other (2) 23 ingredient combined with cannabis extract to prepare topical or 24 oral administrations, food, drink or another product; 25 [G.] <u>F.</u> "cannabis flowers" means only the flowers .227278.1 - 6 -

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1 of a cannabis plant; 2 [H.] G. "cannabis manufacturer" means a person 3 that: 4 (1) manufactures cannabis products; packages cannabis products for resale; or 5 (2) 6 [(3) has cannabis products tested by a 7 cannabis testing laboratory; or 8 (4)] (3) purchases, acquires, sells or 9 transports wholesale cannabis products to other cannabis 10 establishments; 11 [1.] H. "cannabis producer" means a person that: 12 (1) cultivates cannabis plants; 13 [(2) has unprocessed cannabis products tested 14 by a cannabis testing laboratory; 15 (3) (2) transports unprocessed cannabis 16 [products] only to other cannabis establishments; or 17 [(4)] (3) sells cannabis [products] wholesale; 18 [J.] I. "cannabis producer microbusiness" means a 19 cannabis producer at a single licensed premises that possesses 20 no more than [two] five hundred total mature cannabis plants at 21 any one time; 22 [K.] J. "cannabis product" means a product that is 23 or that contains cannabis or cannabis extract, including edible 24 or topical products that may also contain other ingredients; 25 [L.] K. "cannabis research laboratory" means a .227278.1 - 7 -

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facility that produces or possesses cannabis products and all
 parts of the plant genus *Cannabis* for the purpose of studying
 cannabis cultivation, characteristics or uses;

[M.] <u>L.</u> "cannabis retailer" means a person that sells cannabis products to [qualified patients, primary caregivers or reciprocal participants or directly to] consumers;

8 [N. "cannabis server permit" means an authorization
9 that allows a person to directly offer, sell or serve cannabis
10 or cannabis products as part of commercial cannabis activity in
11 a cannabis consumption area;

O. "cannabis server permit education provider" means a person that provides cannabis server education courses and examinations;

P.] <u>M.</u> "cannabis testing laboratory" means a [person] <u>facility</u> that samples, collects and tests cannabis products and transports cannabis products for the purpose of testing;

[Q. "cannabis training and education program" means a practical or academic curriculum offered by a New Mexico public post-secondary educational institution designed to prepare students for participation in the cannabis industry;

R.] N. "commercial cannabis activity":

(1) means the cultivation, production,
 possession, manufacture, storage, testing, researching,
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1 packaging and labeling, transportation, couriering, purchase 2 for resale, sale or consignment of cannabis products; and 3 does not include activities related only (2) 4 to the medical cannabis program [to cannabis training and 5 education programs] or to the personal cultivation or use of 6 cannabis products; [S.] O. "consumer" means a person twenty-one years 7 of age or older who <u>legally</u> purchases, acquires, owns, 8 possesses or uses a <u>commercial</u> cannabis product [for a purpose 9 10 other than] not for resale or a person who holds a medical 11 cannabis program registry identification card issued by the 12 department of health or is a reciprocal participant; 13 [T.] P. "contaminant" means pesticides and other 14 foreign material, such as hair, insects or other similar adulterants, in harvested cannabis; 15 16 [U.] Q. "controlling person": 17 (1) means a person that controls a financial 18 or voting interest of ten percent or more of, or an officer or 19 board member of, a cannabis establishment; and 20 does not include a bank or licensed (2)21 lending institution; 22 $[\Psi_{\bullet}]$ <u>R.</u> "cultivation" means any activity involving 23 the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading or 24 trimming of cannabis; 25 $[W_{\bullet}]$ <u>S.</u> "department" means the regulation and .227278.1 - 9 -

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licensing department;

[X.] T. "director" means the director of the division;

4 [¥.] <u>U.</u> "division" means the cannabis control
5 division of the department;

[Z.] <u>V.</u> "dry weight basis", when used in the context of regulation of commercial cannabis activity, means a process by which delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration is measured relative to the aggregate weight of all parts of the plant genus *Cannabis*, whether growing or not, including the leaves of the plant, the flowers and buds of the plant, the seeds of the plant, the resin of the plant and the stalks of the plant at the point of harvest by a licensee and with no moisture added to the harvested plant;

[AA.] <u>W.</u> "facility" means a building, space or grounds licensed for the production, [possession] storage, testing, manufacturing, [or] distribution, sale or consumption of [cannabis, cannabis extracts or] cannabis products;

[BB.] X. "financial consideration" means value that is given or received, directly or indirectly, through sales, barter, trade, fees, charges, dues, contributions or donations;

[CC.] \underline{Y} . "homegrown" or "homemade" means grown or made for purposes that are not [dependent or conditioned upon the provision or receipt of financial consideration] for resale;

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1	[DD. "household" means a housing unit and includes
2	any place in or around the housing unit at which an occupant of
3	the housing unit produces, manufactures, keeps or stores
4	homegrown cannabis or homemade cannabis products;]
5	<u>Z. "illegal cannabis product" means a cannabis</u>
6	product that is:
7	(1) produced or manufactured outside New
8	<u>Mexico;</u>
9	(2) produced, manufactured, distributed or
10	sold in New Mexico by a person not licensed to produce,
11	manufacture, distribute or sell the cannabis product; or
12	(3) produced, manufactured, distributed or
13	sold by a person acting outside the limits of the person's
14	<u>license;</u>
15	provided that "illegal cannabis product" does not include
16	homegrown or homemade cannabis products that comply with the
17	provisions of the Cannabis Regulation Act;
18	[EE.] <u>AA.</u> "immature cannabis plant" means a
19	cannabis plant that has no observable flowers or buds;
20	[FF.] <u>BB.</u> "industry standards" means the prevailing
21	customary standards of business practice in the cannabis
22	industry in jurisdictions within the United States;
23	[GG.] <u>CC.</u> "integrated cannabis microbusiness" means
24	a person that is [authorized] <u>licensed</u> to conduct one or more
25	of the following:
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1 (1) production of cannabis at a single 2 licensed premises; provided that the person shall not possess 3 more than two hundred total mature cannabis plants at any one 4 time; 5 manufacture of cannabis products at a (2)6 single licensed premises; 7 (3) sales and transportation of [only] cannabis products produced or manufactured by that person or 8 9 another cannabis producer microbusiness or integrated cannabis 10 microbusiness; 11 (4) operation of only one retail 12 establishment; and 13 couriering of cannabis products [to (5) 14 qualified patients, primary caregivers or reciprocal 15 participants or directly] to consumers; 16 [HH.] DD. "licensed premises" means a location that 17 includes: 18 (1) all enclosed public and private areas at 19 the location that are used in the business and includes 20 cannabis consumption areas, offices, kitchens, restrooms and 21 storerooms; 22 all areas outside of a building that are (2) 23 specifically included in the license; [for the production, 24 manufacturing, wholesale sale or retail sale of cannabis 25 products; and] .227278.1 - 12 -

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1	(3) all areas of a standalone cannabis
2	consumption area, including retail and other areas, whether in
3	enclosed or outside spaces, and including private or members-
4	only clubs where cannabis products are available for sale or
5	consumption; and
6	[(3)] (4) with respect to a location that is
7	specifically licensed for the production of cannabis outside of
8	a building, the [entire unit] <u>amount</u> of land that [is created
9	by subsection or partition of land that] the licensee owns,
10	leases or has a right to occupy that is identified in the
11	application for licensure for cultivation of cannabis; provided
12	that the licensed premises may be decreased but shall not be
13	increased without permission of the division;
14	[II.] <u>EE.</u> "local jurisdiction" means a
15	municipality, <u>including a</u> home rule municipality, or county;
16	[JJ.] <u>FF.</u> "manufacture" means to compound, blend,
17	extract, infuse, package <u>and label</u> or otherwise prepare a
18	cannabis product;
19	[KK.] <u>GG.</u> "medical cannabis" means cannabis
20	products used by a qualified patient or reciprocal participant
21	in accordance with the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act;
22	$[\frac{\text{LL.}}{\text{HH.}}]$ <u>HH.</u> "medical cannabis program" means the
23	program created pursuant to the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use
24	Act;
25	[MH.] <u>II.</u> "medical cannabis registry" means the
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system by which the department of health approves or denies applications and issues and renews registry identification cards for qualified patients <u>and primary caregivers</u>;

