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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TO LICENSED  
102 MARIJUANA BUSINESSES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
103 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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>.)*

Because marijuana is illegal under federal law, financial institutions are reluctant to serve state-licensed marijuana businesses. These businesses therefore currently operate almost entirely on a cash-only basis, which raises their costs, increases the risk of crime, and

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impedes the state's ability to account for these businesses' revenues.

**Section 1** of the bill enacts the "Marijuana Financial Services Cooperatives Act". Marijuana financial services cooperatives (referred to as "cannabis credit co-ops") are a type of financial services entity, membership in which is restricted to entities that are licensed to own or operate a marijuana business. Cannabis credit co-ops are subject to regulation by the state commissioner of financial services in a manner similar to that of credit unions, with the following differences:

- ! The commissioner has 60 days after the filing of an application for a charter to determine whether the application meets the applicable requirements;
- ! The incorporators of the co-op must provide the commissioner with written evidence of approval by the federal reserve bank for access by the co-op to the federal reserve system;
- ! The commissioner cannot allow more than 10 charters for cannabis credit co-ops to be outstanding at any one time;
- ! The commissioner must examine cannabis credit co-ops at least once every 6 months; and
- ! Once a member no longer owns or operates a licensed marijuana business, the member is no longer qualified to be a member of a co-op.

A cannabis credit co-op:

- ! Cannot refer to itself as a "credit union" or "bank";
- ! Does not need to acquire and maintain deposit insurance;
- ! Is subject to taxation; and
- ! Is specifically required to comply with federal requirements relating to marijuana businesses and their proceeds and to file reports with the commissioner regarding its federal law compliance and compliance with federal guidance.

**Section 3** gives the court of appeals jurisdiction to review certain of the commissioner's actions. **Section 4** sunsets the regulation of cannabis credit co-ops on September 1, 2020.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 33 to title  
3 11 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 33**

5 **Marijuana Financial Services Cooperatives**

6 **11-33-101. Short title.** THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY

1 BE CITED AS THE "MARIJUANA FINANCIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVES ACT".

2 **11-33-102. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
3 HEREBY:

4 (a) FINDS THAT:

5 (I) BECAUSE MARIJUANA IS CURRENTLY ILLEGAL TO GROW,  
6 POSSESS, OR SELL UNDER FEDERAL LAW, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE  
7 RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES TO MARIJUANA BUSINESSES  
8 EVEN WHEN THOSE BUSINESSES ARE PROPERLY LICENSED AND FULLY  
9 LEGAL UNDER COLORADO LAW; AND

10 (II) CONSEQUENTLY, MOST COLORADO-LICENSED MARIJUANA  
11 BUSINESSES MUST OPERATE ALMOST ENTIRELY ON A CASH-ONLY BASIS;

12 (b) DECLARES THAT THIS LACK OF ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES  
13 HARMS THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY:

14 (I) STIMULATING THE MARIJUANA BLACK MARKET'S COMPETITIVE  
15 ADVANTAGE BY INCREASING LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESSES' COSTS OF  
16 DOING BUSINESS;

17 (II) INCREASING THE CRIME RATE ASSOCIATED WITH LICENSED  
18 MARIJUANA BUSINESSES DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH THAT MUST  
19 BE KEPT ON PREMISES; AND

20 (III) IMPEDING COLORADO'S ABILITY TO TRACK AND  
21 INDEPENDENTLY VERIFY THE ACCOUNTING OF LICENSED MARIJUANA  
22 BUSINESSES' REVENUES; AND

23 (c) DECLARES THAT THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ARTICLE, BY  
24 AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF MARIJUANA FINANCIAL SERVICES  
25 COOPERATIVES, IS NECESSARY FOR THE PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION  
26 OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE.

27 **11-33-103. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE

1 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

2 (1) "CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP" OR "CO-OP" MEANS A MARIJUANA  
3 FINANCIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE.

4 (2) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE STATE COMMISSIONER OF  
5 FINANCIAL SERVICES APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 11-44-102.

6 (3) "DIVISION" MEANS THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
7 CREATED IN SECTION 11-44-101.

8 (4) "LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESS" MEANS AN ENTITY LICENSED  
9 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43.3-402, 12-43.3-403, 12-43.3-404,  
10 12-43.4-402, 12-43.4-403, 12-43.4-404, OR 12-43.4-405, C.R.S.

11 (5) "MEMBER" MEANS A LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESS,  
12 INDUSTRIAL HEMP BUSINESS, OR AN ENTITY THAT PROVIDES GOODS OR  
13 SERVICES TO A LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESS AND THAT PROVIDES  
14 DOCUMENTATION TO THE CO-OP OF AN INABILITY TO GET COMPARABLE  
15 SERVICES FROM A BANK OR CREDIT UNION, ACTING THROUGH ONE OR  
16 MORE OF ITS CURRENT PARTNERS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, OR DIRECTORS.

