



Cannabis Control Division

Overview

Department of Revenue Director

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Division Administrator

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The Cannabis Control Division (CCD) is a new division within the Department of Revenue due to the passage of House Bill 701 in the 2021 legislative session. The Economic Affairs Interim Committee will begin its monitoring duties of the Cannabis Control Division on January 1, 2022. The objective of the CCD is to develop a well-regulated program so that individuals with a debilitating medical condition can safely access the medicine they need.

Department Duties

- Administers licenses for:
 - Canopy licenses: main business license; structured in tiers
 - Provider location license: required for cultivation locations
 - Marijuana infused product provider (MIPP) location license: required for manufacturing facilities
 - Dispensary location license: required for each dispensary
 - Chemical manufacturing endorsement
- Medical marijuana industry employee applications
- Medical marijuana program testing lab
- Medical marijuana inspections
- Seed-to-sale systems

Economic Affairs Interim Committee Areas of Interest

- The Economic Affairs Interim Committee has been assigned a study (SJ 31) for the 2021-2022 interim to review the implementation of the recreational marijuana program and evaluate the state of the medical marijuana program. The study will involve significant involvement with the CCD.

Related Legislation Passed in 2021

HB 249 Limits advertising of recreational and medical marijuana to a listing in a directory or a basic website, provided there is no false or misleading advertising, and the advertising does not depict, entice, or otherwise promote consumption of the product.

HB 655 Revises labor laws relating to marijuana; requires certain drug testing to comply with applicable federal laws; provides certain exemptions for medical marijuana; revises laws related to the burden of proof in workers compensation relating to marijuana; increases fee discount percentages in the event the Department of Revenue does not process a license within the statutory requirements.

HB 701 Revises laws related to the regulation and taxation of marijuana; transfers authority over the licensing, cultivation, and sale of medical marijuana to registered cardholders to the Department of Revenue; creates separate license categories for cultivation, manufacturing, dispensing, and transporting marijuana; provides for eight combined-use marijuana licenses; creates a marijuana worker permit; provides for a local-option marijuana excise tax; requires local

government approval for a marijuana business to operate in a local jurisdiction; provides appropriations and rulemaking authority to the Department of Revenue; provides for expungement of criminal convictions related to marijuana; directs oversight of both the recreational and medical marijuana programs to the Economic Affairs Interim Committee.

Montana Medical Marijuana Program Data