[NN.] JJ. "primary caregiver" means a resident of New Mexico who is at least eighteen years of age and who is responsible for managing the well-being of a qualified patient with respect to the medical use of cannabis pursuant to the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act;

9 [00.] <u>KK.</u> "public [place] <u>space</u>" means [a] <u>any</u>
10 place to which the general public has access [and includes
11 hallways, lobbies and other parts of apartment houses and
12 hotels that do not constitute rooms or apartments designed for
13 actual residence; highways; streets; schools; places of
14 amusement; parks; playgrounds; and places used in connection
15 with public passenger transportation];

[PP.] LL. "qualified patient" means a resident of New Mexico who holds a registry identification card pursuant to the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act;

[QQ.] MM. "reciprocal participant" means a person who is not a resident of New Mexico and who holds proof of enrollment by a governmental regulatory authority to participate in the medical cannabis program of another state of the United States, the District of Columbia or a territory or commonwealth of the United States in which the person resides or a person who holds proof of enrollment by a governmental .227278.1

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1 regulatory authority of a New Mexico Indian nation, tribe or 2 pueblo to participate in its medical cannabis program; NN. "residence" or "household" means a housing unit 3 and includes any place in or around the housing unit that is 4 5 not a public space and at which an occupant of the housing unit produces, manufactures, keeps or stores homegrown or homemade 6 7 cannabis products or stores legally purchased cannabis; 8 [RR.] 00. "retail establishment" means a location 9 at which cannabis products are sold [to qualified patients, 10 primary caregivers and reciprocal participants and] directly to 11 consumers; 12 [SS.] PP. "superintendent" means the superintendent 13 of regulation and licensing; 14 [TT.] QQ. "unprocessed" means unaltered from an 15 original, raw or natural state; and 16 [UU.] RR. "vertically integrated cannabis 17 establishment" means a person that is authorized to act as 18 [any] one or more of the following: 19 (1) a cannabis courier; 20 a cannabis manufacturer; (2) 21 a cannabis producer; and (3) 22 a cannabis retailer." (4) 23 SECTION 4. Section 26-2C-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021 24 (1st S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 6, as amended) is amended to 25 read: .227278.1 - 15 -

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"26-2C-6. LICENSING CANNABIS ACTIVITIESLIMITATIONS MEDICAL CANNABIS LEGACY LICENSINGCANNABIS SHORTAGE FOR MEDICAL PROGRAM <u>CONVERSION OF NONPROFIT MEDICAL CANNABIS</u> <u>CORPORATIONS</u> A. The division shall regulate [and administer and may collect fees in connection with the administration of] the
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following in accordance with the Uniform Licensing Act, unless
otherwise provided in the Cannabis Regulation Act:
(1) commercial cannabis activity [and
licensing related to commercial cannabis activity];
(2) the medical cannabis program, except for
the medical cannabis registry; and
(3) all aspects of cannabis relating to
cannabis training and education programs.
B. The division [shall follow the provisions of the
Uniform Licensing Act when licensing or permitting] may issue,
renew, deny, suspend or revoke licenses or discipline licensees
for the following:
(1) cannabis consumption areas;
(2) cannabis couriers;
(3) cannabis manufacturers;
(4) cannabis producer microbusinesses;
(5) cannabis producers;
(6) cannabis research laboratories;
(7) cannabis retailers;
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1 cannabis servers; (8) 2 (9) cannabis testing laboratories; 3 cannabis training and education programs; (10) 4 (11)integrated cannabis microbusinesses; and (12) vertically integrated cannabis 5 6 establishments. 7 C. The division shall include a clear designation on all licenses [and permits] that indicates whether the 8 9 license [or permit] is for medical cannabis activity, 10 commercial cannabis activity or both [or for cannabis training 11 and education programs]. 12 D. The division shall issue a license to a cannabis 13 retailer applicant at a discount if the applicant provides 14 documentation of an agreement to accept cannabis products on 15 consignment from a cannabis producer microbusiness or an 16 integrated cannabis microbusiness [licensed pursuant the 17 Cannabis Regulation Act]. 18 A license is valid for twelve months from the Ε. 19 date the license is issued and may be renewed annually [except 20 that a license issued for a cannabis training and education 21 program is valid until terminated by the licensee or suspended 22 or revoked by the division]. A licensee shall notify the 23 division when the licensee begins or ends operations pursuant 24 to the license. 25 The director shall not renew a license [issued F.

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pursuant to the provisions of the Cannabis Regulation Act]
until the director receives notification from the secretary of
taxation and revenue or the secretary's designee that on a
certain date:

5 (1) the licensee is not a delinquent taxpayer
6 pursuant to Section 7-1-16 NMSA 1978 only with respect to the
7 cannabis excise tax or the gross receipts tax; and

8 (2) there are no unfiled tax returns due with
9 respect to the cannabis excise tax or the gross receipts tax.

G. [No] <u>A</u> license shall <u>not</u> be transferable or
assignable from a licensee to another person. The division
shall not allow a person that is licensed as any type of
cannabis establishment other than a cannabis research
laboratory to hold, directly or indirectly, a cannabis testing
laboratory license.

H. A license shall not be subject to execution, attachment, a security transaction, liens or receivership.

[H.] <u>I.</u> Except for verification of age, the division shall not require licensees to request information from consumers or impose any residency requirement upon consumers for the purchase of <u>commercial</u> cannabis products [pursuant to the commercial cannabis activity authorized by the <u>Cannabis Regulation Act</u>]. The division may require licensees to request information from consumers for the purchase of <u>medical</u> cannabis products, [pursuant to the medical cannabis .227278.1

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program] which may include the presentation of legal identification issued by an authorized governmental entity or other documents as required by the medical cannabis program.

4 [1.] J. Except as otherwise provided in the 5 Cannabis Regulation Act, the division shall not limit the 6 number of licensed premises a licensee may occupy or operate 7 under a license. Multiple licensees may occupy a single 8 licensed premises, and the division shall not place any 9 restriction or prohibition on the number of licensees occupying 10 a single licensed premises or on the number of licensed 11 premises of a cannabis establishment except as otherwise 12 specifically provided for by [the Cannabis Regulation] that 13 act. A licensee may conduct any lawful activity or any 14 combination of lawful activities at a licensed premises 15 [provided that the licensee is not a licensee pursuant to the 16 Liquor Control Act] except that a cannabis licensee shall not 17 occupy any premises that also houses a business holding a 18 license under the Liquor Control Act that allows the sale or 19 giving away of alcoholic beverages by the glass or package, 20 including growlers, to the public or to members of a private 21 club or otherwise allows consumption of alcohol on the 22 premises.

<u>K.</u> Smoking in a cannabis consumption area on a licensed premises shall be allowed only if the cannabis consumption area is in a designated smoking area or in a .227278.1

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standalone building from which smoke does not infiltrate other indoor workplaces or other indoor public places where smoking is otherwise prohibited pursuant to the Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act.

[J.] L. Licensees are specifically allowed to conduct other licensed activities, including activities 7 pursuant to the Hemp Manufacturing Act [except for sales of 8 alcoholic beverages] and the Liquor Control Act except for colocation as specified in Subsection J of this section.

[K.] M. A person properly licensed and in good standing pursuant to the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act on the effective date of the Cannabis Regulation Act may continue to operate [under] pursuant to that license for medical cannabis until comparable licenses for commercial cannabis activity are available. The division shall determine when retail sales of commercial cannabis products begin, but no later than April 1, 2022. A facility of such a licensee, upon issuance of the applicable cannabis establishment license, shall constitute licensed premises of the licensee and the licensee shall be entitled to continued and uninterrupted operations of the licensed premises. As to activity under the medical cannabis program, the licensee shall continue to operate under rules promulgated for the medical cannabis program until the division promulgates rules for medical cannabis activity, [except that] and a qualified patient, [a] .227278.1

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primary caregiver [and a] or reciprocal participant shall not be prohibited from purchasing and obtaining cannabis products [pursuant to] through the medical cannabis program.

