ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 203-ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to cannabis. (BDR 56-134)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to cannabis; creating the Social Equity Liaison within the Cannabis Compliance Board; revising certain requirements relating to the labeling and delivery of cannabis and cannabis products; authorizing certain persons to enter into a joint-venture agreement with certain cannabis establishments; revising provisions relating to cannabis consumption lounges; authorizing a cannabis production facility to produce and sell noninfused pre-rolls; prohibiting the Board from imposing certain requirements on cannabis establishments; revising the definition of "usable cannabis"; revising provisions relating to the seizure and destruction of cannabis; revising provisions relating to certain taxes imposed on sales of cannabis and cannabis products; authorizing the Department of Taxation to impose an administrative fine upon a person who engages in the unlicensed sale of cannabis products; cannabis or revising responsibilities of the Investigation Division of the Department of Public Safety; exempting an employee of a cannabis sales facility from certain training requirements; requiring the Board and the Nevada Gaming Control Board to prepare a report concerning certain issues relating to cannabis and gaming; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.





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Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of persons and establishments involved in the cannabis industry in this State by the Cannabis Compliance Board. (Title 56 of NRS) **Section 1** of this bill creates the Social Equity Liaison within the Board. **Section 1** requires the Executive Director of the Board to appoint a person to serve in the position of Social Equity Liaison and sets forth the duties of that position.

Existing law authorizes the Board to adopt regulations setting forth requirements relating to the packaging and labeling of cannabis and cannabis products. (NRS 678A.450) **Section 2** of this bill prohibits those requirements from requiring a package of cannabis or cannabis products which is sold at wholesale to contain any label other than a label necessary for the functionality of any computer software used for the seed-to-sale tracking of cannabis adopted by the Board.

Existing law prohibits a person from engaging in the business of an adult-use or medical cannabis establishment unless the person holds an adult-use or medical cannabis establishment license, as applicable, issued by the Board. (NRS 678B.210, 678B.250) Sections 5-7 of this bill provide an exception from that prohibition for certain cannabis-related businesses operated pursuant to a joint-venture agreement with a licensed cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis production facility. Section 5 authorizes a person who does not hold a license issued by the Board and who has been adversely affected by provisions of previous laws which criminalized activities relating to cannabis to enter into such a joint-venture agreement with such a cannabis establishment to operate a cannabis-related business on the premises of the establishment. Section 5: (1) authorizes such a business to engage in any activity in which the cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis production facility that is a party to the joint-venture agreement is authorized to engage; and (2) sets forth various requirements for such a joint-venture agreement and the operation of such a business. Sections 12 and 17 of this bill provide an exception from state prosecution for certain crimes relating to cannabis for a person who has entered into a joint-venture agreement that has been approved by the Board pursuant to section 5. Section 16 of this bill provides that the fact that a person has entered into such an agreement does not, alone: (1) constitute probable cause to search the person or the person's property; or (2) subject the person or the person's property to inspection.

Existing law imposes certain excise taxes on certain wholesale and retail sales of cannabis and cannabis products. (NRS 372A.290) **Section 23** of this bill exempts from those excise taxes any sale of cannabis or a cannabis product that was produced by a business operating pursuant to a joint-venture agreement pursuant to **section 5**.

Existing law requires an applicant for an adult-use cannabis establishment license to submit to the Board, among other things, evidence that the applicant controls certain liquid assets. (NRS 678B.250) **Section 7** exempts from that requirement a social equity applicant who is applying for the issuance of an adult-use cannabis establishment license for an independent cannabis consumption lounge. **Section 8** of this bill removes provisions requiring the Board to set forth certain restrictions on the transfer of an adult-use cannabis establishment license for an independent cannabis consumption lounge.

Section 9 of this bill authorizes a cannabis production facility to produce and sell to a cannabis sales facility a non-infused pre-roll.

Existing law requires the Board to adopt certain regulations to carry out the provisions of existing law governing the licensing and control of cannabis. (NRS 678B.650) **Section 10** of this bill prohibits those regulations from requiring: (1) a cannabis sales facility to maintain a visitor's log; and (2) a cannabis establishment to maintain records concerning sales transactions for more than 3 years. **Section 10** additionally requires those regulations to allow certain employees of a cannabis establishment to conduct a quarterly inventory, if such a quarterly inventory is





required by the Board. **Sections 13-15** of this bill make conforming changes to refer to provisions that have been renumbered by **section 10**.

Section 11 of this bill revises the definition of "usable cannabis" to exclude the seeds of a plant of the genus *Cannabis*.

Existing law authorizes a cannabis sales facility to contract with a third party or intermediary business to deliver cannabis or cannabis products. (NRS 678C.440, 678D.430) **Section 4** of this bill authorizes a cannabis sales facility or a third party or intermediary business with whom the cannabis sales facility has contracted to deliver cannabis or cannabis products to a consumer at any location so long as the location is not within a certain distance from a school, community facility or gaming establishment. **Section 4** additionally prohibits the Board from requiring a vehicle used for such deliveries to be inspected by the Board before making such a delivery.

Existing law authorizes a law enforcement agency to destroy marijuana that has been seized from a defendant without prior court approval under certain circumstances. (NRS 52.400) **Section 18** of this bill specifies that the Board constitutes a law enforcement agency for the purposes of that authorization.

Existing law imposes upon each retailer a sales tax measured by the gross receipts of the retailer from the retail sale of tangible personal property in this State. (NRS 372.105, 374.110, 374.111) **Sections 19 and 25** of this bill clarify that the provisions of existing law governing the imposition, collection and remittance of the sales taxes apply to a retailer who makes a retail sale of cannabis or cannabis products regardless of whether the retailer holds a license issued by the Board.

Section 20 of this bill authorizes the Department of Taxation to impose upon any person who does not hold a license issued by the Board and who sells cannabis or a cannabis product an administrative fine in the amount of the excise tax on cannabis for which the person would have been liable had the person engaged in the sale as an adult-use cannabis cultivation facility or adult-use cannabis retail store. Sections 21, 22 and 24 of this bill make conforming changes to provide that the definitions in existing law apply to section 20 and to clarify that certain provisions of existing law apply to section 20.

Existing law sets forth the primary functions and responsibilities of the Investigation Division of the Department of Public Safety. (NRS 480.140) **Section 26** of this bill makes the Division primarily responsible for the enforcement of criminal laws relating to unlicensed cannabis activities.

Existing law requires employees of a cannabis establishment to complete certain training courses relating to occupational health and safety. (NRS 618.9940-618.9950) **Section 27** of this bill excludes a cannabis sales facility from the definition of the term "cannabis establishment" for the purposes of the provisions of existing law governing those requirements, thereby exempting an employee of a cannabis sales facility from those requirements.

Section 28 of this bill requires the Board and the Nevada Gaming Control Board, on or before December 31, 2026, to jointly prepare and submit a report concerning the relationship between the gaming industry and the cannabis industry in this State to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** Chapter 678A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The Social Equity Liaison is hereby created within the Board.
- 2. The Executive Director shall appoint a person to serve in the position of Social Equity Liaison. The Social Equity Liaison is in the unclassified service of the State and serves at the pleasure of the Executive Director.
- 3. The person appointed pursuant to subsection 2 must be knowledgeable about issues concerning social equity in the cannabis industry.
 - 4. The Social Equity Liaison shall:
- (a) Conduct community outreach and provide information concerning social equity in the cannabis industry to members of the Board and the public;
- (b) Respond to questions from members of the Board and the public concerning issues relating to social equity in the cannabis industry; and
- (c) Perform any other duties specified by the Executive Director.
- 5. The Board shall post contact information for the Social Equity Liaison on the Internet website of the Board.
 - **Sec. 2.** NRS 678A.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 678A.450 1. The Board may adopt regulations necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this title. Such regulations may include, without limitation:
 - (a) Financial requirements for licensees.
- (b) Establishing such education, outreach, investigative and enforcement mechanisms as the Board deems necessary to ensure the compliance of a licensee or registrant with the provisions of this title. Such mechanisms must include, without limitation:
- (1) A system to educate, train and certify employees of the Board which:
- (I) Each employee must complete before he or she may engage in inspections, investigations or audits; and
- (II) At a minimum, includes training that is the same or substantially similar to any training that is required by the Board by regulation to be completed by a cannabis establishment agent before he or she may be employed by, volunteer at or provide labor to a cannabis establishment:



