## 1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE 3 HOUSE BILL NO. 3734 4 By: Fetgatter 5 6 7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE An Act relating to medical marijuana; amending 63 8 O.S. 2021, Sections 421, 422, 423 and 424, which 9 relate to licensing requirements for medical marijuana dispensaries, commercial growers, 10 processors, and transporters; providing for temporary and annual licenses; providing statutory references for fees; updating language; amending 63 O.S. 2021, 11 Sections 427.14 and 427.16, which relate to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection 12 Act; creating temporary and annual licensing program 1.3 for certain medical marijuana businesses; stating conditions for temporary licenses; requiring 14 adherence to certain rules and regulations; clarifying obligations of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority when issuing temporary licenses; 15 stating length of term of temporary licenses; 16 providing for extensions under certain circumstances; establishing fees for temporary licenses and 17 extensions; requiring submission of certain information to the Authority; authorizing rejection 18 of applications; clarifying circumstances that allow for the issuance of annual medical marijuana business 19 licenses; updating language; creating temporary licensing program for medical marijuana transporters; 20 and declaring an emergency. 2.1 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 24

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 421, is 1 2 amended to read as follows: Section 421. A. The State Department of Health shall, within 3 4 thirty (30) days of passage of this initiative, Oklahoma Medical 5 Marijuana Authority shall make available on its website in an easy-6 to-find location an application for a temporary medical marijuana 7 dispensary license and an annual medical marijuana dispensary 8 license. The application fee shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred 9 <del>Dollars (\$2,500.00)</del> fees for the temporary or annual license shall 10 be paid by the applicant in the amounts provided for in Section 11 427.14 of this title. A method of payment for the application fees 12 shall be provided on the website of the Department Authority. 13 Dispensary Medical marijuana dispensary applicants must all be 14 residents of Oklahoma. Any entity applying for a temporary or 15 annual medical marijuana dispensary license must be owned by an 16 Oklahoma resident and must be registered to do business in Oklahoma. 17 The Department Authority shall have ninety (90) business days to 18 review the application for a temporary medical marijuana dispensary 19 license; approve, reject or deny the application; and mail the 20 approval, rejection or denial letter stating reasons for the 21 rejection or denial to the applicant.

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1 Patient Protection Act, the Authority shall approve all applications
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1. The applicant must be twenty-five (25) years of age or older;

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- 2. The applicant, if applying as an individual, must show residency in the State of Oklahoma;
- 3. All applying entities must show that all members, managers, and board members are Oklahoma residents;
- 9 4. An applying entity may show ownership of non-Oklahoma
  10 residents, but that percentage ownership may not exceed twenty-five
  11 percent (25%);
  - 5. All applying individuals or entities must be registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma; and
  - 6. All applicants must disclose all ownership interests in the dispensary.
    - Applicants with a nonviolent felony conviction in the last two (2) years, any other felony conviction in the last five (5) years, inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections or any person currently incarcerated shall not qualify for a temporary or annual medical marijuana dispensary license.
  - C. Licensed medical marijuana dispensaries shall be required to complete a monthly sales report to the State Department of Health

    Authority. This report shall be due on the fifteenth of each month and provide reporting on the previous month. This report shall

detail the weight of marijuana purchased at wholesale and the weight of marijuana sold to licensed medical marijuana patients and licensed caregivers and account for any waste. The report shall show total sales in dollars, tax collected in dollars, and tax due in dollars. The State Department of Health Authority shall have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown is accounted for.

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

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

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 422, is amended to read as follows:

Section 422. A. The State Department of Health shall, within thirty (30) days of passage of this initiative, Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall make available on its website in an easy-to-find location an application applications for a temporary medical marijuana commercial grower license and an annual medical marijuana commercial grower license. The application fee shall be Two

Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) fees for the temporary or annual license shall be paid by the applicant in the amounts provided for in Section 427.14 of this title. A method of payment for the application fees shall be provided on the website of the Department Authority. The State Department of Health Authority

- shall have ninety (90) days to review the application for a

  temporary medical marijuana commercial grower license; approve,

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

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

  applicant.
- B. The State Department of Health In addition to the
  requirements provided for in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and
  Patient Protection Act, the Authority shall approve all applications
  which meet the following criteria:
- 10 1. The applicant must be twenty-five (25) years of age or 11 older;
- The applicant, if applying as an individual, must show
   residency in the State of Oklahoma;