[L.] <u>N.</u> To address a shortage of cannabis supply in the medical cannabis program, the division may:

(1) require all cannabis establishment licensees to ensure that at least ten percent of their cannabis in stock on a monthly basis is designated for sale to qualified patients, primary caregivers and reciprocal participants;

(2) initially take reasonable measures to expeditiously incentivize increased production of cannabis plants to remedy a shortage of cannabis supply in the medical cannabis program;

(3) after having first exhausted measures to increase production of cannabis plants to address the shortage of cannabis supply in the medical cannabis program, exclude commercial cannabis activity from the scope of new licenses issued to initial applicants for a vertically integrated cannabis establishment, cannabis producer, integrated cannabis microbusiness, cannabis producer microbusiness or cannabis manufacturer license, which limitation shall be in force for a period of at least six months; and

(4) require licensees who are licensed to produce cannabis to produce a specified quota of mature cannabis plants to be designated for use in the medical
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1 cannabis program; provided that:

(a) the division may require a licensee to devote no more than twenty-five percent of the licensee's cultivated cannabis plants on a monthly basis for use in the medical cannabis program; and

(b) the division may require specific tracking of cannabis plants.

8 [M.] O. As used in this section, "shortage of 9 cannabis supply in the medical cannabis program" means that the 10 average number of cannabis plants in production in the medical 11 cannabis program per qualified patient after [the effective 12 date of the Cannabis Regulation Act] June 29, 2021 is 13 substantially less than the average number of cannabis plants 14 in production in the medical cannabis program per qualified 15 patient as of [the effective date of the Cannabis Regulation 16 Act] June 29, 2021, where:

(1) the average number of cannabis plants in production after [the effective date of the Cannabis Regulation Act] June 29, 2021 is measured over a period of three consecutive months; and

(2) the average number of cannabis plants in production as of [the effective date of the Cannabis Regulation Act] June 29, 2021 is measured over a period of three consecutive months immediately preceding [the effective date of the Cannabis Regulation Act] June 29, 2021.

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1 [N.] P. A person who is a member of the New Mexico 2 senate or the New Mexico house of representatives on [the 3 effective date of the Cannabis Regulation Act] June 29, 2021 4 shall not apply for or be granted a license to engage in any 5 commercial cannabis activity prior to July 1, 2026. 6 Q. A medical cannabis legacy nonprofit corporation 7 that was required by the department of health to organize under 8 the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Act in order to 9 qualify for a medical cannabis license may be converted into a 10 corporation under the Business Corporation Act, a limited 11 liability company under the Limited Liability Company Act, a 12 limited partnership under the Uniform Revised Limited 13 Partnership Act or a partnership under the Uniform Partnership 14 Act (1994) upon the nonprofit corporation's filing with the secretary of state of restated articles of incorporation, 15 16 articles of organization, certificate of limited partnership or 17 statement under Section 54-1A-105 NMSA 1978. The conversion 18 shall be approved pursuant to an agreement of conversion in the 19 manner provided for the conversion of a limited liability 20 company in Section 53-19-60.1 NMSA 1978. To be valid, the 21 agreement of conversion shall be approved by a majority of the 22 members of the board of <u>directors of the nonprofit corporation</u>. 23 Upon conversion, all property owned by the converting entity 24 remains in the newly converted entity. Any action or 25 proceeding pending against the converting entity may be .227278.1

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1	continued as if the conversion had not occurred."
2	SECTION 5. Section 26-2C-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021
3	(lst S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 7) is amended to read:
4	"26-2C-7. [COMMERCIAL] CANNABIS ACTIVITY LICENSING
5	APPLICATIONISSUANCE AND DENIAL OF A LICENSESUSPENSION AND
6	REVOCATION
7	[A. A license issued pursuant to the Cannabis
8	Regulation Act shall not be subject to execution, attachment, a
9	security transaction, liens or receivership.
10	B.] A. In carrying out its commercial cannabis
11	activity licensing duties, the division shall:
12	(1) no later than September 1, 2021, accept
13	and begin processing license applications for cannabis
14	producers, cannabis producer microbusinesses and any person
15	properly licensed and in good standing as a licensed cannabis
16	producer pursuant to the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act;
17	(2) no later than January 1, 2022, accept and
18	begin processing license applications for all license types;
19	(3) <u>if a cannabis producer or cannabis</u>
20	producer microbusiness, require as a condition of licensing
21	[pursuant to the Cannabis Regulation Act] that the applicant
22	demonstrate that the applicant has a legal right to a
23	commercial water supply, water rights or [another] other source
24	of water sufficient to meet the water needs as determined by
25	the division related to the license as evidenced by
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1 documentation from the office of the state engineer of a valid 2 water right or from a water provider that the use of water for 3 cannabis production is compliant with that water provider's 4 rules; and

[if an applicant applies for a] for any 5 (4)6 type of cannabis producer [license or a cannabis] or 7 manufacturer license, [in addition to the requirements in Paragraph (3) of this subsection] require [that] the applicant 8 9 to submit a plan to use, or demonstrate to the division that 10 the applicant cannot feasibly use, energy [and] or water 11 reduction opportunities, including: 12 (a) for a cannabis producer, drip 13 irrigation and water collection; 14 natural lighting and energy (b) 15 efficiency measures; and 16 renewable energy generation. (c) [and 17 (5) allow commercial cannabis activity retail 18 sales no later than April 1, 2022 and otherwise allow 19 activities authorized by the Cannabis Regulation Act or the 20 medical cannabis program as of the time of licensure of a 21 licensee, so long as a minimum of twenty-five percent of 22 monthly cannabis sales are to qualified patients, primary 23 caregivers and reciprocal participants or sold wholesale to other licensees that meet or exceed the twenty-five percent 24 25 sales to qualified patients, primary caregivers and reciprocal

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1 participants until December 31, 2022. 2 **C.**] B. Once the division deems an application 3 complete, the division has ninety days to issue or deny a 4 license application. 5 [D.] C. The division shall deny an application for 6 an initial license or renewal if [(1)] the application does not 7 include information required by the division or $\left[\frac{(2)}{(2)}\right]$ the 8 applicant does not meet the requirements of the Cannabis 9 Regulation Act or rules promulgated in accordance with that 10 act. 11 D. The division may refuse to issue, suspend or 12 revoke a license of any person who does not meet the 13 gualifications for licensure, who is not in compliance with the 14 Cannabis Regulation Act or rules promulgated in accordance with 15 that act or for whom one or more of the following are 16 substantially related to the qualifications, functions or 17 duties of the applicant's or licensee's business in New Mexico: 18 (1) a tax lien related to cannabis activity in 19 this or another state; 20 (2) a pending investigation or a felony 21 indictment or conviction of the applicant or licensee or a 22 controlling person of the applicant [has been convicted of an 23 offense that is substantially related to the qualifications, 24 functions or duties of the applicant's business provided that] 25 or licensee in this state or another state or by the federal .227278.1