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- (2) A system to educate and advise licensees and registrants on compliance with the provisions of this title which may serve as an alternative to disciplinary action; and
- (3) Establishing specific grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee or registrant who knowingly violates the law or engages in grossly negligent, unlawful or criminal conduct or an act or omission that poses an imminent threat to the health or safety of the public.
- (c) Requirements for licensees or registrants relating to the cultivation, processing, manufacture, transport, distribution, testing, study, advertising and sale of cannabis and cannabis products.
- (d) Policies and procedures to ensure that the cannabis industry in this State is economically competitive, inclusive of racial minorities, women and persons and communities that have been adversely affected by cannabis prohibition and accessible to persons of low-income seeking to start a business.
- (e) Policies and procedures relating to the disclosure of the identities of the shareholders and the annual report of a cannabis establishment that is a publicly traded company.
- (f) Reasonable restrictions on the signage, marketing, display and advertising of cannabis establishments. Such a restriction must not require a cannabis establishment to obtain the approval of the Board before using a logo, sign or advertisement.
- (g) Provisions governing the sales of products and commodities made from hemp, as defined in NRS 557.160, or containing cannabidiol by cannabis establishments.
- (h) Requirements relating to the packaging and labeling of cannabis and cannabis products. Such requirements must not require any package of cannabis or cannabis products which is sold at wholesale to contain any label other than a label necessary for the functionality of any computer software used for the seed-to-sale tracking of cannabis adopted by the Board.
- 2. The Board shall adopt regulations providing for the gathering and maintenance of comprehensive demographic information, including, without limitation, information regarding race, ethnicity, age and gender, concerning each:
 - (a) Owner and manager of a cannabis establishment.
 - (b) Holder of a cannabis establishment agent registration card.
- 3. The Board shall adopt regulations providing for the investigation of unlicensed cannabis activities and the imposition of penalties against persons who engage in such activities. Such regulations must, without limitation:
- (a) Establish penalties to be imposed for unlicensed cannabis activities, which may include, without limitation, the issuance of a





cease and desist order or citation, the imposition of an administrative fine or civil penalty and other similar penalties.

- (b) Set forth the procedures by which the Board may impose a penalty against a person for engaging in unlicensed cannabis activities.
- (c) Set forth the circumstances under which the Board is required to refer matters concerning unlicensed cannabis activities to an appropriate state or local law enforcement agency.
- 4. The Board shall transmit the information gathered and maintained pursuant to subsection 2 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature on or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- 5. The Board shall, by regulation, establish a pilot program for identifying opportunities for an emerging small cannabis business to participate in the cannabis industry. As used in this subsection, "emerging small cannabis business" means a cannabis-related business that:
 - (a) Is in existence, operational and operated for a profit;
 - (b) Maintains its principal place of business in this State; and
- (c) Satisfies requirements for the number of employees and annual gross revenue established by the Board by regulation.
- **Sec. 3.** Chapter 678B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4 and 5 of this act.
- Sec. 4. 1. A cannabis sales facility or a third party or intermediary business with whom the cannabis sales facility has contracted pursuant to NRS 678C.440 or 678D.430 may, in accordance with procedures and requirements set forth in this title and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, deliver cannabis or cannabis products to a consumer at any location, including, without limitation, a private residence, so long as the location is not:
- (a) Within 1,000 feet of a public or private school that provides formal education traditionally associated with preschool or kindergarten through grade 12;
 - (b) Within 300 feet of a community facility; or
- (c) Within 300 feet of an establishment that holds a nonrestricted gaming license described in subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 463.0177.
- 2. The Board may not require any vehicle used by a cannabis sales facility or a third party or intermediary business with whom the cannabis sales facility has contracted pursuant to NRS 678C.440 or 678D.430 to deliver cannabis or cannabis products to a consumer to be inspected by the Board before the vehicle is used to make such a delivery.





- 3. For the purposes of subsection 1, the distance must be measured from the location at which cannabis or a cannabis product is transferred to the consumer to the closest point of the property line of a school, community facility or gaming establishment.
 - 4. As used in this section:

- (a) "Community facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678B.250.
 - (b) "Private residence" includes, without limitation:
- (1) A residential unit, as defined in NRS 244.353535, that is rented for the purposes of transient lodging, as defined in NRS 244.35354.
- (2) A mobile home, as defined in NRS 40.215, that is located within a mobile home park, as defined in NRS 40.215.
- (3) A recreational vehicle, as defined in NRS 40.215, that is located within a recreational vehicle park, as defined in NRS 40.215.
- (4) A manufactured home, as defined in NRS 118B.015, that is located within a manufactured home park, as defined in NRS 118B.017.
- Sec. 5. 1. A social equity operator may enter into a joint-venture agreement with a cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis production facility to allow the social equity operator to operate a joint-venture business on the premises of the cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis production facility.
- 2. A joint-venture agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1:
- (a) Must be submitted to and approved by the Board before it may become effective;
- (b) Must comply with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to this section; and
- (c) May provide for the sharing of profits between the joint-venture business and the cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis production facility, as applicable.
- 3. Each owner, officer and board member of a joint-venture business and each person who volunteers or works at or contracts to provide labor for the joint-venture business must obtain and maintain a cannabis establishment agent registration card.
- 4. A joint-venture business may engage in any activity in which the cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis production facility that is a party to the joint-venture agreement is authorized to engage. A joint-venture business shall comply with all provisions of this title and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto applicable to a cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis production facility, as applicable.





- 5. All operations of a joint-venture business must be conducted on the premises of the cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis production facility that is a party to the joint-venture agreement.
- 6. A cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis production facility that enters into a joint-venture agreement pursuant to this section is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the provisions of this title or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto committed by the joint-venture business.
- 7. The Board shall adopt regulations governing joint-venture agreements and joint-venture businesses. The regulations must:
- (a) Set forth requirements for the required content of a joint-venture agreement entered into pursuant to this section.
- (b) Establish criteria to be used by the Board for determining whether a person qualifies as a social equity operator for the purposes of this section, including, without limitation, the minimum percentage of ownership in a proposed joint-venture business which will be held by a person or group of persons who have been adversely affected by provisions of previous laws which criminalized activity relating to cannabis for the person to qualify as a social equity operator.
 - 8. As used in this section:
- (a) "Board member" means a natural person who is proposed to sit on the board of a proposed joint-venture business and who may or may not be an owner of the joint-venture business.
- (b) "Joint-venture business" means a cannabis-related business operated pursuant to a joint-venture agreement entered into pursuant to subsection 1.
 - (c) "Officer" means a natural person who:
- (1) Is proposed to hold the title of, or be designated by a proposed joint-venture business as, a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, manager, chief executive officer, chief operating officer or chief financial officer of the joint-venture business; and
- (2) May or may not be an owner of the proposed joint-venture business.
- (d) "Owner" means a natural person who is the holder of any ownership interest in a proposed joint-venture business.
 - (e) "Social equity operator" means a person who:
 - (1) Does not hold a license; and
- (2) Has been adversely affected by provisions of previous laws which criminalized activity relating to cannabis, as determined by the Board in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to this section. Such adverse effects may





include, without limitation, adverse effects on an owner or officer of the proposed joint-venture business.

Sec. 6. NRS 678B.210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 678B.210 1. [A] Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this act, a person shall not engage in the business of a medical cannabis establishment unless the person holds a medical cannabis establishment license issued by the Board pursuant to this section.