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- 3. All applying entities must show that all members, managers, and board members are Oklahoma residents;
- 4. An applying entity may show ownership of non-Oklahoma
  residents, but that percentage ownership may not exceed twenty-five
  percent (25%);
  - 5. All applying individuals or entities must be registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma; and
- 21 6. All applicants must disclose all ownership interests in the 22 commercial grower operation.
- Applicants with a nonviolent felony conviction in the last two

  (2) years, any other felony conviction in the last five (5) years,

inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections or any person currently incarcerated shall not qualify for a <u>temporary or</u> annual medical marijuana commercial grower license.

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C. A licensed medical marijuana commercial grower may sell marijuana to a licensed medical marijuana dispensary or a licensed medical marijuana processor. Further, sales by a licensed medical marijuana commercial grower shall be considered wholesale sales and shall not be subject to taxation. Under no circumstances may a licensed medical marijuana commercial grower sell marijuana directly to a licensed medical marijuana patient or licensed medical marijuana caregiver. A licensed medical marijuana commercial grower may only sell at the wholesale level to a licensed medical marijuana dispensary, a licensed medical marijuana commercial grower or a licensed medical marijuana processor. If the federal government lifts restrictions on buying and selling marijuana between states, then a licensed medical marijuana commercial grower would be allowed to sell and buy marijuana wholesale from, or to, an out-of-state wholesale provider. A licensed medical marijuana commercial grower shall be required to complete a monthly yield and sales report to the State Department of Health Authority. This report shall be due on the fifteenth of each month and provide reporting on the previous This report shall detail the amount of marijuana harvested in pounds, the amount of drying or dried marijuana on hand, the amount of marijuana sold to licensed processors in pounds, the

amount of waste in pounds, and the amount of marijuana sold to

licensed medical marijuana dispensaries in pounds. Additionally,

this report shall show total wholesale sales in dollars. The State

Department of Health Authority shall have oversight and auditing

responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being grown by

licensed medical marijuana commercial growers is accounted for.

- D. There shall be no limits on how much marijuana a licensed medical marijuana commercial grower can grow.
- medical marijuana commercial growers shall be authorized to package and sell pre-rolled marijuana to licensed medical marijuana dispensaries. The products described in this subsection shall contain only the ground parts of the marijuana plant and shall not include marijuana concentrates or derivatives. The total net weight of each pre-roll packaged and sold by medical marijuana commercial growers shall not exceed one (1) gram. These products must be tested, packaged and labeled in accordance with Oklahoma law and rules promulgated by the State Commissioner of Health Authority.

  SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 423, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 423. A. The State Department of Health shall, within
  thirty (30) days of passage of this initiative, Oklahoma Medical
  Marijuana Authority shall make available on its website in an easyto-find location an application for a temporary medical marijuana

processor license and an annual medical marijuana processing

processor license. The Department Authority shall be authorized to

issue two types of annual medical marijuana processor licenses based

on the level of risk posed by the type of processing conducted:

- 1. Nonhazardous medical marijuana processor license; and
- 2. Hazardous medical marijuana processor license.

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7 The application fee for a nonhazardous or hazardous medical marijuana processor license shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred <del>Dollars (\$2,500.00)</del> fees for the temporary or annual license shall 10 be paid by the applicant in the amounts provided for in Section 11 427.14 of this title. A method of payment shall be provided on the 12 website of the <del>Department</del> Authority. The <del>State Department of Health</del> 13 Authority shall have ninety (90) days to review the temporary 14 medical marijuana processor license application; approve, reject or 15 deny the application; and mail the approval, rejection or denial 16 letter stating the reasons for the rejection or denial to the 17 applicant.

- B. The State Department of Health Authority shall approve all applications which meet the following criteria:
- 1. The applicant must be twenty-five (25) years of age or older;
- 22 2. The applicant, if applying as an individual, must show residency in the State of Oklahoma;

3. All applying entities must show that all members, managers, and board members are Oklahoma residents;

- 4. An applying entity may show ownership of non-Oklahoma residents, but that percentage ownership may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%);
- 5. All applying individuals or entities must be registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma; and
- 6. All applicants must disclose all ownership interests in the processing operation.