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1	concernment involving frond dessit or emberglement.
	government involving fraud, deceit or embezzlement;
2	<u>(3) a pending investigation or a felony</u>
3	indictment or conviction of the applicant or licensee or a
4	controlling person of the applicant or licensee involving
5	producing, manufacturing, distributing, selling or giving away
6	<u>illegal cannabis products;</u>
7	(4) the denial, suspension or revocation of a
8	cannabis license in another state that would have the same
9	result if occurring in New Mexico;
10	(5) a pending investigation or a felony
11	indictment or conviction for hiring, employing or otherwise
12	<u>using a person younger than eighteen years of age or a person</u>
13	of any age who is a victim of trafficking, forced labor or
14	other exploitation to produce, manufacture, transport or sell
15	cannabis or a controlled substance;
16	(6) a licensee or controlling person that
17	after a notice of noncompliance issued by the division refuses
18	to follow division licensing requirements, state or local
19	operational rules, public health and safety laws or rules or
20	other provisions of state law pertaining to cannabis products;
21	or
22	(7) any other governmental action pending or
23	taken against an applicant, licensee or controlling person that
24	in the division's determination makes the person unqualified to
25	be licensed or involved in a cannabis business in New Mexico.
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1	E. Production, manufacture, distribution, sale or
2	possession of illegal cannabis product is grounds for denial,
3	suspension or revocation of a license or for taking any other
4	disciplinary action allowed by law or rule of the division.
5	<u>F.</u> If the division determines <u>after a review of</u>
6	pertinent circumstances provided in Subsection D of this
7	<u>section</u> that the applicant, <u>licensee</u> or controlling person [is]
8	otherwise [qualified] <u>meets the qualifications</u> for [a license]
9	<u>licensure</u> and that issuing a license [to the applicant would]
10	<u>does</u> not compromise <u>the state's cannabis program or the</u> public
11	health or safety, the division shall [conduct a thorough review
12	of the conviction, including the nature of the offense,
13	surrounding circumstances and, any evidence of the applicant's
14	or controlling person's rehabilitation following the
15	conviction, and based on that review determine whether the
16	applicant should be issued a license] issue the license or
17	close the suspension or revocation case.
18	[E. For purposes of Subsection D of this section,
19	the following are considered substantially related to the
20	qualifications, functions or duties of a person seeking a
21	license:
22	(1) a felony conviction involving fraud,
23	deceit or embezzlement;
24	(2) a felony conviction for hiring, employing
25	or otherwise using a person younger than eighteen years of age
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1 to: 2 (a) prepare for sale, transport or carry 3 a controlled substance; or 4 (b) sell, give away or offer to sell a 5 controlled substance to any person; and 6 (3) any other offense as determined by the 7 division. 8 F_{\cdot}] <u>G.</u> A conviction for which the related sentence, 9 including any term of probation or parole, [is] has been 10 completed for the production, possession, use, manufacture, 11 distribution or [dispensing] sale or the possession with the 12 intent to manufacture, distribute or [dispense] sell cannabis is not considered substantially related to the qualifications, 13 14 functions or duties of a person seeking a license and shall not 15 be the sole ground on which an application is denied. The 16 [division shall comply with the] provisions of the Uniform 17 Licensing Act and the Criminal Offender Employment Act shall 18 govern consideration of criminal records required or permitted 19 by the Cannabis Regulation Act. 20 [G.] H. The division shall deny an application if 21

an applicant, a controlling person or the premises for which a license is sought does not qualify for licensure pursuant to the Cannabis Regulation Act.

[H.] <u>I.</u> The division shall not license a person who has had a license that was issued pursuant to the Cannabis .227278.1 - 29 -

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Regulation Act or the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act
 revoked by the division or the department of health in the
 three years immediately preceding the date on which the person
 filed a new application.

5 [I+] J. Unless otherwise provided in the Cannabis
6 Regulation Act, a person whose license has been revoked may
7 reapply for a license after a period of three years. The
8 division may consider all of the circumstances resulting in the
9 revocation in determining whether to issue a new license.

[J. The division shall adopt rules providing for submission of an applicant's fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation to conduct a national criminal history background check and to the department of public safety to conduct a state criminal history check for the following licensees:

16 (1) cannabis manufacturer; 17 (2) cannabis producer; 18 (3) cannabis producer microbusiness; 19 (4) cannabis research laboratory; 20 (5) cannabis retailer; 21 (6) cannabis testing laboratory; 22 (7) integrated cannabis microbusiness; and 23 (8) vertically integrated cannabis 24 establishment. 25 K. The division shall conduct national criminal

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1 history background checks and state criminal history checks on 2 the following: (1) if an applicant is a limited partnership, 3 4 each partner of the limited partnership; (2) if the applicant is a limited liability 5 6 company, each member of the limited liability company; 7 (3) if the applicant is a corporation, each director and officer of the corporation; and 8 9 (4) any controlling person of the applicant. 10 L. Arrest record information received from the 11 federal bureau of investigation and the department of public 12 safety shall be confidential, shall not be considered a public 13 record pursuant to the Public Records Act and shall not be 14 disclosed to persons not directly involved in the decision 15 affecting the applicant. 16 M. Electronic live fingerprint scans may be used 17 when conducting criminal history background checks.]" 18 SECTION 6. A new section of the Cannabis Regulation Act 19 is enacted to read: 20 "[NEW MATERIAL] CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS--21 PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES .--22 As used in this section: Α. 23 "director" means a person who serves on (1)24 the corporate board of directors of a corporation licensed by 25 the division as a cannabis establishment; .227278.1 - 31 -

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1 (2) "member and manager" includes those 2 persons who are members in or managers of a limited liability 3 company licensed by the division as a cannabis establishment 4 and who are responsible for the operations of the limited 5 liability company; "officer" means a president, one or more 6 (3) 7 vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer or a secretary-8 treasurer or a member of the executive committee, if different 9 from these named officers, of a corporation licensed by the 10 division as a cannabis establishment; and 11 (4) "partner" means a person who is a co-owner 12 of a business licensed by the division as a cannabis 13 establishment. 14 Β. The division shall adopt rules providing the 15 procedures to be followed for submission of an applicant's 16 biometric scan to the department of public safety to conduct a 17 state criminal history background check and for its submission 18 of the biometric scan to the federal bureau of investigation to 19 conduct a national criminal history background check for the 20 following cannabis establishments: 21 (1)cannabis courier; 22 cannabis manufacturer; (2) 23 cannabis producer; (3) 24 (4) cannabis producer microbusiness; 25 (5) cannabis research laboratory; .227278.1

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1 (6) cannabis retailer; 2 (7) cannabis testing laboratory; 3 integrated cannabis microbusiness; (8) 4 (9) vertically integrated cannabis 5 establishment; and cannabis consumption licensees if 6 (10)7 different from cannabis retailer. 8 The division shall require state and national С. 9 criminal history background checks for the following persons: 10 if an applicant for licensure is a sole (1)proprietor business, the sole proprietor; 11 12 if an applicant for licensure is a limited (2) 13 partnership, each partner of the limited partnership; 14 (3) if the applicant for licensure is a 15 limited liability company, each member and manager of the 16 limited liability company; 17 if the applicant for licensure is a (4) 18 corporation, each director and officer of the corporation; and 19 (5) any controlling person of the applicant 20 for licensure, as defined in Section 26-2C-2 NMSA 1978. 21 The division shall use the information from the D. 22 criminal history background check to evaluate the applicant's 23 qualifications for licensure. 24 Arrest record information received from the Ε. 25 federal bureau of investigation and the department of public .227278.1 - 33 -

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1 safety shall be confidential, shall not be considered a public 2 record pursuant to the Public Records Act and shall not be 3 disclosed to persons not directly involved in the decision 4 affecting the applicant." 5 SECTION 7. Section 26-2C-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021 (1st S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 9) is amended to read: 6 7 "26-2C-9. APPLICATION AND LICENSING FEES.--8 Every application for the issuance or renewal of Α. 9 the following licenses shall be accompanied by a license fee 10 [in the following specified amounts] as follows: 11 (1)a cannabis courier license, up to one 12 thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per year and an 13 additional fee of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year 14 for each additional licensed premises of the licensee; 15 a cannabis testing laboratory license, up (2) 16 to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year and an 17 additional fee of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year 18 for each additional licensed premises of the licensee; 19 (3) a cannabis manufacturer license, two 20 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year and an 21 additional fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for 22 each additional licensed premises of the licensee; 23 a cannabis producer license, two thousand (4) 24 five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year and an additional fee of 25 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for each additional .227278.1 - 34 -

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1 licensed premises of the licensee; 2 (5) a cannabis retailer license, two thousand 3 five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year and an additional fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for each additional 4 5 licensed premises of the licensee; 6 (6) a cannabis research laboratory license, 7 two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year and an additional fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for 8 9 each additional licensed premises of the licensee; 10 a vertically integrated cannabis (7) 11 establishment license, seven thousand five hundred dollars 12 (\$7,500) per year and an additional fee of one thousand dollars 13 (\$1,000) per year for each licensed premises of the licensee; 14 a cannabis producer microbusiness license, (8) 15 up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year; 16 an integrated cannabis microbusiness (9) 17 license, up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per 18 year and an additional fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) per 19 year for each licensed premises of the licensee; and 20 (10) a cannabis consumption area license, up 21 to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year. 22 Except for cannabis producer microbusinesses and Β. 23 integrated cannabis microbusinesses, a licensee cultivating 24 cannabis plants shall be assessed an additional annual fee no 25 greater than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per mature cannabis plant

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1 at the time of licensing or renewal.

