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A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH EQUIVALENCIES FOR RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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.)

The bill directs the department of revenue (department) to promulgate rules establishing the equivalent of one ounce of retail marijuana flower in various retail marijuana products. The bill authorizes the department to contract for a scientific study of the equivalency of marijuana flower in marijuana products.

The bill prohibits a retail marijuana store from selling more than one ounce of retail marijuana or the equivalent in retail marijuana products during any single transaction to a Colorado resident. Current law prohibits the sale of more than one-quarter ounce of retail marijuana to a person who is not a resident of Colorado. The bill expands this prohibition to include the equivalent of one-quarter ounce in retail marijuana products.

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

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2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.4-202, add (3) 3 (a.5) as follows: 4 12-43.4-202. Powers and duties of state licensing authority -5 rules. (3) (a.5) (I) PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN 6 PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR BEFORE 7 JANUARY 1, 2016, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL PROMULGATE 8 RULES ESTABLISHING THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE OUNCE OF RETAIL 9 MARIJUANA FLOWER IN VARIOUS RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS 10 INCLUDING RETAIL MARIJUANA CONCENTRATE. 11 (II)PRIOR TO PROMULGATING THE RULES REQUIRED BY 12 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a.5), THE STATE LICENSING 13 AUTHORITY MAY CONTRACT FOR A SCIENTIFIC STUDY TO DETERMINE THE 14 EQUIVALENCY OF MARIJUANA FLOWER IN RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS 15 INCLUDING RETAIL MARIJUANA CONCENTRATE. 16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.4-402, amend 17 (3) (a) as follows: 18 12-43.4-402. Retail marijuana store license - definitions -19 repeal. (3) (a) (I) A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE MAY NOT SELL MORE THAN 20 ONE OUNCE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN RETAIL

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1	MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, INCLUDING RETAIL MARIJUANA CONCENTRATE,
2	DURING A SINGLE TRANSACTION TO A PERSON WHO HAS A VALID
3	IDENTIFICATION CARD SHOWING THAT THE PERSON IS A RESIDENT OF THE
4	STATE OF COLORADO.
5	(II) A retail marijuana store may not sell more than a quarter of an
6	ounce of retail marijuana and no more than a quarter of an ounce OR ITS
7	equivalent of a in retail marijuana product PRODUCTS, INCLUDING RETAIL
8	MARIJUANA CONCENTRATE, during a single transaction to a person who
9	does not have a valid identification card showing that the person is a
10	resident of the state of Colorado.
11	(III) AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH (a), "EQUIVALENT IN RETAIL
12	MARIJUANA PRODUCTS" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS ESTABLISHED BY THE
13	STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY BY RULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43.4-202
14	(3) (a.5).
15	SECTION 3. Appropriation. In addition to any other
16	appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the
17	marijuana cash fund created in section 12-43.3-501 (1), Colorado Revised
18	Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of revenue, for the
19	fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$100,000, or so much
20	thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to the marijuana enforcement
21	division for a scientific study to determine the equivalency of marijuana
22	flower in retail marijuana products.
23	SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
24	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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