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

- C. 1. A licensed <u>medical marijuana</u> processor may take marijuana plants and distill or process these plants into concentrates, edibles, and other forms for consumption.
- 2. As required by subsection D of this section, the State

  Department of Health shall, within sixty (60) days of passage of

  this initiative, The Authority shall make available a set of

  standards which shall be used by licensed medical marijuana

  processors in the preparation of edible marijuana products. The

  standards should be in line with current food preparation

guidelines. No excessive or punitive rules may be established by the State Department of Health Authority.

- 3. Up to two times a year, the State Department of Health

  Authority may inspect a processing operation and determine its

  compliance with the preparation standards. If deficiencies are

  found, a written report of the deficiency shall be issued to the

  licensed medical marijuana processor. The licensed medical

  marijuana processor shall have one (1) month to correct the

  deficiency or be subject to a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)

  for each deficiency.
- 4. A licensed <u>medical marijuana</u> processor may sell marijuana products it creates to a licensed <u>medical marijuana</u> dispensary or any other licensed <u>medical marijuana</u> processor. All sales by a licensed <u>medical marijuana</u> processor shall be considered wholesale sales and shall not be subject to taxation.
- 5. Under no circumstances may a licensed medical marijuana processor sell marijuana or any marijuana product directly to a licensed medical marijuana patient or licensed medical marijuana caregiver. However, a licensed medical marijuana processor may process cannabis into a concentrated form for a licensed medical marijuana patient for a fee.
- 6. Licensed <u>medical marijuana</u> processors shall be required to complete a monthly yield and sales report to the <del>State Department of Health</del> <u>Authority</u>. This report shall be due on the fifteenth of each

month and shall provide reporting on the previous month. This report shall detail the amount of marijuana and medical marijuana products purchased in pounds, the amount of marijuana cooked or processed in pounds, and the amount of waste in pounds.

Additionally, this report shall show total wholesale sales in dollars. The State Department of Health Authority shall have oversight and auditing responsibilities to ensure that all marijuana being processed is accounted for.

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D. The Department Authority shall oversee the inspection and compliance of licensed medical marijuana processors producing products with marijuana as an additive. The State Department of Health Authority shall be compelled to, within thirty (30) days of passage of this initiative, appoint twelve (12) Oklahoma residents to the Medical Marijuana Advisory Council, who are marijuana industry experts, to create a list of food safety standards for processing and handling medical marijuana in Oklahoma. standards shall be adopted by the Department Authority and the Department Authority may enforce these standards for licensed medical marijuana processors. The <del>Department</del> Authority shall develop a standards review procedure and these standards can be altered by calling another council of twelve (12) Oklahoma marijuana industry experts. A signed letter of twenty operating, licensed processors shall constitute a need for a new council and standards review.

E. If it becomes permissible under federal law, marijuana may be moved across state lines.

- F. Any device used for the processing or consumption of medical marijuana shall be considered legal to be sold, manufactured, distributed and possessed. No merchant, wholesaler, manufacturer or individual may be unduly harassed or prosecuted for selling, manufacturing or possessing marijuana paraphernalia.
- 8 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 424, is 9 amended to read as follows:
  - Section 424. A. A temporary medical marijuana transporter

    license or an annual medical marijuana transportation transporter

    license will shall be issued to qualifying applicants for a medical marijuana retail dispensary, growing medical marijuana commercial grower, or processing medical marijuana processor license. The transportation temporary or annual medical marijuana transporter license will shall be issued at the time of approval of a retail, growing the temporary or annual medical marijuana dispensary, medical marijuana commercial grower, or processing medical marijuana processor license. The fees for the temporary or annual license shall be paid by the applicant in the amounts provided for in Section 427.14 of this title.
- B. A <u>medical marijuana</u> transportation transporter license will

  shall allow the holder to transport <u>medical</u> marijuana from an

  Oklahoma-licensed medical marijuana retailer <u>dispensary</u>, <del>licensed</del>

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1 growing medical marijuana commercial grower facility, or licensed
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- 2 | medical marijuana processor facility to an Oklahoma-licensed medical
- 3 | marijuana retailer dispensary, licensed growing medical marijuana
- 4 <u>commercial grower</u> facility, or <del>licensed</del> <u>medical marijuana</u> processing
- 5 | facility.
- 6 C. All medical marijuana or medical marijuana products shall be
- 7 | transported in a locked container and clearly labeled "Medical
- 8 | Marijuana or Derivative".
- 9 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.14, is
- 10 | amended to read as follows:
- 11 Section 427.14 A. There is hereby created the medical
- 12 | marijuana business license, which shall include the following
- 13 | categories:

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- 1. Medical marijuana commercial grower;
- 15 | 2. Medical marijuana processor;
  - 3. Medical marijuana dispensary;
- 17 4. Medical marijuana transporter; and
  - 5. Medical marijuana testing laboratory.
- B. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, with the aid of
- 20 | the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, shall develop a
- 21 | website for medical marijuana business license applications.
- 22 C. The Authority shall make available on its website in an
- 23 easy-to-find location, applications for a temporary medical

marijuana business license and annual medical marijuana business
license.

- D. The annual, nonrefundable application fee for a medical marijuana business license shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred

  Dollars (\$2,500.00) Upon the effective date of this act, the Authority shall require all persons or entities seeking licensure as a medical marijuana commercial grower, medical marijuana processor, medical marijuana dispensary, or medical marijuana transporter to first apply for a temporary medical marijuana business license.
- 1. A temporary medical marijuana business license is a conditional license and does not authorize the licensee to conduct any sales of medical marijuana or marijuana products, the growing or processing of marijuana, or the transportation of any medical marijuana or marijuana products by the licensee. A temporary medical marijuana business licensee shall follow all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Authority.
- 2. A temporary medical marijuana business license does not obligate the Authority to issue an annual medical marijuana business license nor does the temporary medical marijuana business license create a vested right in the holder to either an extension of the temporary medical marijuana business license or to the granting of a subsequent annual medical marijuana business license.

3. A temporary medical marijuana business license issued under the provisions of this subsection shall be valid for one hundred eighty (180) days from its effective date.

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- 4. A temporary medical marijuana business license may be extended by the Authority for additional ninety-day periods not to exceed eighteen (18) months if:
  - a. an application for an annual license has been submitted to the Authority prior to the initial expiration date of the temporary medical marijuana business license, and
  - b. the Authority determines that the application and required documentation submitted by the applicant for an annual medical marijuana business license is deficient in some manner.
- 5. The nonrefundable application fee for a temporary medical marijuana business license shall be One Thousand Dollars

  (\$1,000.00). A nonrefundable fee of One Thousand Dollars

  (\$1,000.00) shall be assessed for every ninety-day extension requested by the holder of a temporary medical marijuana business license and subsequently granted by the Authority.
- 6. In addition to the general requirements provided for in subsection E of this section, persons or entities applying for a temporary medical marijuana business license or applying to renew a

medical marijuana business license shall submit the following to the Authority:

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- a. business-formation documents, which may include, but not be limited to, articles of incorporation, operating agreements, partnership agreements, and fictitious business name statements. The applicant shall also provide all documents filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State,
- b. financial information pertaining to the operations of the medical marijuana business, which shall include the following:
  - (1) a list of funds belonging to the applicant held in savings, checking, or other accounts maintained by a financial institution. The applicant shall provide for each account, the name of the financial institution, the address of the financial institution, account type, account number, and the amount of money in the account,
  - (2) a list of loans made to the applicant. For each
    loan, the applicant shall provide the amount of
    the loan, the date of the loan, term of the loan,
    security provided for the loan, and the name,
    address, and phone number of the lender,

1		(3) a list of investments made into the medical		
2			marijuana business. For each investment, the	
3			applicant shall provide the amount of the	
4			investment, the date of the investment, term of	
5			the investment, and the name, address, and phone	
6			number of the investor, and	
7		(4)	a list of all gifts of any kind given to the	
8			applicant for its use in conducting medical	
9			marijuana business activities. For each gift,	
10			the applicant shall provide the value or a	
11			description of the gift and the name, address,	
12			and phone number of the provider of the gift,	
13	<u>C.</u>	a cc	mplete list of every individual who has a	
14		<u>fina</u>	ncial interest in the medical marijuana business	
15		who	is not an owner of the medical marijuana business,	
16	<u>d.</u>	whether the applicant has an ownership or a financial		
17		inte	rest in any other medical marijuana business	
18		lice	nsed under the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical	
19		Mari	juana and Patient Protection Act,	
20	<u>e.</u>	a cc	mplete and detailed diagram of the proposed	
21		prem	ises. The diagram shall be to scale and shall	
22		show	the following:	
23		(1)	boundaries of the property and the proposed	
24			premises to be licensed, showing all boundaries,	