C. A licensee may increase the number of mature plants licensed at the time of renewal and one other time per year in increments of five hundred mature plants. Fees may be prorated for the remainder of the licensing year.

6 D. [The initial application fee and the annual 7 renewal fee for a vertically integrated cannabis establishment license shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand 8 9 dollars (\$125,000) for a license for both medical cannabis 10 activity and commercial cannabis activity.] The initial 11 application fee and the annual renewal fee for a license or 12 renewal of a license that authorizes only medical cannabis activity shall be one-half the fee applicable to a license 13 14 authorizing both medical cannabis activity and commercial 15 cannabis activity.

E. If a cannabis producer microbusiness or an integrated cannabis microbusiness enters into a business arrangement with another licensee with the purpose <u>of</u> or having the effect of evading the limitations of the licensee's license, [such] <u>that</u> licensee shall not be eligible for the lower fee prescribed in Subsection A of this section and shall pay the per-plant fee prescribed in Subsection B of this section.

F. The division shall collect all renewal fees, including the renewal fees for all licensed premises, at the .227278.1

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1 time of renewal of a license.

2 G. The fee for the issuance of a cannabis server 3 permit shall not exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00). 4 н. The division shall deposit all fees collected 5 pursuant to the Cannabis Regulation Act in the cannabis 6 regulation fund." 7 SECTION 8. Section 26-2C-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021 8 (1st S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 10) is repealed and a new 9 Section 26-2C-10 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read: 10 "26-2C-10. [NEW MATERIAL] CANNABIS TRAINING AND 11 EDUCATION PROGRAMS--REGISTRATION WITH DIVISION.--A New Mexico 12 public post-secondary educational institution may offer a 13 practical or academic curriculum designed to prepare students 14 for participation in the cannabis industry. The institution 15 shall register its cannabis training and education program with 16 the division, which shall include the information about the 17 program on its website." 18

SECTION 9. Section 26-2C-17 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021 (lst S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 17) is amended to read:

"26-2C-17. CANNABIS PRODUCTS--PACKAGING AND LABELING--DIVISION RULEMAKING.--

A. Cannabis or cannabis extract included in a cannabis product that is manufactured in compliance with applicable law is not considered to be an adulterant under state law.

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1 Β. The division shall promulgate rules consistent 2 with industry standards for cannabis products that establish 3 labeling and packaging requirements, including that: 4 packages shall be resealable and child-(1)5 resistant [compostable and recyclable or made from recycled materials]; 6 7 packages and labels shall not be designed (2) 8 to be appealing to a child and shall not mimic the brand, 9 design, name, logo or colorway of a non-cannabis consumer 10 product marketed to children; 11 (3) packages and labels shall not use cartoons 12 or symbols or images, including images of celebrities or 13 celebrity likenesses, that are commonly used to market to 14 children; 15 (4) packages containing edible cannabis 16 products shall be opaque; and 17 [(3)] (5) labels shall include: 18 (a) for a package containing only 19 cannabis leaf or flower, the net weight of cannabis in the 20 package; 21 (b) identification of the licensee or 22 licensees that produced or manufactured the cannabis product, 23 the date on which the cannabis was harvested, the type of 24 cannabis product and the date on which the cannabis product was 25 manufactured and packaged; .227278.1 - 38 -

1	(c) potency and pesticide use;
2	(d) a list of pharmacologically active
3	ingredients;
4	(e) for cannabis products containing
5	non-cannabis ingredients, a list of all ingredients and a
6	disclosure of nutritional information for the product or
7	cannabis extract disclosed in the same manner required under
8	federal law for nutritional labeling for food for human
9	consumption;
10	(f) a warning if nuts or other known
11	allergens are used in the item or in its manufacture;
12	(g) a logo designed by the division that
13	is distinctive in design, color, size and location such that
14	the logo notifies a reasonable person that the package contains
15	cannabis;
16	(h) a warning of possible adverse
17	effects of consumption and the New Mexico poison and drug
18	information center phone number;
19	(i) an expiration date; and
20	(j) other information as required by
21	rules promulgated [pursuant to] <u>in accordance with</u> the Cannabis
22	Regulation Act."
23	SECTION 10. Section 26-2C-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021
24	(1st S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 18) is amended to read:
25	"26-2C-18. TESTING CANNABIS PRODUCTSHEALTH AND SAFETY
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2 A cannabis testing laboratory's testing of Α. 3 cannabis products shall comply with the requirements set forth in applicable law and rules. 4 5 Β. In consultation with the department of 6 environment and consistent with industry standards, the 7 division shall promulgate rules to: 8 [ensure that testing of cannabis products (1)9 occurs] require all cannabis producers and cannabis manufacturers to have their cannabis products tested prior to 10 11 distribution to cannabis retailers or for sales by integrated 12 cannabis microbusinesses; specify how often licensees shall test 13 (2) 14 cannabis products; 15 specify which persons bear the cost of (3) 16 testing commercial or medical cannabis products [and medical 17 cannabis]; 18 (4) provide for recordkeeping; 19 (5) establish chain of custody protocols for 20 the transportation of testing [sample transportation] samples; 21 ensure that testing samples are (6) 22 transported and stored in a manner that prevents degradation, 23 contamination, tampering or diversion; 24 (7) specify protocols for testing sample 25 collection that ensure accurate test results, including .227278.1

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requiring that testing samples be collected by laboratory staff 2 trained in the collection of testing [sample collection] samples; and 3

4 require destruction of a tested batch of (8) 5 cannabis products if the testing samples from the tested batch indicate noncompliance with applicable health and safety 6 7 standards promulgated by the division, unless remedial measures 8 can bring the cannabis products into compliance with the 9 standards or the cannabis products can be used for research 10 purposes.

C. Beginning no later than April 1, 2022, the division shall identify, in consultation with the department of environment, a set of updated certified reference materials for which laboratory testing [to] shall be measured against.

The division shall work cooperatively with the D. department of environment to implement inspection of cannabis establishments to ensure the health and safety of employees in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, [and] to determine compliance with rules promulgated by the environmental improvement board and to protect the health and safety of consumers."

SECTION 11. Section 26-2C-20 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021 (1st S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 20) is amended to read:

