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HOUSE BILL 13-1061

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(None),

House Committees

Senate Committees

Business, Labor, Economic, & Workforce Development

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE MEDICAL MARIJUANA 102 VENDORS.

Bill Summary

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

A person who wants to operate a responsible medical marijuana vendor server and seller training program (program) must submit an application to the medical marijuana state licensing authority (authority). The authority shall approve a program if the program contains, at a minimum, the following components:

- Program standards that specify, at a minimum, who must attend, the time frame for new staff to attend, recertification requirements, record-keeping, testing and assessment protocols, and effectiveness evaluations; and A core curriculum of pertinent statutory and regulatory
- ! A core curriculum of pertinent statutory and regulatory provisions, which curriculum includes:
 - ! Information on required licenses, age requirements, patient registry cards issued by the department of public health and environment, maintenance of records, privacy issues, and unlawful acts;
 - ! Administrative and criminal liability and license and court sanctions;
 - ! Statutory and regulatory requirements for employees and owners:
 - ! Acceptable forms of identification, including patient registry cards and associated documents and procedures; and
 - ! Local and state licensing and enforcement, which may include, but need not be limited to, key statutes and rules affecting patients, owners, managers, and employees.

The authority may grant a licensed medical marijuana business (business) a responsible vendor designation (designation). A business receives the designation if all employees who sell or handle medical marijuana, all managers, and all resident on-site owners successfully complete a program that the authority has approved. A designation is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance. If the authority brings an administrative action against a business that has received the designation, the authority shall consider the designation as mitigation.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 11 to article

3 43.3 of title 12 as follows:

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4 PART 11

5 RESPONSIBLE VENDOR STANDARDS

6 12-43.3-1101. Responsible vendor program - standards -

designation - program. (1) A PERSON WHO WANTS TO OFFER A

8 RESPONSIBLE MEDICAL MARIJUANA VENDOR SERVER AND SELLER

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1	TRAINING PROGRAM MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE
2	LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL, WHICH PROGRAM IS REFERRED TO
3	IN THIS PART 11 AS AN "APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM". THE STATE
4	LICENSING AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
5	PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, SHALL APPROVE THE SUBMITTED
6	PROGRAM IF THE SUBMITTED PROGRAM MEETS THE MINIMUM CRITERIA
7	DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF
8	PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SHALL REVIEW EACH SUBMITTED
9	PROGRAM AND SHALL PROVIDE THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY WITH
10	THE DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS OF WHETHER THE PORTIONS OF THE
11	PROGRAM RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S OVERSIGHT MEET THE
12	MINIMUM CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.
13	(2) AN APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL CONTAIN, AT A
14	MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS AND SHALL BE TAUGHT IN A
15	CLASSROOM SETTING IN A MINIMUM OF A TWO-HOUR PERIOD:
16	(a) PROGRAM STANDARDS THAT SPECIFY, AT A MINIMUM, WHO
17	MUST ATTEND, THE TIME FRAME FOR NEW STAFF TO ATTEND,
18	RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, RECORD KEEPING, TESTING AND
19	ASSESSMENT PROTOCOLS, AND EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATIONS; AND
20	(b) A CORE CURRICULUM OF PERTINENT STATUTORY AND
21	REGULATORY PROVISIONS, WHICH CURRICULUM INCLUDES, BUT NEED NOT
22	BE LIMITED TO:
23	(I) Information on required licenses, age requirements,
24	PATIENT REGISTRY CARDS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
25	AND ENVIRONMENT, MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS, PRIVACY ISSUES, AND
26	UNLAWFUL ACTS;
27	(II) ADMINISTRATIVE AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY AND LICENSE AND

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1	COURT SANCTIONS;
2	(III) STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
3	EMPLOYEES AND OWNERS;
4	(IV) ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, INCLUDING PATIENT
5	REGISTRY CARDS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES; AND
6	(V) LOCAL AND STATE LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT, WHICH MAY
7	INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, KEY STATUTES AND RULES
8	AFFECTING PATIENTS, OWNERS, MANAGERS, AND EMPLOYEES.
9	(3) A PROVIDER OF AN APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL
10	MAINTAIN ITS TRAINING RECORDS AT ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS
11	DURING THE APPLICABLE YEAR AND FOR THE PRECEDING THREE YEARS,
12	AND THE PROVIDER SHALL MAKE THE RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR
13	INSPECTION BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS
14	HOURS.
15	12-43.3-1102. Responsible vendor - designation. (1) (a) A
16	MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
17	MAY RECEIVE A RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION FROM THE PROGRAM
18	VENDOR AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A RESPONSIBLE MEDICAL
19	MARIJUANA VENDOR SERVER AND SELLER TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED
20	BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY. A RESPONSIBLE VENDOR
21	DESIGNATION IS VALID FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE.
22	(b) SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED TRAINING
23	PROGRAM IS ACHIEVED WHEN THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN ATTENDED BY AND,
24	AS DETERMINED BY THE PROGRAM PROVIDER, SATISFACTORILY
25	COMPLETED BY ALL EMPLOYEES SELLING AND HANDLING MEDICAL
26	MARIJUANA, ALL MANAGERS, AND ALL RESIDENT ON-SITE OWNERS, IF ANY.
27	(c) In order to maintain the responsible vendor

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1	DESIGNATION, THE LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS MUST HAVE
2	EACH NEW EMPLOYEE WHO SELLS OR HANDLES MEDICAL MARIJUANA,
3	MANAGER, OR RESIDENT ON-SITE OWNER ATTEND AND SATISFACTORILY
4	COMPLETE A RESPONSIBLE MEDICAL MARIJUANA VENDOR SERVER AND
5	SELLER TRAINING PROGRAM WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER BEING EMPLOYED
6	OR BECOMING AN OWNER. THE LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS
7	SHALL MAINTAIN DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM BY
8	NEW EMPLOYEES, MANAGERS, OR OWNERS.
9	(2) A LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS THAT RECEIVES A
10	RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION FROM THE PROGRAM VENDOR
11	SHALL MAINTAIN INFORMATION ON ALL PERSONS LICENSED PURSUANT TO
12	THIS ARTICLE WHO ARE IN ITS EMPLOYMENT AND WHO HAVE BEEN
13	TRAINED IN AN APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM. THE INFORMATION
14	INCLUDES THE DATE, PLACE, TIME, AND DURATION OF TRAINING AND A LIST
15	OF ALL LICENSED PERSONS ATTENDING EACH SPECIFIC TRAINING CLASS,
16	WHICH CLASS INCLUDES A TRAINING EXAMINATION OR ASSESSMENT THAT
17	DEMONSTRATES PROFICIENCY.
18	(3) If a local or state licensing authority initiates an
19	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AGAINST A LICENSEE WHO HAS COMPLIED WITH
20	THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A
21	RESPONSIBLE VENDOR, THE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL CONSIDER THE
22	DESIGNATION AS A MITIGATING FACTOR WHEN IMPOSING SANCTIONS OR
23	PENALTIES ON THE LICENSEE.
24	SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
25	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
26	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
27	7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a

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- referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
- state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
- 3 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
- 4 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
- November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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