dimensions, entrances and exits, interior

partitions, walls, rooms, windows, doorways, and

common or shared entryways, and shall include a

brief statement or description of the principal

activity to be conducted therein,

- (2) the location of medical marijuana business

  activities that will take place in each area of
  the premises, and limited-access areas,
- (3) where all cameras are located and a number assigned to each camera for identification purposes, and
- if the proposed premises consists of only a
  portion of the property, labels indicating which
  part of the property is the proposed premises and
  what the remaining property is used for,
- property upon which the premises is located, the

  applicant shall provide to the Authority a document

  from the landowner or the agent of the landowner that

  states that the applicant has the right to occupy the

  property and acknowledging the applicant may use the

  property for the medical marijuana business activity

  for which the applicant is applying for licensure. An

1		applicant shall also provide a copy of the rental		
2		agreement, as applicable,		
3	<u>g.</u>	if the applicant is the landowner of the real property		
4		upon which the premises is located, the applicant		
5		shall provide to the Authority a copy of the title or		
6		deed to the property,		
7	<u>h.</u>	if the applicant is applying for a medical marijuana		
8		commercial grower license, the applicant shall also		
9		submit the following:		
10		(1) for indoor and mixed light cultivation,		
11		identification of all power sources for		
12		cultivation activities including, but not limited		
13		to, illumination, heating, cooling, and		
14		ventilation,		
15		(2) if the applicant is proposing to use a diversion		
16		from a waterbody, groundwater well, or rain		
17		catchment system as a water source for		
18		cultivation, include the following locations on		
19		the property diagram with locations also provided		
20		as coordinates in either latitude and longitude		
21		or the Oklahoma Coordinate System:		
22		(a) sources of water used, including the		
23		location of waterbody diversion, pump		
24		location, and distribution system, and		

1	1 (b) location, type,	and capacity of each storage			
2	2 <u>unit to be used</u>	for cultivation, and			
3	3 (3) a proposed cultivation	n plan, which shall include			
4	4 identification of all	water sources used for			
5	5 <u>cultivation activitie</u>	s, and			
6	<u>i.</u> evidence of insurance including, but not limited to:				
7	7 (1) general liability ins	urance,			
8	8 <u>(2)</u> workers' compensation	insurance or a copy of an			
9	9 Affidavit of Exempt S	tatus filed with the			
10	10 Workers' Compensation	Commission if compensation			
11	11 <u>coverage is not requi</u>	red pursuant to the			
12	12 <u>Administrative Worker</u>	s' Compensation Act, and			
13	13 <u>(3)</u> product liability ins	urance.			
14	7. The Authority may request additional information from the				
15	applicant.				
16	8. The Authority may reject an application for an annual				
17	medical marijuana business license if the requirements for a				
18	temporary medical marijuana business license or any provision of the				
19	Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act are not				
20	satisfied.				
21	E. All applicants seeking licensure or licensure renewal as a				
22	medical marijuana business shall comply with the following general				
23	requirements:				

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1. All applications for licenses and registrations authorized pursuant to this section shall be made upon forms prescribed by the Authority;

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- 2. Each application shall identify the city or county in which the applicant seeks to obtain licensure as a medical marijuana business;
- 3. Applicants shall submit a complete application to the Department Authority before the application may be accepted or considered;
- 4. All applications shall be complete and accurate in every detail;
- 5. All applications shall include all attachments or supplemental information required by the forms supplied by the Authority;
  - 6. All applications shall be accompanied by a full remittance for the whole amount of the application fees. Application fees are nonrefundable;
  - 7. All applicants shall be approved for licensing review that, at a minimum, meets the following criteria:
    - a. twenty-five (25) years of age or older,
    - b. if applying as an individual, proof that the applicant is an Oklahoma resident pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,

c. if applying as an entity, proof that seventy-five percent (75%) of all members, managers, executive officers, partners, board members or any other form of business ownership are Oklahoma residents pursuant to paragraph 11 of this subsection,