"26-2C-20. ADVERTISING AND MARKETING RESTRICTIONS.--

A. As used in this section, "advertising" does not .227278.1

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1	mean:
2	<u>(1) a sign or outdoor display or other</u>
3	statement permanently affixed to a licensed premises that is
4	intended to induce the sale of a cannabis product produced,
5	manufactured or sold on the licensed premises;
6	(2) a label affixed to a cannabis product or
7	the covering, wrapper or container of a cannabis product; or
8	(3) an editorial or other material printed in
9	a publication when the publication of the editorial or material
10	was not paid for by a licensee and was not intended to promote
11	the sale of cannabis products by a particular brand or company.
12	<u>B.</u> The division shall promulgate rules consistent
13	with industry standards that:
14	$[A_{\bullet}]$ (1) prohibit the advertisement and
15	marketing of cannabis products:
16	[(1)] <u>(a)</u> on radio, television or other
17	broadcast media, internet pop-ups and mass transit vehicles;
18	provided that the division shall not prohibit advertising and
19	marketing to [(a)]: <u>1)</u> subscribers of subscription-based
20	radio, television or other broadcast media who are twenty-one
21	years of age or older; or [(b)] <u>2)</u> persons twenty-one years of
22	age or older who have solicited the advertising or marketing;
23	$[\frac{(2)}{(b)}]$ that are false, deceptive or
24	misleading, including making unproven health benefit claims;
25	[(3)] (c) that are on billboards,
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1	posters, handbills or other visual media that are located or
2	can be viewed within three hundred feet of a school, daycare
3	center or church;
4	[(4)] <u>(d)</u> that depict consumption by
5	children or other persons who appear to be younger than twenty-
6	one years of age;
7	[(5)] <u>(e)</u> that use predatory marketing
8	and advertising practices targeting minors; or
9	[(6)] <u>(f)</u> that are designed using
10	cartoon characters or to mimic any other product brand; and
11	[B.] <u>(2)</u> require:
12	[(1)] <u>(a)</u> all advertisements and
13	marketing to accurately and legibly identify all persons
14	responsible for its content; and
15	[(2)] <u>(b)</u> advertisements in print and
16	digital communications to be placed only where the audience is
17	reasonably expected to be twenty-one years of age or older as
18	determined by reliable, current audience composition data."
19	SECTION 12. Section 26-2C-28 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021
20	(lst S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 28) is amended to read:
21	"26-2C-28. [UNLICENSED SALES OF] <u>TRAFFICKING</u> CANNABIS
22	PRODUCTSPENALTIES
23	A. As used in this section, ["traffic" means the
24	(1) distribution, sale, barter or giving away of] <u>"trafficking</u>
25	<u>cannabis products" means to:</u>
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1	(1) produce, manufacture, distribute, courier
2	or sell illegal cannabis products; or
3	(2) [possession] <u>possess</u> with intent to
4	<u>manufacture</u> , distribute, <u>courier or</u> sell [barter or give away]
5	<u>illegal</u> cannabis products.
6	B. Unless otherwise provided in the Cannabis
7	Regulation Act or the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act, it
8	is unlawful for a person [without a license] to intentionally
9	traffic cannabis products.
10	C. In addition to the penalties provided in the
11	Delinquency Act, a person under eighteen years of age who
12	violates Subsection B of this section shall be subject to:
13	(1) attendance at a four-hour evidence-based
14	drug education and legal rights program at no cost to the
15	person; or
16	(2) four hours of community service.
17	D. Except as otherwise provided in Section [14 of
18	the Cannabis Regulation Act] 26-2C-14 NMSA 1978, a person
19	<u>between</u> eighteen <u>and twenty-one</u> years of age [or older] who
20	violates Subsection B of this section is guilty of a
21	misdemeanor and shall be sentenced pursuant to the provisions
22	of Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.
23	[E. A person eighteen years of age or older who
24	violates Subsection B of this section and who conducts
25	unlicensed cannabis product sales from a building, room or
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1 other area open to the public in a manner that would lead a 2 reasonable person to believe that the area is a cannabis 3 establishment licensed pursuant to the Cannabis Regulation Act 4 is guilty of a fourth degree felony and shall be sentenced 5 pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978.] 6 E. A person twenty-one years of age or older who 7 traffics cannabis products is guilty of a fourth degree felony 8 for a first offense. A person who traffics cannabis products 9 is guilty of a third degree felony for a second offense. A 10 person who traffics cannabis products is guilty of a second 11 degree felony for a third and subsequent offense. Sentencing 12 pursuant to this subsection shall be as provided in Section 13 31-18-15 NMSA 1978. A conveyance used or intended to be used 14 for the purpose of trafficking cannabis products or money that 15 is the fruit or instrumentality of the crime is subject to 16 forfeiture, and the provisions of the Forfeiture Act apply to = delete 17 the seizure, forfeiture and disposal of such property." underscored material = new 18 SECTION 13. A new section of the Cannabis Regulation Act 19 is enacted to read: bracketed material] 20 "[NEW MATERIAL] WHEN CANNABIS PRODUCT DEEMED 21 ADULTERATED.--A cannabis product is deemed to be adulterated 22 if: 23 it bears or contains mold, mildew or other Α. 24 deleterious or poisonous substance that may render it injurious 25 to health; .227278.1

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1 Β. it consists in whole or in part of a diseased, 2 contaminated, filthy, impure or infested ingredient or putrid 3 or decomposed substance or if it is otherwise unfit for 4 consumption;

5 C. it has been produced, prepared, packed or held 6 under unsanitary conditions so that it may have been 7 contaminated with filth or rendered diseased, unwholesome or injurious to health; 8

D. its container is composed in whole or in part of 10 a poisonous or deleterious substance that may render the 11 contents injurious to health;

12 Ε. a valuable constituent has been, in whole or in 13 part, omitted or abstracted from the cannabis product;

F. a substance has been substituted in whole or in part that is contrary to the ingredient list on the package unless a notification of substitution is adhered to the packaging;

G. damage or inferiority has been concealed in any manner;

н. a substance has been added so as to increase the cannabis product's bulk or weight, reduce its quality or strength or make it appear better or of greater value than it is; or

the cannabis product is a confectionery, it I. contains alcohol or other non-nutritive article or substance .227278.1 - 46 -

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1	except harmless coloring, flavoring, natural gum, pectin or
2	resinous glaze not in excess of four-tenths of one percent;
3	provided that a confectionary may include less than two and
4	one-fourth percent by weight of alcohol derived solely from the
5	use of flavoring extracts or to any chewing gum by reason of
6	its containing harmless non-nutritive masticatory substances."
7	SECTION 14. A new section of the Cannabis Regulation Act
8	is enacted to read:
9	"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] WHEN CANNABIS DEEMED MISBRANDED
10	Cannabis is deemed to be misbranded if:
11	A. its labeling is false or misleading in any
12	particular;
13	B. it is offered for sale under the name of another
14	cannabis product;
15	C. it is an imitation of another cannabis product,
16	unless its label bears, in type of uniform size and prominence,
17	the word "imitation" and, immediately following, the name of
18	the cannabis product imitated;
19	D. its container is so made, formed or filled as to
20	be misleading; or
21	E. the label otherwise does not conform to the
22	requirements of Section 26-2C-17 NMSA 1978 and labeling rules
23	promulgated by the division."
24	SECTION 15. A new section of the Cannabis Regulation Act
25	is enacted to read:
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1 "[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] ENFORCEMENT--EMBARGO AND RECALL, SEIZURE AND CONDEMNATION -- PROCEDURES -- PENALTIES ---2 3 Α. The division may: initiate an investigation of an alleged or 4 (1)5 suspected violation of the Cannabis Regulation Act and carry 6 out unannounced inspections during the division's 7 investigation; issue an administrative hold on the 8 (2) movement of cannabis products under investigation by the 9 10 division; 11 (3) embargo or seize a cannabis product 12 alleged or suspected of being an illegal cannabis product or a 13 cannabis product that is adulterated or so misbranded as to be 14 dangerous or fraudulent; and 15 (4) petition the district court for 16 condemnation or for injunctive or equitable relief. 17 The division shall give sufficient notice to the B. 18 licensee of the division's decision to issue an administrative 19 hold on the licensee's cannabis products. An administrative 20 hold shall not be in place for longer than necessary to 21 complete the investigation; provided that an administrative 22 hold on misbranded cannabis products that are not considered 23 dangerous or fraudulent shall last only as long as it takes the 24 licensee to relabel and repackage the cannabis products as 25 ordered by the division. .227278.1

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C. Whenever the division has a reasonable belief that a cannabis product is illegal, adulterated or dangerously or fraudulently misbranded, the director shall embargo or seize that cannabis product and may seize the premises where that cannabis product is located under circumstances provided by rule of the division. The division may issue a recall order for cannabis products embargoed for adulteration or dangerous or fraudulent misbranding or for illegal cannabis products.

D. When the division embargoes a cannabis product, the division shall affix to the cannabis product a tag or other appropriate marking giving notice that the cannabis product is or is suspected of being an illegal cannabis product or is adulterated or dangerously or fraudulently misbranded and that the cannabis product shall not be removed or disposed of.

E. When the division embargoes or seizes a cannabis product or a premises, the division shall give written notice to the licensee of the grounds for the seizure.

F. The division shall not be required to care for embargoed or seized cannabis products.

G. A licensee aggrieved by an embargo or seizure may request an administrative hearing within ten calendar days from the date the embargo was issued or the seizure executed. The hearing shall be held as provided by rule. The final agency decision may be appealed pursuant to Section 39-3-1.1 NMSA 1978.