- 2. A person who wishes to engage in the business of a medical cannabis establishment must submit to the Board an application on a form prescribed by the Board.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 678B.215 to 678B.240, inclusive, not later than 90 days after receiving an application to engage in the business of a medical cannabis establishment, the Board shall register the medical cannabis establishment and issue a medical cannabis establishment license and a random 20-digit alphanumeric identification number if:
- (a) The person who wishes to operate the proposed medical cannabis establishment has submitted to the Board all of the following:
 - (1) The application fee, as set forth in NRS 678B.390;
 - (2) An application, which must include:
- (I) The legal name of the proposed medical cannabis establishment;
- (II) The physical address where the proposed medical cannabis establishment will be located and the physical address of any co-owned additional or otherwise associated medical cannabis establishments, the locations of which may not be on the property of an airport, within 1,000 feet of a public or private school that provides formal education traditionally associated with preschool or kindergarten through grade 12 and that existed on the date on which the application for the proposed medical cannabis establishment was submitted to the Board, within 300 feet of a community facility that existed on the date on which the application for the proposed medical cannabis establishment was submitted to the Board or, if the proposed medical cannabis establishment will be located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, within 1,500 feet of an establishment that holds a nonrestricted gaming license described in subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 463.0177 and that existed on the date on which the application for the proposed medical cannabis establishment was submitted to the Board;
- (III) Evidence that the applicant controls not less than \$250,000 in liquid assets to cover the initial expenses of opening the proposed medical cannabis establishment and complying with the provisions of this title;





- (IV) Evidence that the applicant owns the property on which the proposed medical cannabis establishment will be located or has the written permission of the property owner to operate the proposed medical cannabis establishment on that property;
- (V) For the applicant and each person who is proposed to be an owner, officer or board member of the proposed medical cannabis establishment, a complete set of the person's fingerprints and written permission of the person authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report; and
- (VI) The name, address and date of birth of each person who is proposed to be an owner, officer or board member of the proposed medical cannabis establishment;
- (3) Operating procedures consistent with rules of the Board for oversight of the proposed medical cannabis establishment, including, without limitation:
- (I) Procedures to ensure the use of adequate security measures; and
- (II) The use of an electronic verification system and an inventory control system pursuant to NRS 678C.420 and 678C.430;
- (4) If the proposed medical cannabis establishment will sell or deliver medical cannabis products, proposed operating procedures for handling such products which must be preapproved by the Board;
- (5) If the city or county in which the proposed medical cannabis establishment will be located has enacted zoning restrictions, proof that the proposed location is in compliance with those restrictions and satisfies all applicable building requirements; and
- (6) Such other information as the Board may require by regulation;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 678B.633, none of the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed medical cannabis establishment have been convicted of an excluded felony offense;
- (c) None of the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed medical cannabis establishment have:
- (1) Served as an owner, officer or board member for a cannabis establishment that has had its medical cannabis establishment license or adult-use cannabis establishment license revoked;
- (2) Previously had a cannabis establishment agent registration card revoked;





- (3) Previously had a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis executive revoked; or
- (4) Previously had a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis receiver revoked; and
- (d) None of the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed medical cannabis establishment are under 21 years of age.
- 4. For each person who submits an application pursuant to this section, and each person who is proposed to be an owner, officer or board member of a proposed medical cannabis establishment, the Board shall submit the fingerprints of the person to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine the criminal history of that person.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 and NRS 678B.215, if an application for registration as a medical cannabis establishment satisfies the requirements of this section, is qualified in the determination of the Board pursuant to NRS 678B.200 and the establishment is not disqualified from being registered as a medical cannabis establishment pursuant to this section or other applicable law, the Board shall issue to the establishment a medical cannabis establishment license. A medical cannabis establishment license expires 1 year after the date of issuance and may be renewed upon:
- (a) Submission of the information required by the Board by regulation; and
 - (b) Payment of the renewal fee set forth in NRS 678B.390.
- 6. In determining whether to issue a medical cannabis establishment license pursuant to this section, the Board shall consider the criteria of merit set forth in NRS 678B.240.
- 7. For the purposes of sub-subparagraph (II) of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 3, the distance must be measured from the front door of the proposed medical cannabis establishment to the closest point of the property line of a school, community facility or gaming establishment.
 - 8. As used in this section, "community facility" means:
 - (a) A facility that provides day care to children.
 - (b) A public park.
 - (c) A playground.
 - (d) A public swimming pool.
- (e) A center or facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide recreational opportunities or services to children or adolescents.
- (f) A church, synagogue or other building, structure or place used for religious worship or other religious purpose.





Sec. 7. NRS 678B.250 is hereby amended to read as follows: 678B.250 1. [A] Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this act, a person shall not engage in the business of an adult-use cannabis establishment unless the person holds an adult-use cannabis establishment license issued pursuant to this section.

- 2. A person who wishes to engage in the business of an adultuse cannabis establishment must submit to the Board an application on a form prescribed by the Board.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 678B.260, 678B.270, 678B.280, 678B.322 and 678B.324 to 678B.328, inclusive, the Board shall issue an adult-use cannabis establishment license to an applicant if:
- (a) The person who wishes to operate the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment has submitted to the Board all of the following:
 - (1) The application fee, as set forth in NRS 678B.390;
 - (2) An application, which must include:
- (I) The legal name of the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment;
- (II) The physical address where the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment will be located and the physical address of any co-owned additional or otherwise associated adult-use cannabis establishments, the locations of which may not be on the property of an airport, within 1,000 feet of a public or private school that provides formal education traditionally associated with preschool or kindergarten through grade 12 and that existed on the date on which the application for the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment was submitted to the Board, within 300 feet of a community facility that existed on the date on which the application for the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment was submitted to the Board or, if the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment will be located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, within 1,500 feet of an establishment that holds a nonrestricted gaming license described in subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 463.0177 and that existed on the date on which the application for the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment was submitted to the Board:
- (III) [Evidence] Except for a social equity applicant applying for the issuance of an adult-use cannabis establishment license for an independent cannabis consumption lounge, evidence that the applicant controls liquid assets in an amount determined by the Board to be sufficient to cover the initial expenses of opening the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment and complying with the provisions of this title;
- (IV) Evidence that the applicant owns the property on which the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment will be located





or has the written permission of the property owner to operate the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment on that property;

- (V) For the applicant and each person who is proposed to be an owner, officer or board member of the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment, a complete set of the person's fingerprints and written permission of the person authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report; and
- (VI) The name, address and date of birth of each person who is proposed to be an owner, officer or board member of the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment;
- (3) Operating procedures consistent with rules of the Board for oversight of the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment, including, without limitation:
- (I) Procedures to ensure the use of adequate security measures; and
 - (II) The use of an inventory control system;
- (4) If the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment will sell or deliver adult-use cannabis products, proposed operating procedures for handling such products which must be preapproved by the Board; and
- (5) Such other information as the Board may require by regulation;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 678B.633, none of the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment have been convicted of an excluded felony offense;
- (c) None of the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment have:
- (1) Served as an owner, officer or board member for a cannabis establishment that has had its adult-use cannabis establishment license or medical cannabis establishment license revoked;
- (2) Previously had a cannabis establishment agent registration card revoked;
- (3) Previously had a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis executive revoked; or
- (4) Previously had a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis receiver revoked; and
- (d) None of the persons who are proposed to be owners, officers or board members of the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment are under 21 years of age.





- 4. For each person who submits an application pursuant to this section, and each person who is proposed to be an owner, officer or board member of a proposed adult-use cannabis establishment, the Board shall submit the fingerprints of the person to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine the criminal history of that person.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if an applicant for licensure to operate an adult-use cannabis establishment satisfies the requirements of this section, is qualified in the determination of the Board pursuant to NRS 678B.200 and is not disqualified from being licensed pursuant to this section or other applicable law, the Board shall issue to the applicant an adult-use cannabis establishment license. An adult-use cannabis establishment license expires 1 year after the date of issuance and may be renewed upon:
- (a) Submission of the information required by the Board by regulation; and
 - (b) Payment of the renewal fee set forth in NRS 678B.390.
- 6. In determining whether to issue an adult-use cannabis license pursuant to this section, the Board shall consider the criteria of merit and scoring guidelines set forth in NRS 678B.280 or 678B.324, as applicable.
- 7. For the purposes of sub-subparagraph (II) of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 3, the distance must be measured from the front door of the proposed adult-use cannabis establishment to the closest point of the property line of a school, community facility or gaming establishment.
 - 8. As used in this section, "community facility" means:
 - (a) A facility that provides day care to children.
 - (b) A public park.

- (c) A playground.
- (d) A public swimming pool.
- (e) A center or facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide recreational opportunities or services to children or adolescents.
- (f) A church, synagogue or other building, structure or place used for religious worship or other religious purpose.
 - **Sec. 8.** NRS 678B.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 678B.380 1. Except as otherwise provided by regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to subsection 2, the following are nontransferable:
 - (a) A cannabis establishment agent registration card.
- (b) A cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis executive.