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- d. if applying as an individual or entity, proof that the individual or entity is registered to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma,
- e. disclosure of all ownership interests pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, and
- f. proof that the medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility and medical marijuana waste disposal facility applicant or licensee has not been convicted of a nonviolent felony in the last two (2) years, or any other felony conviction within the last five (5) years, is not a current inmate in the custody of the Department of Corrections, or currently incarcerated in a jail or corrections facility;
- 8. There shall be no limit to the number of medical marijuana business licenses or categories that an individual or entity can apply for or receive, although each application and each category shall require a separate application and application fee. A

commercial grower, processor and dispensary, or any combination thereof, are authorized to share the same address or physical location, subject to the restrictions set forth in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;

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- 9. All applicants for a medical marijuana business license, research facility license or education facility license authorized by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, or for a renewal of such license, shall undergo an Oklahoma criminal history background check conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) within thirty (30) days prior to the application for the license, including:
  - a. individual applicants applying on their own behalf,
  - b. individuals applying on behalf of an entity,
  - c. all principal officers of an entity, and
  - d. all owners of an entity as defined by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act;
- 10. All applicable fees charged by the OSBI are the responsibility of the applicant and shall not be higher than fees charged to any other person or industry for such background checks;
- 11. In order to be considered an Oklahoma resident for purposes of a medical marijuana business application, all applicants shall provide proof of Oklahoma residency for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of application or five (5) years of continuous Oklahoma residency during the preceding twenty-five (25)

years immediately preceding the date of application. Sufficient documentation of proof of residency shall include a combination of the following:

- a. an unexpired Oklahoma-issued driver license,
- b. an Oklahoma identification card,

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- c. a utility bill preceding the date of application, excluding cellular telephone and Internet bills,
- d. a residential property deed to property in the State of Oklahoma, and
- e. a rental agreement preceding the date of application for residential property located in the State of Oklahoma.

Applicants that were issued a medical marijuana business license prior to August 30, 2019, are hereby exempt from the two-year or five-year Oklahoma residence requirement mentioned above;

- 12. All license applicants shall be required to submit a registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control as provided in Sections 2-302 through 2-304 of this title:
- 13. All applicants shall establish their identity through submission of a color copy or digital image of one of the following unexpired documents:
  - a. front of an Oklahoma driver license,
  - b. front of an Oklahoma identification card,

c. a United States passport or other photo identification issued by the United States government, or

- d. a tribal identification card approved for identification purposes by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety; and
- 14. All applicants shall submit an applicant photograph.

- F. The Authority shall review the <u>temporary</u> medical marijuana business <u>license</u> application; approve, reject or deny the application; and mail the approval, rejection, denial or statusupdate letter to the applicant within ninety (90) business days of receipt of the application.
- G. 1. The Authority shall review the <u>temporary</u> medical marijuana business <u>license</u> applications and conduct all investigations, inspections and interviews before approving the application for an annual medical marijuana business license.
- 2. The annual, nonrefundable application fee for a medical marijuana business license shall be One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).
- 3. Approved applicants shall be issued a an annual medical marijuana business license for the specific category applied under, which shall act as proof of their approved status. Rejection and denial letters shall provide a reason for the rejection or denial. Applications for an annual medical marijuana business license may only be rejected or denied based on the applicant not meeting the

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standards set forth in the provisions of subsection D of this
section for a temporary medical marijuana business license, the
provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection
Act and Sections 420 through 426.1 of this title, improper
completion of the application, or for a reason provided for in the
Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and Sections
420 through 426.1 of this title. If an application for an annual
medical marijuana business license is rejected for failure to
provide required information, the applicant shall have thirty (30)
days be granted an extension of time as provided for in paragraph 4
of subsection D of this section to submit the required information
for reconsideration. No additional application fee and shall be
charged for such reconsideration assessed a nonrefundable fee of One
Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for every ninety-day extension
requested by the applicant and subsequently granted by the
Authority. Unless the Department determines otherwise, an
application that has been resubmitted but is still incomplete or
contains errors that are not clerical or typographical in nature
shall be denied.
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3. 4. Status-update letters shall provide a reason for delay in either approval, rejection or denial should a situation arise in which an application was submitted properly but a delay in processing the application occurred.

4. 5. Approval, rejection, denial or status-update letters shall be sent to the applicant in the same method the application was submitted to the Department Authority.