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1 н. When the division determines that an embargoed 2 or seized cannabis product is illegal, adulterated or 3 dangerously or fraudulently misbranded, the division shall 4 petition the district court for condemnation of that cannabis 5 product. If the district court orders condemnation, the 6 Τ. 7 division shall destroy the cannabis product at the licensee's 8 expense. 9 J. Law enforcement, the New Mexico department of 10 agriculture, the department of environment and other state 11 agencies with relevant expertise shall cooperate with the 12 division at the division's request. 13 A person who intentionally, knowingly or К. 14 recklessly removes, conceals, destroys or disposes of a 15 cannabis product subject to an administrative hold or embargo 16 is guilty of a fourth degree felony and shall be sentenced as 17 provided in Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978. 18 τ. In addition to the actions provided in this 19 section, after an administrative hearing pursuant to the 20 Uniform Licensing Act, the division may take disciplinary 21 action against a licensee, including: 22 suspension or revocation of the license; (1) 23 imposition of an administrative penalty (2) 24 not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); or 25 any other disciplinary action allowed (3) .227278.1 - 50 -

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under that act or rule of the division."

2 SECTION 16. Section 26-2C-36 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2021 3 (1st S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 36) is amended to read: 4 "26-2C-36. PUBLIC RECORDS AND OPEN MEETINGS.--Except for 5 information developed or obtained by the division during an 6 enforcement investigation, records of the division are subject 7 to the Inspection of Public Records Act. Rulemaking and other 8 hearings of the division are subject to the Open Meetings Act." 9 SECTION 17. Section 30-22-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1976, 10 Chapter 15, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read: "30-22-14. 11 BRINGING CONTRABAND INTO PLACES OF 12 IMPRISONMENT--PENALTIES--DEFINITIONS.--13 Α. Bringing contraband into a prison consists of 14 knowingly and voluntarily carrying, transporting or depositing 15 contraband onto the grounds of the penitentiary of New Mexico 16 or any other institution designated by the corrections 17 department for the confinement of adult prisoners. Whoever 18 commits bringing contraband into a prison is guilty of a third 19 degree felony. 20

B. Bringing contraband into a jail consists of knowingly and voluntarily carrying contraband into the confines of a county or municipal jail. Whoever commits bringing contraband into a jail is guilty of a fourth degree felony.

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C. As used in this section, "contraband" means:

(1) a deadly weapon, as defined in Section

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1 30-1-12 NMSA 1978, or an essential component part thereof, 2 including ammunition, explosive devices and explosive 3 materials, but does not include a weapon carried by a peace 4 officer in the lawful discharge of duties; 5 currency brought onto the grounds of the (2)6 institution for the purpose of transfer to a prisoner, but does 7 not include currency carried into areas designated by the 8 warden as areas for the deposit and receipt of currency for 9 credit to a prisoner's account before contact is made with the 10 prisoner; 11 (3) an alcoholic beverage; 12 a controlled substance, as defined in the (4) Controlled Substances Act, or cannabis, as defined in the 13 14 Cannabis Regulation Act, but does not include a controlled 15 substance or medical cannabis carried into a prison through 16 regular prison channels and pursuant to the direction or 17 prescription of a [regularly] licensed physician; or 18 (5) an electronic communication or recording 19 device brought onto the grounds of the institution for the 20 purpose of transfer to or use by a prisoner. 21 D. As used in this section, "electronic 22 communication or recording device" means any type of 23 instrument, device, machine or equipment that is designed to 24 transmit or receive telephonic, electronic, digital, cellular, 25 satellite or radio signals or communications or that is .227278.1 - 52 -

designed to have sound or image recording abilities or any part or component of such instrument, device, machine or equipment. "Electronic communication or recording device" does not include a device that is or will be used by prison or jail personnel in the regular course of business or that is otherwise authorized by the warden.

Ε. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use 8 of hearing aids, voice amplifiers or other equipment necessary to aid prisoners who have documented hearing or speech 10 deficiencies or their visitors. Rules for such devices shall 11 be established by the warden or director of each jail, 12 detention center and prison."

SECTION 18. Section 30-42-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1980, Chapter 40, Section 3, as amended by Laws 2009, Chapter 253, Section 7 and by Laws 2009, Chapter 261, Section 7) is amended to read:

> "30-42-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Racketeering Act:

"racketeering" means any act that is chargeable Α. or indictable under the laws of New Mexico and punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, involving any of the following cited offenses:

murder, as provided in Section 30-2-1 NMSA (1) 1978;

24 (2) robbery, as provided in Section 30-16-2 25 NMSA 1978; .227278.1

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1	(3) kidnapping, as provided in Section 30-4-1
2	NMSA 1978;
3	(4) forgery, as provided in Section 30-16-10
4	NMSA 1978;
5	(5) larceny, as provided in Section 30-16-1
6	NMSA 1978;
7	(6) fraud, as provided in Section 30-16-6 NMSA
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9 10	(7) embezzlement, as provided in Section
10	30-16-8 NMSA 1978;
11	(8) receiving stolen property, as provided in
12	Section 30-16-11 NMSA 1978;
	(9) bribery, as provided in Sections 30-24-1
14	through 30-24-3.1 NMSA 1978;
15	(10) gambling, as provided in Sections
16	30-19-3, 30-19-13 and 30-19-15 NMSA 1978;
17	(11) illegal kickbacks, as provided in
18	Sections 30-41-1 and 30-41-2 NMSA 1978;
19	(12) extortion, as provided in Section 30-16-9
20	NMSA 1978;
21	(13) trafficking in controlled substances, as
22	provided in Section 30-31-20 NMSA 1978;
23	(14) arson and aggravated arson, as provided
24	in Subsection A of Section $30-17-5$ and Section $30-17-6$ NMSA
25	1978;
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1 (15) promoting prostitution, as provided in 2 Section 30-9-4 NMSA 1978; 3 (16) criminal solicitation, as provided in Section 30-28-3 NMSA 1978; 4 5 fraudulent securities practices, as (17)provided in the New Mexico Uniform Securities Act [of 1986]; 6 7 loan sharking, as provided in Sections (18) 8 30-43-1 through 30-43-5 NMSA 1978; 9 (19) distribution of controlled substances or 10 controlled substance analogues, as provided in Sections 11 30-31-21 and 30-31-22 NMSA 1978; 12 a violation of the provisions of Section (20) 13 30-51-4 NMSA 1978; 14 unlawful taking of a vehicle or motor (21)15 vehicle, as provided in Section 30-16D-1 NMSA 1978; 16 embezzlement of a vehicle or motor (22) 17 vehicle, as provided in Section 30-16D-2 NMSA 1978; 18 (23)fraudulently obtaining a vehicle or motor 19 vehicle, as provided in Section 30-16D-3 NMSA 1978; 20 receiving or transferring stolen vehicles (24) 21 or motor vehicles, as provided in Section 30-16D-4 NMSA 1978; 22 [and] 23 (25) altering or changing the serial number, 24 engine number, decal or other numbers or marks of a vehicle or 25 motor vehicle, as provided in Section 30-16D-6 NMSA 1978; and .227278.1 - 55 -

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1	(26) trafficking cannabis products, as
2	provided in Section 26-2C-28 NMSA 1978;
3	B. "person" means an individual or entity capable
4	of holding a legal or beneficial interest in property;
5	C. "enterprise" means a sole proprietorship,
6	partnership, corporation, business, labor union, association or
7	other legal entity or a group of individuals associated in fact
8	although not a legal entity and includes illicit as well as
9	licit entities; and
10	D. "pattern of racketeering activity" means
11	engaging in at least two incidents of racketeering with the
12	intent of accomplishing any of the prohibited activities set
13	forth in Subsections A through D of Section 30-42-4 NMSA 1978;
14	provided at least one of the incidents occurred after February
15	28, 1980 and the last incident occurred within five years after
16	the commission of a prior incident of racketeering."
17	SECTION 19. Section 32A-2-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
18	Chapter 77, Section 32, as amended) is amended to read:
19	"32A-2-3. DEFINITIONSAs used in the Delinquency Act:
20	A. "delinquent act" means an act committed by a
21	child that would be designated as a crime under the law if
22	committed by an adult, not including a violation of Section
23	30-9-2 NMSA 1978, including the following offenses:
24	(1) any of the following offenses pursuant to
25	municipal traffic codes or the Motor Vehicle Code:
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1 driving while under the influence of (a) 2 intoxicating liquor or drugs; 3 failure to stop in the event of an (b) 4 accident causing death, personal injury or damage to property; 5 (c) unlawful taking of a vehicle or 6 motor vehicle; 7 receiving or transferring of a (d) 8 stolen vehicle or motor vehicle; 9 homicide by vehicle; (e) 10 (f) injuring or tampering with a 11 vehicle; 12 altering or changing of an engine (g) 13 number or other vehicle identification numbers; 14 altering or forging of a driver's (h) 15 license or permit or any making of a fictitious license or 16 permit; 17 (i) reckless driving; 18 (i) driving with a suspended or revoked 19 license; or 20 an offense punishable as a felony; (k) 21 buying, attempting to buy, receiving, (2) 22 possessing or being served any alcoholic liquor or being 23 present in a licensed liquor establishment, other than a 24 restaurant or a licensed retail liquor establishment, except in 25 the presence of the child's parent, guardian, custodian or .227278.1 - 57 -