17 **11-33-104. Organization - charter - investigation.** (1) A  
18 MARIJUANA FINANCIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE, REFERRED TO IN THIS  
19 ARTICLE AS A CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP, IS A COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION  
20 INCORPORATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE FOR THE TWOFOLD PURPOSE  
21 OF PROVIDING SPECIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES TO ITS MEMBERS AND  
22 CREATING A SOURCE OF CREDIT FOR THEM.

23 (2) A CO-OP MAY BE ORGANIZED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

24 (a) (I) ANY EIGHT OR MORE COLORADO RESIDENTS MAY EXECUTE,  
25 IN A NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ARTICLES  
26 OF INCORPORATION THAT SET FORTH THE TERMS BY WHICH THEY AGREE  
27 TO BE BOUND. THE ARTICLES MUST STATE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE

1 PROPOSED CO-OP; THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE INCORPORATORS;  
2 THE NUMBER OF SHARES SUBSCRIBED BY EACH INCORPORATOR; AND THE  
3 TERM OF EXISTENCE OF THE CORPORATION, WHICH MAY BE PERPETUAL.

4 (II) A CO-OP MAY BE INCORPORATED AND ORGANIZED FOR THE  
5 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL SERVICES TO LICENSED MARIJUANA  
6 BUSINESSES IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
7 STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 12-43.3-201, C.R.S.,  
8 INDUSTRIAL HEMP BUSINESSES, AND ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE GOODS OR  
9 SERVICES TO LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESSES AND THAT PROVIDE  
10 DOCUMENTATION TO THE CO-OP OF AN INABILITY TO GET COMPARABLE  
11 SERVICES FROM A BANK OR CREDIT UNION.

12 (b) THE INCORPORATORS MUST PREPARE, IN A NUMBER OF COPIES  
13 TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER, PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR THE  
14 GOVERNING OF THE CO-OP, CONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE, ON STANDARD  
15 FORMS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND MUST DEFINE IN THE  
16 BYLAWS THE PROPOSED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

17 (c) THE PROPOSED BYLAWS MUST SET FORTH:

18 (I) THE CLASSES OF SHARES THAT THE CO-OP IS AUTHORIZED TO  
19 ISSUE;

20 (II) IF THE SHARES ARE TO CONSIST OF ONE CLASS ONLY, THE PAR  
21 VALUE OF EACH OF THE SHARES OR A STATEMENT THAT ALL OF THE  
22 SHARES ARE WITHOUT PAR VALUE, OR, IF THE SHARES ARE TO BE DIVIDED  
23 INTO CLASSES, A STATEMENT OF THE PAR VALUE OF THE SHARES OF EACH  
24 SUCH CLASS OR THAT THE SHARES ARE TO BE WITHOUT PAR VALUE; AND

25 (III) IF THE SHARES ARE TO BE DIVIDED INTO CLASSES, THE  
26 BYLAWS MUST DESIGNATE EACH CLASS AND A STATEMENT OF ITS  
27 PREFERENCES, LIMITATIONS, AND RELATIVE RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO THE

1 SHARES OF EACH OTHER CLASS.

2 (3) (a) THE INCORPORATORS MUST FILE AN APPLICATION IN SUCH  
3 FORM AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER TOGETHER WITH THE  
4 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND THE BYLAWS WITH THE COMMISSIONER,  
5 IN A NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER, UPON THE  
6 PAYMENT OF A FILING FEE, AS DETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE  
7 COMMISSIONER, TO COVER THE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSE TO  
8 THE DIVISION ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE APPLICATION. WITHIN SIXTY DAYS  
9 AFTER THE FILING AND PAYMENT OF THE FEE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
10 DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICATION COMPLIES WITH THIS ARTICLE AND  
11 WHETHER THE CO-OP WOULD BENEFIT ITS MEMBERS AND PROPOSED  
12 MEMBERS, CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE  
13 GENERAL CHARACTER AND FITNESS OF THE INCORPORATORS, AND THE  
14 ECONOMIC ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED CO-OP. UPON  
15 SUCH DETERMINATION AND WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF APPROVAL BY THE  
16 FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM BOARD OF GOVERNORS, THE COMMISSIONER  
17 MAY APPROVE OR DENY AN APPLICATION WITHOUT NOTICE AND HEARING.  
18 IF FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT  
19 INSURANCE CORPORATION OR NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION  
20 BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR BANKS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, AND  
21 CREDIT UNIONS ORGANIZED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES TO THE  
22 LICENSED MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY DETERMINE  
23 THAT THE CONTINUED ISSUANCE OF CHARTERS UNDER THIS ARTICLE IS NO  
24 LONGER NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE.