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- H. A license for a medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility shall not be issued to or held by:
  - 1. A person until all required fees have been paid;
- 2. A person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony within two (2) years of the date of application, or within five (5) years for any other felony;
- 3. A corporation, if the criminal history of any of its officers, directors or stockholders indicates that the officer, director or stockholder has been convicted of a nonviolent felony within two (2) years of the date of application, or within five (5) years for any other felony;
  - 4. A person under twenty-five (25) years of age;
- 5. A person licensed pursuant to this section who, during a period of licensure, or who, at the time of application, has failed to:
  - a. file taxes, interest or penalties due related to a medical marijuana business, or
  - b. pay taxes, interest or penalties due related to a medical marijuana business;

6. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer or prosecuting officer, or an officer or employee of the Authority or municipality;

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- 7. A person whose authority to be a caregiver, as defined in Section 427.2 of this title, has been revoked by the Department Authority; or
- 8. A person who was involved in the management or operations of any medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility that, after the initiation of a disciplinary action, has had a medical marijuana license revoked, not renewed, or surrendered during the five (5) years preceding submission of the application and for the following violations:
  - a. unlawful sales or purchases,
  - b. any fraudulent acts, falsification of records or misrepresentation to the Authority, medical marijuana patient licensees, caregiver licensees or medical marijuana business licensees,
  - c. any grossly inaccurate or fraudulent reporting,
  - d. threatening or harming any medical marijuana patient, caregiver, medical practitioner or employee of the Department Authority,
  - e. knowingly or intentionally refusing to permit the Department Authority access to premises or records,

f. using a prohibited, hazardous substance for processing in a residential area,

- g. criminal acts relating to the operation of a medical marijuana business, or
- h. any violations that endanger public health and safety or product safety.
- I. In investigating the qualifications of an applicant or a licensee, the Department, Authority and municipalities may have access to criminal history record information furnished by a criminal justice agency subject to any restrictions imposed by such an agency.
- J. The failure of an applicant or licensee to provide the requested information by the Authority deadline may be grounds for denial of the application.
- K. All applicants and licensees shall submit information to the Department and Authority in a full, faithful, truthful and fair manner. The Department and Authority may recommend denial of an application where the applicant or licensee made misstatements, omissions, misrepresentations or untruths in the application or in connection with the background investigation of the applicant. This type of conduct may be grounds for administrative action against the applicant or licensee. Typos and scrivener errors shall not be grounds for denial.

L. A licensed medical marijuana business premises shall be subject to and responsible for compliance with applicable provisions consistent with the zoning where such business is located as described in the most recent versions of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code, the International Building Code and the International Fire Code, unless granted an exemption by a municipality or appropriate code enforcement entity.

- M. All medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility and medical marijuana waste disposal facility licensees shall pay the relevant licensure fees prior to receiving licensure to operate.
- N. A medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility that attempts to renew its license after the expiration date of the license shall pay a late renewal fee in an amount to be determined by the Department Authority to reinstate the license. Late renewal fees are nonrefundable. A license that has been expired for more than ninety (90) days shall not be renewed.
- O. No medical marijuana business, medical marijuana research facility, medical marijuana education facility or medical marijuana waste disposal facility shall possess, sell or transfer medical marijuana or medical marijuana products without a valid, unexpired license issued by the Department Authority.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 427.16, is amended to read as follows:

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

- B. Pursuant to Section 424 of this title, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall issue a temporary and an annual medical marijuana transporter license to licensed medical marijuana commercial growers, licensed medical marijuana processors, and licensed medical marijuana dispensaries upon issuance of such licenses and upon each renewal. Medical marijuana transporter licenses shall also be issued to licensed medical marijuana research facilities, licensed medical marijuana education facilities and licensed medical marijuana testing laboratories upon issuance of such licenses and upon each renewal.
- C. A temporary or annual medical marijuana transporter license may also be issued to qualifying applicants who are registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State and otherwise meet the requirements for a medical marijuana business license set forth in Section 427.14 of this title, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, and the requirements set forth in this section to provide logistics, distribution and storage of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products.

D. A medical marijuana transporter license shall be valid for one (1) year and shall not be transferred with a change of ownership. A licensed medical marijuana transporter shall be responsible for all medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products once the transporter takes control of the product.