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1 adult spouse. As used in this paragraph, "restaurant" means an 2 establishment where meals are prepared and served primarily for 3 on-premises consumption and that has a dining room, a kitchen 4 and the employees necessary for preparing, cooking and serving 5 "Restaurant" does not include an establishment, as meals. defined in regulations promulgated by the director of the 6 7 special investigations unit of the department of public safety, 8 that serves only hamburgers, sandwiches, salads and other fast 9 foods; 10 a violation of Section 30-29-2 NMSA 1978, (3) 11 regarding the illegal use of a glue, aerosol spray product or 12 other chemical substance; 13 a violation of the Controlled Substances (4) 14 Act; 15 escape from the custody of a law (5) 16 enforcement officer or a juvenile probation or parole officer 17 or from any placement made by the department by a child who has 18 been adjudicated a delinguent child; 19 a violation of Section 30-15-1.1 NMSA 1978 (6) 20 regarding unauthorized graffiti on personal or real property; 21 [or] 22 a violation of an order of protection (7) 23 issued pursuant to the provisions of the Family Violence 24 Protection Act; or 25 (8) trafficking cannabis as provided in .227278.1 - 58 -

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Section 26-2C-28 NMSA 1978;

B. "delinquent child" means a child who has
committed a delinquent act;

C. "delinquent offender" means a delinquent child who is subject to juvenile sanctions only and who is not a youthful offender or a serious youthful offender;

D. "detention facility" means a place where a child may be detained under the Children's Code pending court hearing and does not include a facility for the care and rehabilitation of an adjudicated delinquent child;

E. "felony" means an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult;

F. "misdemeanor" means an act that would be a misdemeanor or petty misdemeanor if committed by an adult;

G. "restitution" means financial reimbursement by the child to the victim or community service imposed by the court and is limited to easily ascertainable damages for injury to or loss of property, actual expenses incurred for medical, psychiatric and psychological treatment for injury to a person and lost wages resulting from physical injury, which are a direct and proximate result of a delinquent act. "Restitution" does not include reimbursement for damages for mental anguish, pain and suffering or other intangible losses. As used in this subsection, "victim" means a person who is injured or suffers damage of any kind by an act that is the subject of a complaint .227278.1

or referral to law enforcement officers or juvenile probation authorities. Nothing contained in this definition limits or replaces the provisions of Subsections A and B of Section 32A-2-27 NMSA 1978;

H. "serious youthful offender" means an individual fifteen to eighteen years of age who is charged with and indicted or bound over for trial for first degree murder. A "serious youthful offender" is not a delinquent child as defined pursuant to the provisions of this section;

I. "supervised release" means the release of a juvenile, whose term of commitment has not expired, from a facility for the care and rehabilitation of adjudicated delinquent children, with specified conditions to protect public safety and promote successful transition and reintegration into the community. A juvenile on supervised release is subject to monitoring by the department until the term of commitment has expired and may be returned to custody for violating conditions of release; and

J. "youthful offender" means a delinquent child subject to adult or juvenile sanctions who is:

(1) fourteen to eighteen years of age at the time of the offense and who is adjudicated for at least one of the following offenses:

(a) second degree murder, as provided inSection 30-2-1 NMSA 1978;

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assault with intent to commit a 1 (b) violent felony, as provided in Section 30-3-3 NMSA 1978; 2 3 (c) kidnapping, as provided in Section 4 30-4-1 NMSA 1978; (d) 5 aggravated battery, as provided in Subsection C of Section 30-3-5 NMSA 1978; 6 7 aggravated battery against a (e) 8 household member, as provided in Subsection C of Section 9 30-3-16 NMSA 1978; 10 aggravated battery upon a peace (f) 11 officer, as provided in Subsection C of Section 30-22-25 NMSA 12 1978; 13 shooting at a dwelling or occupied (g) 14 building or shooting at or from a motor vehicle, as provided in 15 Section 30-3-8 NMSA 1978; 16 dangerous use of explosives, as (h) 17 provided in Section 30-7-5 NMSA 1978; 18 (i) criminal sexual penetration, as 19 provided in Section 30-9-11 NMSA 1978; 20 robbery, as provided in Section (i) 21 30-16-2 NMSA 1978; 22 (k) aggravated burglary, as provided in 23 Section 30-16-4 NMSA 1978; 24 aggravated arson, as provided in (1)25 Section 30-17-6 NMSA 1978; or .227278.1 - 61 -

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(m) abuse of a child that results in
 great bodily harm or death to the child, as provided in Section
 30-6-1 NMSA 1978;

4 (2) fourteen to eighteen years of age at the 5 time of the offense, who is adjudicated for any felony offense and who has had three prior, separate felony adjudications 6 7 within a three-year time period immediately preceding the 8 instant offense. The felony adjudications relied upon as prior 9 adjudications shall not have arisen out of the same transaction 10 or occurrence or series of events related in time and location. 11 Successful completion of consent decrees is not considered a 12 prior adjudication for the purposes of this paragraph; or

(3) fourteen years of age and who is adjudicated for first degree murder, as provided in Section 30-2-1 NMSA 1978."

SECTION 20. Section 61-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957, Chapter 247, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-1-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Uniform Licensing Act:

A. "board" means:

(1) the construction industries commission, the construction industries division and the electrical bureau, mechanical bureau and general construction bureau of the construction industries division of the regulation and licensing department;

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1 (2) the manufactured housing committee and the 2 manufactured housing division of the regulation and licensing 3 department; 4 (3) the crane operators licensure examining 5 council; 6 (4) a board, commission or agency that 7 administers a profession or occupation licensed pursuant to 8 Chapter 61 NMSA 1978; 9 (5) the cannabis control division of the 10 regulation and licensing department; and 11 [(5)] (6) any other state agency to which the 12 Uniform Licensing Act is applied by law; 13 "applicant" means a person who has applied for a Β. 14 license; 15 "expedited license", whether by examination, C. 16 endorsement, credential or reciprocity, means a license issued 17 to a person in this state based on licensure in another state 18 or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or 19 a foreign country, as applicable; 20 "initial license" means the first regular D. 21 license received from a board for a person who has not been 22 previously licensed; 23 Ε. "license" means a certificate, permit or other 24 authorization to engage in a profession or occupation regulated 25 by a board; .227278.1 - 63 -

1 F. "licensing jurisdiction" means another state or 2 territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or a 3 foreign country, as applicable; 4 "party" means a respondent licensee, applicant G. 5 or unlicensed person who is the subject of a disciplinary proceeding or the civil administrative prosecutor representing 6 7 the state and the board; "probation" means to allow, for a stated period 8 н. 9 of time, the conduct authorized by a license, subject to 10 conditions or other restrictions that are reasonably related to the grounds for probation; 11 12 I. "regular license" means a license that is not 13 issued as a temporary or provisional license; 14 "revocation" means to prohibit the conduct J. 15 authorized by the license for an indefinite period of time; and 16 "suspension" means to prohibit, for a stated Κ. 17 period of time, the conduct authorized by the license." 18 SECTION 21. REPEAL.--Laws 2021 (1st S.S.), Chapter 4, 19 Section 73 is repealed. 20 EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the SECTION 22. 21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2024. 22 - 64 -23 24 25 .227278.1

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