25 (b) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE MADE AN  
26 INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INCORPORATORS AND  
27 ORGANIZERS ARE QUALIFIED AND WHETHER THEIR QUALIFICATIONS,

1 EXPERIENCE CONCERNING FEDERAL COMPLIANCE ISSUES, AND FINANCIAL  
2 EXPERIENCE ARE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES.  
3 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL INVESTIGATE WHETHER AN INCORPORATOR OR  
4 ORGANIZER HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THE  
5 COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH BY RULE THE CONTENT OF THE  
6 INVESTIGATIONS AND WHAT, IF ANY, INVESTIGATIONS BY OTHER AGENCIES  
7 OR AUTHORITIES MAY BE TREATED AS SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO  
8 AND ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF AN INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMISSIONER.

9 (4) (a) BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS OR THE  
10 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS BY THE CO-OP, THE INCORPORATORS OF THE CO-OP  
11 MUST PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSIONER WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF APPROVAL  
12 BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR ACCESS BY  
13 THE CO-OP TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
14 PROPOSED DEPOSITORY ACTIVITIES OF THE CO-OP.

15 (b) UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF APPROVAL BY THE  
16 FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

17 (I) THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES SHALL CONVENE A  
19 STAKEHOLDER GROUP, INCLUDING ALL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS  
20 REPRESENTING BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS, TO IDENTIFY CONFLICTS THAT  
21 MAY EXIST BETWEEN THIS ARTICLE AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW,  
22 INCLUDING TITLE 4, C.R.S. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FILE A REPORT WITH  
23 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE CONFLICTS AND SUGGESTED  
24 RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICTS, AND SHALL NOT APPROVE AN  
25 APPLICATION OR ISSUE A CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II)  
26 OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b) UNTIL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES ALL OF  
27 THE IDENTIFIED STATE LAW CONFLICTS.

1 (II) UPON APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION, RECEIPT OF ALL  
2 NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND RESOLUTION OF ANY STATE LAW CONFLICTS  
3 AS SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b), THE  
4 COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL, IN A NUMBER  
5 OF COPIES EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF COPIES OF THE ARTICLES OF  
6 INCORPORATION REQUIRED TO BE FILED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF  
7 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AS SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER,  
8 AND ATTACH A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE TO EACH COPY OF THE ARTICLES  
9 OF INCORPORATION. THE INCORPORATORS MUST THEN FILE APPROVED  
10 ARTICLES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND A COPY OF THE ARTICLES,  
11 CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WITH THE COMMISSIONER. THE  
12 INCORPORATORS MUST PAY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE A FEE FOR FILING  
13 THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND A FEE FOR CERTIFYING THE COPY  
14 OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FURNISHED BY THE INCORPORATORS FOR  
15 FILING WITH THE COMMISSIONER, BOTH FEES TO BE DETERMINED AND  
16 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-21-104 (3), C.R.S.

17 (5) (a) AFTER THE INCORPORATORS HAVE FILED A CERTIFIED COPY  
18 OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER, THE  
19 COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A CHARTER FOR THE CO-OP, AT WHICH TIME  
20 THE CO-OP BECOMES A BODY CORPORATE HAVING THE POWERS  
21 ENUMERATED IN SECTION 7-103-102, C.R.S., EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE  
22 PROVIDED OR LIMITED IN THIS ARTICLE.

23 (b) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT PERMIT MORE THAN TEN CO-OP  
24 CHARTERS TO BE OUTSTANDING AT ANY ONE TIME.

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26 (6) THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CO-OP SHALL THEN  
27 ADOPT THE BYLAWS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER.



1           **11-33-105. Bylaws.** THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CAUSE TO BE  
2 PREPARED A STANDARD FORM OF BYLAWS, CONSISTENT WITH THIS  
3 ARTICLE, TO BE ISSUED TO ALL CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OPS. ALL CO-OPS  
4 SHALL OPERATE UNDER THE STANDARD BYLAWS; EXCEPT THAT EACH  
5 CO-OP, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER, MUST PROPOSE  
6 ITS OWN NAME, THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
7 ITS CREDIT COMMITTEE, ITS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE, PROVISIONS  
8 RELATIVE TO TIMES AND PLACES OF MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND  
9 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE CONDUCT OF  
10 ELECTIONS AND BALLOTING OF THE CO-OP, AND MODIFICATIONS OF THE  
11 STANDARD BYLAWS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
12 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL CO-OP. THE COMMISSIONER MUST  
13 APPROVE ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS BEFORE THEY  
14 BECOME OPERATIVE.