- (c) A cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis receiver.
 - (d) A medical cannabis establishment license.
 - (e) An adult-use cannabis establishment license.
 - 2. The Board shall adopt regulations which prescribe procedures and requirements by which a holder of:
 - (a) A license may transfer the license to another party who is qualified to hold such a license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.
 - (b) An ownership interest in a cannabis establishment may transfer all or any portion of the ownership interest to another party who is qualified to hold an ownership interest in a cannabis establishment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.
 - 3. The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 2 may give priority in the processing of transfers of licenses to a transfer in which the transferor is:
 - (a) Subject to a receivership;

- (b) Involved in a recapitalization; or
- (c) A party to a court proceeding involving financial distress.
- [4. The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 2 must:
- (a) Prohibit the holder of an adult use cannabis establishment license for an independent cannabis consumption lounge from transferring the license until at least 2 years from the date on which the independent cannabis consumption lounge for which the license was issued became operational;
- (b) Require the holder of an adult-use cannabis establishment license for an independent cannabis consumption lounge who wishes to cease operations before the independent cannabis consumption lounge for which the license was issued has been operational for at least 2 years to surrender the license to the Board; and
- (c) Require the Board to hold a license surrendered pursuant to paragraph (b) in reserve for issuance to an applicant for such a license in the future.]
 - **Sec. 9.** NRS 678B.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 678B.520 1. Each cannabis establishment shall, in consultation with the Board, cooperate to ensure that all cannabis products offered for sale:
 - (a) Are labeled clearly and unambiguously:
- (1) As cannabis with the words "THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS CANNABIS" in bold type; and
- (2) As required by the provisions of this chapter and chapters 678C and 678D of NRS.
- (b) Are not presented in packaging that contains an image of a cartoon character, mascot, action figure, balloon or toy, except that





such an item may appear in the logo of the cannabis production facility which produced the product.

(c) Are regulated and sold on the basis of the concentration of THC in the products and not by weight.

(d) Are packaged and labeled in such a manner as to allow tracking by way of an inventory control system.

(e) Are not packaged and labeled in a manner which is modeled after a brand of products primarily consumed by or marketed to children.

- (f) Are labeled in a manner which indicates the amount of THC in the product, measured in milligrams, and includes a statement that the product contains cannabis and its potency was tested with an allowable variance of the amount determined by the Board by regulation.
 - (g) Are not labeled or marketed as candy.
 - (h) Are labeled with:

- (1) The words "Keep out of reach of children";
- (2) A list of all ingredients used in the cannabis product;
- (3) A list of all major food allergens in the cannabis product; and
- (4) Any other information the Board may require by regulation.
- 2. A cannabis production facility shall not produce cannabis products in any form that:
 - (a) Is or appears to be a lollipop.
- (b) Bears the likeness or contains characteristics of a real or fictional person, animal or fruit, including, without limitation, a caricature, cartoon or artistic rendering.
- (c) Is modeled after a brand of products primarily consumed by or marketed to children.
- (d) Is made by applying concentrated cannabis, as defined in NRS 453.042, to a commercially available candy or snack food item other than dried fruit, nuts or granola.
 - 3. A cannabis production facility shall:
- (a) Seal any cannabis product that consists of cookies or brownies in a bag or other container which is not transparent.
- (b) Maintain a hand washing area with hot water, soap and disposable towels which is located away from any area in which cannabis products are cooked or otherwise prepared.
- (c) Require each person who handles cannabis products to restrain his or her hair, wear clean clothing and keep his or her fingernails neatly trimmed.
- (d) Package all cannabis products produced by the cannabis production facility on the premises of the cannabis production facility.





- 4. A cannabis establishment shall not engage in advertising that in any way makes cannabis or cannabis products appeal to children, including, without limitation, advertising which uses an image of a cartoon character, mascot, action figure, balloon, fruit or toy.
- 5. Each cannabis sales facility shall offer for sale containers for the storage of cannabis and cannabis products which lock and are designed to prohibit children from unlocking and opening the container.
 - 6. A cannabis sales facility shall:

- (a) Convey to each purchaser of cannabis or cannabis products the following information in a manner prescribed by the Board:
- (1) To keep cannabis and cannabis products out of the reach of children;
- (2) That cannabis products can cause severe illness in children;
- (3) That allowing children to ingest cannabis or cannabis products or storing cannabis or cannabis products in a location which is accessible to children may result in an investigation by an agency which provides child welfare services or criminal prosecution for child abuse or neglect;
- (4) That the intoxicating effects of edible cannabis products may be delayed by 2 hours or more and users of edible cannabis products should initially ingest a small amount of the product, then wait at least 120 minutes before ingesting any additional amount of the product;
- (5) That pregnant women should consult with a physician before ingesting cannabis or cannabis products;
- (6) That ingesting cannabis or cannabis products with alcohol or other drugs, including prescription medication, may result in unpredictable levels of impairment and that a person should consult with a physician before doing so;
- (7) That cannabis or cannabis products can impair concentration, coordination and judgment and a person should not operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of cannabis or cannabis products; and
- (8) That ingestion of any amount of cannabis or cannabis products before driving may result in criminal prosecution for driving under the influence.
- (b) Enclose all cannabis and cannabis products in opaque, child-resistant packaging upon sale.
- 7. A cannabis sales facility shall allow any person who is at least 21 years of age to enter the premises of the cannabis sales facility.
- 8. If the health authority, as defined in NRS 446.050, where a cannabis production facility, cannabis sales facility or cannabis





consumption lounge which sells edible cannabis products is located requires persons who handle food at a food establishment to obtain certification, the cannabis production facility, cannabis sales facility or cannabis consumption lounge shall ensure that at least one employee maintains such certification.

- 9. A cannabis production facility may sell a commodity or product made using hemp, as defined in NRS 557.160, or containing cannabidiol to a cannabis sales facility.
- 10. A cannabis production facility may produce and sell to a cannabis sales facility a non-infused pre-roll.
- 11. In addition to any other product authorized by the provisions of this title, a cannabis sales facility may sell:
- (a) Any commodity or product made using hemp, as defined in NRS 557.160;
- (b) Any commodity or product containing cannabidiol with a THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent; and
 - (c) Any other product specified by regulation of the Board.
 - [11.] 12. A cannabis establishment:
- (a) Shall not engage in advertising which contains any statement or illustration that:
 - (1) Is false or misleading;
- (2) Promotes overconsumption of cannabis or cannabis products;
- (3) Depicts the actual consumption of cannabis or cannabis products; or
- (4) Depicts a child or other person who is less than 21 years of age consuming cannabis or cannabis products or objects suggesting the presence of a child, including, without limitation, toys, characters or cartoons, or contains any other depiction which is designed in any manner to be appealing to or encourage consumption of cannabis or cannabis products by a person who is less than 21 years of age.
- (b) Shall not advertise in any publication or on radio, television or any other medium if 30 percent or more of the audience of that medium is reasonably expected to be persons who are less than 21 years of age.
 - (c) Shall not place an advertisement:
- (1) Within 1,000 feet of a public or private school, playground, public park or library, but may maintain such an advertisement if it was initially placed before the school, playground, public park or library was located within 1,000 feet of the location of the advertisement;
- (2) On or inside of a motor vehicle used for public transportation or any shelter for public transportation;





- (3) At a sports event to which persons who are less than 21 years of age are allowed entry; or
- (4) At an entertainment event if it is reasonably estimated that 30 percent or more of the persons who will attend that event are less than 21 years of age.
- (d) Shall not advertise or offer any cannabis or cannabis product as "free" or "donated" without a purchase.
- (e) Shall ensure that all advertising by the cannabis establishment contains such warnings as may be prescribed by the Board, which must include, without limitation, the following words:
 - (1) "Keep out of reach of children"; and
 - (2) "For use only by adults 21 years of age and older."
- (f) Shall ensure that all advertising by the cannabis establishment contains:
 - (1) The name of the cannabis establishment; and
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection [12,] 13, the adult-use cannabis establishment license number or medical cannabis establishment license number of the cannabis establishment or any other unique identifier assigned to the cannabis establishment by the Board.
- [12.] 13. A cannabis establishment that holds more than one license may satisfy the requirement set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (f) of subsection [11] 12 if the cannabis establishment includes in all advertising conducted by the cannabis establishment:
- (a) Any one of the adult-use cannabis establishment license numbers or medical cannabis establishment license numbers of the cannabis establishment; or
- (b) Any one unique identifier assigned to the cannabis establishment by the Board.
- [13.] 14. Nothing in subsection [11] 12 shall be construed to prohibit a local government, pursuant to chapter 244, 268 or 278 of NRS, from adopting an ordinance for the regulation of advertising relating to cannabis which is more restrictive than the provisions of subsection [11] 12 relating to:
- (a) The number, location and size of signs, including, without limitation, any signs carried or displayed by a natural person;
- (b) Handbills, pamphlets, cards or other types of advertisements that are distributed, excluding an advertisement placed in a newspaper of general circulation, trade publication or other form of print media;
- (c) Any stationary or moving display that is located on or near the premises of a cannabis establishment; and
- (d) The content of any advertisement used by a cannabis establishment if the ordinance sets forth specific prohibited content for such an advertisement.