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- E. A transporter license shall be required for any person or entity to transport or transfer medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products from a licensed medical marijuana business to another medical marijuana business, or from a medical marijuana business to a medical marijuana research facility or medical marijuana education facility.
- F. A medical marijuana transporter licensee may contract with multiple licensed medical marijuana businesses.
- G. A medical marijuana transporter may maintain a licensed premises to temporarily store medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products and to use as a centralized distribution point. A medical marijuana transporter may store and distribute medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products from the licensed premises. The licensed premises shall meet all security requirements applicable to a medical marijuana business.
- H. A medical marijuana transporter licensee shall use the seedto-sale tracking system developed pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical

Marijuana and Patient Protection Act to create shipping manifests documenting the transport of medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products throughout the state.

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- I. A licensed medical marijuana transporter may maintain and operate one or more warehouses in the state to handle medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products. Each location shall be registered and inspected by the Authority prior to its use.
- J. With the exception of a lawful transfer between medical marijuana businesses who are licensed to operate at the same physical address, all medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate and medical marijuana products shall be transported:
- 1. In vehicles equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) trackers;
- 2. In a locked container and clearly labeled "Medical Marijuana or Derivative"; and
- 3. In a secured area of the vehicle that is not accessible by the driver during transit.
- K. A transporter agent may possess marijuana at any location while the transporter agent is transferring marijuana to or from a licensed medical marijuana business, licensed medical marijuana research facility or licensed medical marijuana education facility. The Department shall administer and enforce the provisions of this section concerning transportation.

- L. The Authority shall issue a transporter agent license to individual agents, employees, officers or owners of a transporter license in order for the individual to qualify to transport medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products.
  - M. The annual fee for a transporter agent license shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be paid by the transporter license holder or the individual applicant. Transporter license reprints shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).
  - N. The Authority shall issue each transporter agent a registry identification card within thirty (30) days of receipt of:
    - 1. The name, address and date of birth of the person;
    - 2. Proof of current Oklahoma residency;

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- 3. Proof of identity as required for a medical marijuana business license;
  - 4. Possession of a valid Oklahoma driver license;
  - 5. Verification of employment with a licensed transporter;
  - 6. The application and affiliated fee; and
  - 7. A copy of the criminal background check conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, paid for by the applicant.
- O. If the transporter agent application is denied, the
  Department shall notify the transporter in writing of the reason for
  denying the registry identification card.

P. A registry identification card for a transporter shall expire one (1) year after the date of issuance or upon notification from the holder of the transporter license that the transporter agent ceases to work as a transporter.

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- Q. The Department may revoke the registry identification card of a transporter agent who knowingly violates any provision of this section, and the transporter is subject to any other penalties established by law for the violation.
- R. The Department may revoke or suspend the transporter license of a transporter that the Department determines knowingly aided or facilitated a violation of any provision of this section, and the license holder is subject to any other penalties established in law for the violation.
- S. Vehicles used in the transport of medical marijuana or medical marijuana product shall be:
  - 1. Insured at or above the legal requirements in Oklahoma;
  - 2. Capable of securing medical marijuana during transport; and
- 3. In possession of a shipping container as defined in Section 427.2 of this title capable of securing all transported products.
- T. Prior to the transport of any medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products, an inventory manifest shall be prepared at the origination point of the medical marijuana. The inventory manifest shall include the following information:

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a. the licensee number for the commercial grower, processor or dispensary,

- b. address of origination of transport, and
- c. name and contact information for the originating licensee;
- 2. For the end recipient license holder of the medical marijuana:
  - a. the license number for the dispensary, commercial grower, processor, research facility or education facility destination,
  - b. address of the destination, and
  - c. name and contact information for the destination licensee;
- 3. Quantities by weight or unit of each type of medical marijuana product contained in transport;
- 4. The date of the transport and the approximate time of departure;
  - 5. The arrival date and estimated time of arrival;
- 20 6. Printed names and signatures of the personnel accompanying 21 the transport; and
  - 7. Notation of the transporting licensee.
- U. 1. A separate inventory manifest shall be prepared for each licensee receiving the medical marijuana.

- 2. The transporter agent shall provide the other medical marijuana business with a copy of the inventory manifest at the time the product changes hands and after the other licensee prints his or her name and signs the inventory manifest.
- 3. A receiving licensee shall refuse to accept any medical marijuana, medical marijuana concentrate or medical marijuana products that are not accompanied by an inventory manifest.
- 4. Originating and receiving licensees shall maintain copies of inventory manifests and logs of quantities of medical marijuana received for seven (7) years from date of receipt.

SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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