[14.] 15. If a cannabis establishment engages in advertising for which it is required to determine the percentage of persons who are less than 21 years of age and who may reasonably be expected to view or hear the advertisement, the cannabis establishment shall maintain documentation for not less than 5 years after the date on which the advertisement is first broadcasted, published or otherwise displayed that demonstrates the manner in which the cannabis establishment determined the reasonably expected age of the audience for that advertisement.

[15.] 16. To the extent that they are inconsistent or otherwise conflict with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 678D.480, the requirements of this section pertaining to cannabis products do not apply to ready-to-consume cannabis products prepared and sold by a cannabis consumption lounge.

[16.] 17. In addition to any other penalties provided for by law, the Board may impose a civil penalty upon a cannabis establishment that violates the provisions of subsection [11] 12 or [14] 15 as follows:

- (a) For the first violation in the immediately preceding 2 years, a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,250.
- (b) For the second violation in the immediately preceding 2 years, a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500.
- (c) For the third violation in the immediately preceding 2 years, a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.
- (d) For the fourth violation in the immediately preceding 2 years, a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.

[17.] 18. As used in this section [, "motor]:

- (a) "Motor vehicle used for public transportation" does not include a taxicab, as defined in NRS 706.124.
- (b) "Non-infused pre-roll" means an individual cannabis cigarette or joint that has not been infused with concentrated cannabis.

Sec. 10. NRS 678B.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 678B.650 *I*. The Board shall adopt such regulations as it determines to be necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Such regulations are in addition to any requirements set forth in statute and must, without limitation:
- [1.] (a) Prescribe the form and any additional required content of applications for licenses or registration cards issued pursuant to this chapter;
- [2.] (b) Establish procedures for the suspension or revocation of a license or registration card or other disciplinary action to be taken against a licensee or registrant;
- [3.] (c) Set forth rules pertaining to the safe and healthful operation of cannabis establishments, including, without limitation:





[(a)] (1) The manner of protecting against diversion and theft without imposing an undue burden on cannabis establishments or compromising the confidentiality of consumers and holders of registry identification cards and letters of approval, as those terms are defined in NRS 678C.080 and 678C.070, respectively;

[(b)] (2) Minimum requirements for the oversight of cannabis establishments;

[(e)] (3) Minimum requirements for the keeping of records by cannabis establishments;

[(d)] (4) Provisions for the security of cannabis establishments, including without limitation, requirements for the protection by a fully operational security alarm system of each cannabis establishment; and

[(e)] (5) Procedures pursuant to which cannabis establishments must use the services of cannabis independent testing laboratories to ensure that any cannabis or cannabis product or commodity or product made from hemp, as defined in NRS 557.160, sold by a cannabis sales facility to an end user is tested for content, quality and potency in accordance with standards established by the Board;

[4.] (d) Establish circumstances and procedures pursuant to which the maximum fees set forth in NRS 678B.390 may be reduced over time to ensure that the fees imposed pursuant to NRS 678B.390 are, insofar as may be practicable, revenue neutral;

[5.] (e) Establish different categories of cannabis establishment agent registration cards, including, without limitation, criteria for issuance of a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis executive and a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis receiver and criteria for training and certification, for each of the different types of cannabis establishments at which such an agent may be employed or volunteer or provide labor as a cannabis establishment agent;

[6.] (f) As far as possible while maintaining accountability, protect the identity and personal identifying information of each person who receives, facilitates or delivers services in accordance with this chapter;

[7.] (g) Establish procedures and requirements to enable a dual licensee to operate a medical cannabis establishment and an adultuse cannabis establishment at the same location;

[8.] (h) Determine whether any provision of this chapter or chapter 678C or 678D of NRS would make the operation of a cannabis establishment by a dual licensee unreasonably impracticable;





- [9.] (i) Allow for any record relating to the delivery of cannabis or cannabis products that is required to be kept by a cannabis establishment to be created and maintained in an electronic format;
- [10.] (j) Prescribe the manner in which the Board will determine whether a person who holds an adult-use cannabis establishment license is ineligible to hold additional licenses pursuant to NRS 678B.325 and 678B.328;
- [11.] (k) Set forth rules pertaining to the safe and healthful operation of cannabis consumption lounges, including, without limitation:
- [(a)] (1) Standards for the air quality in a cannabis consumption lounge;
- [(b)] (2) Procedures and requirements for the collection and disposal of cannabis and cannabis products which are left at a cannabis consumption lounge; and
- [(e)] (3) Requirements for the training of employees of a cannabis consumption lounge in the sale and safe consumption of single-use cannabis products and ready-to-consume cannabis products; and
- [12.] (1) Address such other matters as the Board deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.
- 2. The regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to subsection 1 must:
- (a) Not require a cannabis sales facility to maintain a visitor's log.
- (b) Not require a cannabis establishment to maintain records concerning sales transactions for more than 3 years.
- (c) If the Board requires a cannabis establishment to conduct a quarterly inventory, allow any employee of the cannabis establishment who is not involved in the regular management of the inventory of the cannabis establishment to conduct the quarterly inventory.
 - **Sec. 11.** NRS 678C.100 is hereby amended to read as follows: 678C.100 1. "Usable cannabis" means [:
- (a) The dried leaves and flowers of a plant of the genus Cannabis, and any mixture or preparation thereof, that are appropriate for the medical use of cannabis or the adult use of cannabis. F: and
- (b) The seeds of a plant of the genus Cannabis.]
- 2. The term does not include the *seeds*, stalks and roots of the plant.
- **Sec. 12.** NRS 678C.200 is hereby amended to read as follows: 678C.200 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 678C.300, a person who holds a valid registry identification





card issued to the person pursuant to NRS 678C.230 or 678C.270 is exempt from state prosecution for:

- (a) The possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
- (b) The possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- (c) Aiding and abetting another in the possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
- (d) Aiding and abetting another in the possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- (e) Any combination of the acts described in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive; and
- (f) Any other criminal offense in which the possession, delivery or production of cannabis or the possession or delivery of paraphernalia is an element.
- 2. In addition to the provisions of subsections 1 and 5, no person may be subject to state prosecution for constructive possession, conspiracy or any other criminal offense solely for being in the presence or vicinity of the medical use of cannabis in accordance with the provisions of this title.
- 3. The exemption from state prosecution set forth in subsection 1 applies only to the extent that a person who holds a registry identification card issued to the person pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 678C.230 and the designated primary caregiver, if any, of such a person:
- (a) Engage in or assist in, as applicable, the medical use of cannabis in accordance with the provisions of this title as justified to mitigate the symptoms or effects of a person's chronic or debilitating medical condition; and
- (b) Do not, at any one time, collectively possess with another who is authorized to possess, deliver or produce more than:
 - (1) Two and one-half ounces of usable cannabis;
- (2) Twelve cannabis plants, irrespective of whether the cannabis plants are mature or immature; and
- (3) A maximum allowable quantity of cannabis products as established by regulation of the Board.
- → The persons described in this subsection must ensure that the usable cannabis and cannabis plants described in this subsection are safeguarded in an enclosed, secure location.
- 4. If the persons described in subsection 3 possess, deliver or produce cannabis in an amount which exceeds the amount described in paragraph (b) of that subsection, those persons:
- (a) Are not exempt from state prosecution for the possession, delivery or production of cannabis.
- (b) May establish an affirmative defense to charges of the possession, delivery or production of cannabis, or any combination of those acts, in the manner set forth in NRS 678C.310.





- 5. A person who holds a valid medical cannabis establishment license issued to the person pursuant to NRS 678B.210, a valid cannabis establishment agent registration card issued to the person pursuant to NRS 678B.340, a valid cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis executive issued pursuant to NRS 678B.350 or a valid cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis receiver issued pursuant to NRS 678B.355, or who has entered into a joint-venture agreement approved by the Board pursuant to section 5 of this act, and who confines his or her activities to those authorized by this title, and the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant thereto, is exempt from state prosecution for:
 - (a) The possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
 - (b) The possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- (c) Aiding and abetting another in the possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
- (d) Aiding and abetting another in the possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- (e) Any combination of the acts described in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive; and
- (f) Any other criminal offense in which the possession, delivery or production of cannabis or the possession or delivery of paraphernalia is an element.
- 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after a medical cannabis dispensary opens in the county of residence of a person who holds a registry identification card, including, without limitation, a designated primary caregiver, such a person is not authorized to cultivate, grow or produce cannabis. The provisions of this subsection do not apply if:
- (a) The person who holds the registry identification card was cultivating, growing or producing cannabis in accordance with state law on or before July 1, 2013;
- (b) All the medical cannabis dispensaries in the county of residence of the person who holds the registry identification card close or are unable to supply the quantity or strain of cannabis necessary for the medical use of the person to treat his or her specific medical condition;
- (c) Because of illness or lack of transportation, the person who holds the registry identification card is unable reasonably to travel to a medical cannabis dispensary; or
- (d) No medical cannabis dispensary was operating within 25 miles of the residence of the person who holds the registry identification card at the time the person first applied for his or her registry identification card.





- 7. As used in this section, "cannabis" includes, without limitation, cannabis products.
 - **Sec. 13.** NRS 678C.400 is hereby amended to read as follows: 678C.400 1. Each medical cannabis establishment must:
 - (a) Be located in a separate building or facility that is located in a commercial or industrial zone or overlay;
 - (b) Have an appearance, both as to the interior and exterior, that is professional, orderly, dignified and consistent with the traditional style of pharmacies and medical offices; and
 - (c) Have discreet and professional signage that is consistent with the traditional style of signage for pharmacies and medical offices.
 - 2. If a medical cannabis establishment is operated by a dual licensee, any provision of this section which is determined by the Board to be unreasonably impracticable pursuant to *paragraph* (h) of subsection [8] 1 of NRS 678B.650 does not apply to the medical cannabis establishment.
 - **Sec. 14.** NRS 678C.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 678C.410 1. A medical cannabis establishment is prohibited from acquiring, possessing, cultivating, manufacturing, delivering, transferring, transporting, supplying or dispensing cannabis for any purpose except to:
 - (a) Directly or indirectly assist patients who possess valid registry identification cards;
 - (b) Assist patients who possess valid registry identification cards or letters of approval by way of those patients' designated primary caregivers; and
 - (c) Return for a refund cannabis, medical edible cannabis products or medical cannabis-infused products to the medical cannabis establishment from which the cannabis, medical edible cannabis products or medical cannabis-infused products were acquired.
- For the purposes of this subsection, a person shall be deemed to be a patient who possesses a valid registry identification card or letter of approval if he or she qualifies for nonresident reciprocity pursuant to NRS 678C.470.
 - 2. A medical cannabis dispensary and a medical cultivation facility may acquire usable cannabis or cannabis plants from a person who holds a valid registry identification card, including, without limitation, a designated primary caregiver. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the patient or caregiver, as applicable, must receive no compensation for the cannabis. A patient who holds a valid registry identification card, and the designated primary caregiver of such a patient, or the designated primary caregiver of a person who holds a letter of approval may





sell usable cannabis to a medical cannabis dispensary one time and may sell cannabis plants to a cultivation facility one time.

- 3. A medical cannabis production facility and a medical cannabis dispensary may acquire hemp, as defined in NRS 557.160, or a commodity or product made using such hemp from a grower or handler registered by the State Department of Agriculture pursuant to chapter 557 of NRS. A medical cannabis production facility may use hemp or a commodity or product made using such hemp to manufacture medical cannabis products. A medical cannabis dispensary may dispense hemp or a commodity or product made using such hemp and medical edible cannabis products and medical cannabis-infused products manufactured using hemp or a commodity or product made using such hemp.
 - 4. A dual licensee:

- (a) Shall comply with the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to *paragraph* (g) of subsection [7] 1 of NRS 678B.650 with respect to the medical cannabis establishment operated by the dual licensee: and
- (b) May, to the extent authorized by such regulations, combine the location or operations of the medical cannabis establishment operated by the dual licensee with the adult-use cannabis establishment operated by the dual licensee.
- 5. If a medical cannabis establishment is operated by a dual licensee, any provision of this section which is determined by the Board to be unreasonably impracticable pursuant to *paragraph* (h) of subsection [8] 1 of NRS 678B.650 does not apply to the medical cannabis establishment.
- **Sec. 15.** NRS 678C.440 is hereby amended to read as follows: 678C.440 1. Each medical cannabis dispensary shall ensure all of the following:
- (a) The weight, concentration and content of THC in all cannabis and cannabis products that the dispensary sells is clearly and accurately stated on the product sold.
- (b) That, posted clearly and conspicuously within the dispensary, are the legal limits on the possession of cannabis for medical purposes, as set forth in NRS 678C.200.
- (c) That, posted clearly and conspicuously within the dispensary, is a sign stating unambiguously the legal limits on the possession of cannabis for medical purposes, as set forth in NRS 678C.200.
- (d) That only persons who are at least 21 years of age or hold a registry identification card or letter of approval are allowed to enter the premises of the medical cannabis dispensary.
- 2. A medical cannabis dispensary may, but is not required to, track the purchases of cannabis for medical purposes by any person





to ensure that the person does not exceed the legal limits on the possession of cannabis for medical purposes, as set forth in NRS 678C.200. The Board shall not adopt a regulation or in any other way require a medical cannabis dispensary to track the purchases of a person or determine whether the person has exceeded the legal limits on the possession of cannabis for medical purposes, as set forth in NRS 678C.200.

- 3. A medical cannabis dispensary which is a dual licensee may, to the extent authorized by the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to *paragraph* (*g*) *of* subsection [7] *I* of NRS 678B.650, allow any person who is at least 21 years of age to enter the premises of the medical cannabis dispensary, regardless of whether such a person holds a valid registry identification card or letter of approval.
- 4. A medical cannabis dispensary shall not sell cannabis or cannabis products to a consumer through the use of, or accept a sale of cannabis or cannabis products from, a third party, intermediary business, broker or any other business that does not hold a medical cannabis establishment license for a medical cannabis dispensary.
- 5. A medical cannabis dispensary may contract with a third party or intermediary business to deliver cannabis or medical cannabis products to consumers only if:
- (a) Every sale of cannabis or cannabis products which is delivered by the third party or intermediary business is made directly from the medical cannabis dispensary or an Internet website, digital network or software application service of the medical cannabis dispensary;
- (b) The third party or intermediary business does not advertise that it sells, offers to sell or appears to sell cannabis or cannabis products or allows the submission of an order for cannabis or cannabis products; and
- (c) The delivery complies with the requirements of NRS 678C.450.
 - **Sec. 16.** NRS 678C.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 678C.600 1. The fact that a person possesses a registry identification card or letter of approval issued to the person by the Division or its designee pursuant to NRS 678C.230 or 678C.270, a medical cannabis establishment license issued to the person by the Board or its designee pursuant to NRS 678B.210, a cannabis establishment agent registration card issued to the person by the Board or its designee pursuant to NRS 678B.340, a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis executive issued to the person by the Board or its designee pursuant to NRS 678B.350 or a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis receiver issued to the person by the Board pursuant to





NRS 678B.355 or has entered into a joint-venture agreement approved by the Board pursuant to section 5 of this act does not, alone:

- (a) Constitute probable cause to search the person or the person's property; or
- (b) Subject the person or the person's property to inspection by any governmental agency.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if officers of a state or local law enforcement agency seize cannabis, paraphernalia or other related property from a person engaged in, facilitating or assisting in the medical use of cannabis:
- (a) The law enforcement agency shall ensure that the cannabis, paraphernalia or other related property is not destroyed while in the possession of the law enforcement agency.
- (b) Any property interest of the person from whom the cannabis, paraphernalia or other related property was seized must not be forfeited pursuant to any provision of law providing for the forfeiture of property, except as part of a sentence imposed after conviction of a criminal offense.
 - (c) Upon:

- (1) A decision not to prosecute;
- (2) The dismissal of charges; or
- (3) Acquittal,
- the law enforcement agency shall, to the extent permitted by law, return to that person any usable cannabis, cannabis plants, paraphernalia or other related property that was seized. The provisions of this subsection do not require a law enforcement agency to care for live cannabis plants.
 - **Sec. 17.** NRS 678D.200 is hereby amended to read as follows: 678D.200 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS

678D.300, a person who is 21 years of age or older is exempt from state prosecution for:

- (a) The possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
- (b) The possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- (c) Aiding and abetting another in the possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
- (d) Aiding and abetting another in the possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- (e) Any combination of the acts described in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive; and
- (f) Any other criminal offense in which the possession, delivery or production of cannabis or the possession or delivery of paraphernalia is an element.
- 2. In addition to the provisions of subsections 1 and 5, no person may be subject to state prosecution for constructive





possession, conspiracy or any other criminal offense solely for being in the presence or vicinity of the adult use of cannabis in accordance with the provisions of this title.

- 3. The exemption from state prosecution set forth in subsection 1 applies only to the extent that a person:
 - (a) Is 21 years of age or older;

- (b) Is not employed by any agency or political subdivision of this State in a position which requires the person to be certified by the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission;
- (c) Engages in the adult use of cannabis in accordance with the provisions of this title;
- (d) Does not, at any one time, possess, deliver or produce more than:
 - (1) Two and one-half ounces of usable cannabis;
 - (2) One-fourth of an ounce of concentrated cannabis;
- (3) Six cannabis plants, irrespective of whether the cannabis plants are mature or immature; and
- (4) A maximum allowable quantity of adult-use cannabis products as established by regulation of the Board;
- (e) Cultivates, grows or produces not more than six cannabis plants:
- (1) Within an enclosed area that is not exposed to public view that is equipped with locks or other security devices which allow access only by an authorized person; and
- (2) At a residence or upon the grounds of a residence in which not more than 12 cannabis plants are cultivated, grown or produced;
- (f) Delivers 2.5 ounces or less of usable cannabis or one-fourth of an ounce or less of concentrated cannabis without remuneration to a person who is 21 years of age or older so long as such delivery is not advertised or promoted to the public; and
- (g) Assists another person who is 21 years of age or older in carrying out any of the acts described in paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive.
- 4. If a person possesses, uses or produces cannabis in an amount which exceeds the amount set forth in paragraph (d) of subsection 3 or in any manner other than that set forth in subsection 3, the person is not exempt from state prosecution for the possession, delivery or production of cannabis.
- 5. A person who holds an adult-use cannabis establishment license issued to the person pursuant to NRS 678B.250, a cannabis establishment agent registration card issued to the person pursuant to NRS 678B.340, a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a cannabis executive issued to the person pursuant to NRS 678B.350 or a cannabis establishment agent registration card for a





cannabis receiver issued to the person pursuant to NRS 678B.355, or who has entered into a joint-venture agreement approved by the Board pursuant to section 5 of this act, and confines his or her activities to those authorized by this title, and the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant thereto, is exempt from state prosecution for:

- (a) The possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
- (b) The possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- (c) Aiding and abetting another in the possession, delivery or production of cannabis;
- (d) Aiding and abetting another in the possession or delivery of paraphernalia;
- (e) Any combination of the acts described in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive; and
- (f) Any other criminal offense in which the possession, delivery or production of cannabis or the possession or delivery of paraphernalia is an element.
- 6. The commission of any act by a person for which the person is exempt from state prosecution pursuant to this section must not be used as the basis for the seizure or forfeiture of any property of the person or for the imposition of a civil penalty.
 - **Sec. 18.** NRS 52.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 52.400 *1.* Except as otherwise provided in NRS 678C.800:
- [1.] (a) At any time after a substance which is alleged to be marijuana is seized from a defendant by a peace officer, the law enforcement agency of which the officer is a member may, without the prior approval of the district court in the county in which the defendant is charged, destroy any amount of the substance that exceeds 10 pounds.
- [2.] (b) The law enforcement agency must, before destroying the substance pursuant to this section:
- [(a)] (1) Accurately weigh and record the weight of the substance.
- [(b)] (2) Take and retain, for evidentiary purposes, at least five random and representative samples of the substance in addition to the amount which is not authorized to be destroyed pursuant to [subsection 1.] paragraph (a). If the substance is alleged to consist of growing or harvested marijuana plants, the 10 pounds retained pursuant to [subsection 1] paragraph (a) may include stalks, branches, leaves and buds, but the five representative samples must consist of only leaves or buds.
- [(e)] (3) Take photographs that reasonably demonstrate the total amount of the substance. A sign which clearly and conspicuously shows the title or the case number of the matter,





proceeding or action to which the substance relates must appear next to the substance in any photograph taken.

- [3.] (c) A law enforcement agency that destroys a substance pursuant to this section shall, not later than 30 days after the destruction of the substance, file an affidavit in the court which has jurisdiction over the pending criminal proceedings, if any, pertaining to that substance. The affidavit must establish that the law enforcement agency has complied with the requirements of [subsection 2,] paragraph (b), specify the date and time of the destruction of the substance and provide the publicly known address of the agency. If there are no criminal proceedings pending which pertain to the substance, the affidavit may be filed in any court within the county which would have jurisdiction over a person against whom such criminal charges might be filed.
- [4.] (d) If the substance is finally determined not to be marijuana, the owner may file a claim against the county to recover the reasonable value of the property destroyed pursuant to this section.
- [5.] (e) The law enforcement agency's finding as to the weight of any substance alleged to be marijuana and destroyed pursuant to this section is admissible in any subsequent proceeding arising out of the same transaction.
- 2. As used in this section, "law enforcement agency" includes, without limitation, the Cannabis Compliance Board.
- **Sec. 19.** Chapter 372 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The provisions of this chapter relating to the imposition, collection and remittance of the sales tax apply to a retailer who makes a retail sale of cannabis or cannabis products regardless of whether the retailer holds a license issued pursuant to title 56 of NRS.
 - 2. As used in this section:
- (a) "Cannabis" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.085.
- (b) "Cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.120.
- **Sec. 20.** Chapter 372A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the Department may impose on any person who does not hold a license pursuant to title 56 of NRS and who sells cannabis or a cannabis product an administrative fine in the amount of the excise tax on cannabis for which the person who engaged in the sale of cannabis or a cannabis product would have been liable had the person engaged in the sale as an adult-use cannabis





cultivation facility, for a sale for the purpose of resale, or adultuse cannabis retail store, for a sale for the purpose of use or consumption.

- 2. As used in this section, "cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.120.
- **Sec. 21.** NRS 372A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows: 372A.200 As used in NRS 372A.200 to 372A.380, inclusive, *and section 20 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 372A.205 to 372A.250, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
 - **Sec. 22.** NRS 372A.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 372A.260 The provisions of chapter 360 of NRS relating to the payment, collection, administration and enforcement of taxes, including, without limitation, any provisions relating to the imposition of penalties and interest, shall be deemed to apply to the payment, collection, administration and enforcement of the excise tax on cannabis to the extent that those provisions do not conflict with the provisions of NRS 372A.200 to 372A.380, inclusive [...] and section 20 of this act.
 - **Sec. 23.** NRS 372A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 372A.290 1. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the first wholesale sale in this State of cannabis by a medical cannabis cultivation facility to another cannabis establishment at the rate of 15 percent of:
- (a) The fair market value at wholesale of the cannabis, if the sale is made to an affiliate of the medical cannabis cultivation facility; or
- (b) The sales price of the cannabis, if the sale is made to a cannabis establishment that is not an affiliate of the medical cannabis cultivation facility.
- The excise tax imposed pursuant to this subsection is the obligation of the medical cannabis cultivation facility.
- 2. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the first wholesale sale in this State of cannabis by an adult-use cannabis cultivation facility to another cannabis establishment at the rate of 15 percent of:
- (a) The fair market value at wholesale of the cannabis, if the sale is made to an affiliate of the adult-use cannabis cultivation facility; or
- (b) The sales price of the cannabis, if the sale is made to a cannabis establishment that is not an affiliate of the adult-use cannabis cultivation facility.
- → The excise tax imposed pursuant to this subsection is the obligation of the adult-use cannabis cultivation facility.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, an excise tax is hereby imposed on each retail sale in this State of cannabis or cannabis products by an adult-use cannabis retail store or cannabis





consumption lounge at the rate of 10 percent of the sales price of the cannabis or cannabis products. The excise tax imposed pursuant to this subsection:

- (a) Is the obligation of the seller of the cannabis or cannabis product but may be recovered from the purchaser.
- (b) Is separate from and in addition to any general state and local sales and use taxes that apply to retail sales of tangible personal property.
- 4. The revenues collected from the excise tax imposed pursuant to subsection 1 must be distributed:
- (a) To the Cannabis Compliance Board and to local governments in an amount determined to be necessary by the Board to pay the costs of the Board and local governments in carrying out the provisions of chapter 678C of NRS; and
- (b) If any money remains after the revenues are distributed pursuant to paragraph (a), to the State Treasurer to be deposited to the credit of the State Education Fund.
- 5. The revenues collected from the excise tax imposed pursuant to subsection 2 must be distributed:
- (a) To the Cannabis Compliance Board and to local governments in an amount determined to be necessary by the Board to pay the costs of the Board and local governments in carrying out the provisions of chapter 678D of NRS; and
- (b) If any money remains after the revenues are distributed pursuant to paragraph (a), to the State Treasurer to be deposited to the credit of the State Education Fund.
- 6. For the purpose of subsections 4 and 5, a total amount of \$5,000,000 of the revenues collected from the excise tax imposed pursuant to subsection 1 and the excise tax imposed pursuant to subsection 2 in each fiscal year shall be deemed sufficient to pay the costs of all local governments to carry out the provisions of chapters 678C and 678D of NRS. The Board shall, by regulation, determine the manner in which local governments may be reimbursed for the costs of carrying out the provisions of chapters 678C and 678D of NRS.
- 7. The revenues collected from the excise tax imposed pursuant to subsection 3 must be paid over as collected to the State Treasurer to be deposited to the credit of the State Education Fund.
- 8. The excise tax imposed pursuant to subsection 3 does not apply to a sale of cannabis for the medical use of cannabis or a medical cannabis product to the holder of a registry identification card or letter of approval by an adult-use cannabis retail store that has been deemed to be a dual licensee pursuant to NRS 678D.490.
- 9. The excise taxes imposed pursuant to this section do not apply to any sale of cannabis or a cannabis product that was





produced by a joint-venture business operating pursuant to a joint-venture agreement approved by the Board pursuant to section 5 of this act.

10. As used in this section:

- (a) "Adult-use cannabis cultivation facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.025.
- (b) "Affiliate" means a person who, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, a specified person.
- (c) "Cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.120.
- (d) "Letter of approval" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678C.070.
- (e) "Local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 360.640.
- (f) "Medical cannabis cultivation facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.170.
- (g) "Medical cannabis establishment" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.180.
- (h) "Medical cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.200.
- (i) "Medical use of cannabis" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.215.
- (j) "Registry identification card" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678C.080.
- (k) "Wholesale sale" means the first sale or transfer of cannabis by a cannabis cultivation facility to another cannabis establishment. The term does not include a transfer of cannabis by a cannabis cultivation facility to another cannabis cultivation facility when both cannabis cultivation facilities share identical ownership.
- **Sec. 24.** NRS 372A.380 is hereby amended to read as follows: 372A.380 The remedies of the State provided for in NRS 372A.200 to 372A.380, inclusive, *and section 20 of this act* are cumulative, and no action taken by the Department or the Attorney General constitutes an election by the State to pursue any remedy to the exclusion of any other remedy for which provision is made in those sections.
- **Sec. 25.** Chapter 374 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. The provisions of this chapter relating to the imposition, collection and remittance of the sales tax apply to a retailer who makes a retail sale of cannabis or a cannabis product regardless of whether the retailer holds a license issued pursuant to title 56 of NRS.
 - 2. As used in this section:





- (a) "Cannabis" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.085.
- (b) "Cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.120.
 - **Sec. 26.** NRS 480.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 480.140 The primary functions and responsibilities of the divisions of the Department are as follows:
 - 1. The Investigation Division shall:
- (a) Execute, administer and enforce the provisions of chapter 453 of NRS relating to controlled substances and chapter 454 of NRS relating to dangerous drugs;
- (b) Investigate technological crime, as defined in NRS 205A.030, and enforce the provisions of the law of this State relating to technological crime, as defined in NRS 205A.030;
- (c) Provide investigative services to the divisions of the Department as determined by the Director;
- (d) Assist the Secretary of State in carrying out an investigation pursuant to NRS 293.124;
 - (e) Upon request, assist:

- (1) The Department of Taxation in carrying out a criminal investigation relating to cannabis pursuant to NRS 372A.200 to 372A.380, inclusive, *and section 20 of this act* and chapter 678A of NRS:
- (2) The Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services in carrying out a criminal investigation relating to cannabis pursuant to chapter 678C of NRS; and
- (3) The Cannabis Compliance Board in carrying out a criminal investigation pursuant to title 56 of NRS; and
- (f) Perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be conferred upon it pursuant to this chapter and any other specific statute.
- 2. In addition to the functions and responsibilities set forth in subsection 1, the Investigation Division shall be primarily responsible for the enforcement of criminal laws relating to unlicensed cannabis activities.
- 3. The Nevada Highway Patrol Division shall, in conjunction with the Department of Motor Vehicles, execute, administer and enforce the provisions of chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS and perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be conferred upon it pursuant to NRS 480.360 and any other specific statute.
- [3.] 4. The State Fire Marshal Division shall execute, administer and enforce the provisions of chapter 477 of NRS and perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be conferred





upon it pursuant to chapter 477 of NRS and any other specific statute.

- [4.] 5. The Division of Parole and Probation shall execute, administer and enforce the provisions of chapters 176A and 213 of NRS relating to parole and probation and perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be conferred upon it pursuant to those chapters and any other specific statute.
- [5.] 6. The Capitol Police Division shall assist in the enforcement of subsection 1 of NRS 331.140.
- [6.] 7. The Nevada Office of Cyber Defense Coordination shall:
- (a) Serve as the strategic planning, facilitating and coordinating office for cybersecurity policy and planning in this State; and
- (b) Execute, administer and enforce the provisions of NRS 480.900 to 480.950, inclusive, and perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be conferred upon it pursuant to NRS 480.900 to 480.950, inclusive, and any other specific statute.
- [7.] 8. The Training Division shall provide training to the employees of the Department.
- [8.] 9. The Records, Communications and Compliance Division shall:
- (a) Execute, administer and enforce the provisions of chapter 179A of NRS and perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be conferred upon it pursuant to chapter 179A of NRS and any other specific statute;
- (b) Provide dispatch services for the Department and other agencies as determined by the Director;
- (c) Maintain records of the Department as determined by the Director; and
- (d) Provide support services to the Director, the divisions of the Department and the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System as may be imposed by the Director.
 - Sec. 27. NRS 618.9941 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 618.9941 "Cannabis establishment" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.095 [...], except that the term does not include a cannabis sales facility, as defined in NRS 678A.130.
- **Sec. 28.** 1. On or before December 31, 2026, the Cannabis Compliance Board and the Nevada Gaming Control Board shall jointly prepare and submit a report concerning the relationship between the gaming industry and the cannabis industry in this State to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature.
- 2. The report required pursuant to subsection 1 must include, without limitation:



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- (a) An examination of the federal laws and regulations concerning cannabis;
- (b) Recommendations as to whether and under what circumstances gaming licensees should be authorized to invest in cannabis establishments or otherwise work with the cannabis industry in this State;
- (c) An identification of any specific changes to federal law that would be necessary or preferable in order to authorize gaming licensees to invest in cannabis establishments or otherwise work with the cannabis industry in this State; and
- (d) An explanation of how the two boards will work together in the event that changes to federal law leads to a closer relationship between the gaming industry and the cannabis industry in this State.