15           **11-33-106. Membership - disclosures.** (1) CANNABIS CREDIT  
16 CO-OP MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESSES,  
17 INDUSTRIAL HEMP BUSINESSES, AND ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE GOODS OR  
18 SERVICES TO LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESSES AND THAT PROVIDE  
19 DOCUMENTATION TO THE CO-OP OF AN INABILITY TO GET COMPARABLE  
20 SERVICES FROM A BANK OR CREDIT UNION, THAT ARE QUALIFIED AND  
21 ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP AND THAT PAY ANY ENTRANCE FEE; EXCEPT  
22 THAT THE CO-OP SHALL PERFORM DUE DILIGENCE ON EACH APPLICANT FOR  
23 MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING BACKGROUND CHECKS AND INVESTIGATIONS, AS  
24 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 11-33-126 BEFORE THE CO-OP GRANTS THE  
25 APPLICANT MEMBERSHIP IN THE CO-OP.

26           (2) (a) CO-OP MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED TO ONLY ENTITIES THAT  
27 OWN, OPERATE, OR ARE LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESSES IN GOOD

1 STANDING WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LICENSING  
2 AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 12-43.3-201, C.R.S., INDUSTRIAL HEMP  
3 BUSINESSES, AND ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE GOODS OR SERVICES TO  
4 LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESSES AND THAT PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION  
5 TO THE CO-OP OF AN INABILITY TO GET COMPARABLE SERVICES FROM A  
6 BANK OR CREDIT UNION.

7 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT QUALIFIED TO BE A MEMBER OF A CO-OP,  
8 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL IS LICENSED, INCLUDING  
9 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43.3-401 (1) (d) OR 12-43.4-401 (1) (e), TO  
10 OWN, OPERATE, MANAGE, OR BE EMPLOYED BY A LICENSED MARIJUANA  
11 BUSINESS, EITHER AS A SOLE PROPRIETOR OR ANY OTHER FORM OF  
12 OWNERSHIP THAT GIVES THE INDIVIDUAL SOLE CONTROL OVER THE  
13 LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESS.

14 (3) ONCE A MEMBER NO LONGER OWNS OR OPERATES A LICENSED  
15 MARIJUANA BUSINESS OR INDUSTRIAL HEMP BUSINESS, OR NO LONGER  
16 PROVIDES GOODS OR SERVICES TO A LICENSED MARIJUANA THE MEMBER  
17 IS NO LONGER QUALIFIED TO BE A MEMBER AND SHALL PROMPTLY  
18 TERMINATE ITS DEPOSITS WITH AND REPAY ITS LOANS FROM THE CO-OP.

19 (4) (a) EACH CO-OP SHALL DISCLOSE TO ITS MEMBERS OR  
20 PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS THAT:

21 (I) FEDERAL LAW DOES NOT AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS,  
22 INCLUDING MARIJUANA FINANCIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVES, TO ACCEPT  
23 PROCEEDS FROM ACTIVITY THAT IS ILLEGAL UNDER FEDERAL LAW, SUCH  
24 AS THAT FROM LICENSED MARIJUANA BUSINESSES;

25 (II) DEPOSITS WITH AND THE CAPITAL OF THE CO-OP ARE:

26 (A) SUBJECT TO SEIZURE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT;

27 (B) NOT FEDERALLY INSURED;

1           (C) NOT BACKED BY THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE STATE OF  
2           COLORADO; AND

3           (III) IT IS NOT THE OBLIGATION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO  
4           DEFEND THE CO-OP OR ITS DEPOSITS AND CAPITAL IN THE EVENT OF A  
5           SEIZURE.

6           (b) A CO-OP SHALL MAKE THE DISCLOSURES:

7           (I) ON ITS WEB SITE;

8           (II) IN EACH ADVERTISEMENT OR OFFER OF SERVICES;

9           (III) BEFORE ACCEPTING AN APPLICANT AS A MEMBER; AND

10          (IV) BEFORE A MEMBER ACCEPTS A LOAN FROM THE CO-OP.

11          **11-33-107. Powers.** (1) A CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP HAS THE  
12          POWER TO:

13                 (a) RECEIVE THE SAVINGS OF ITS MEMBERS EITHER AS PAYMENT ON  
14          SHARES OR AS DEPOSITS;

15                 (b) MAKE LOANS TO ITS MEMBERS;

16                 (c) MAKE LOANS TO OTHER CO-OPS AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE;

17                 (d) MAKE DEPOSITS IN STATE AND NATIONAL FINANCIAL  
18          INSTITUTIONS INSURED BY AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
19          THAT VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTS THOSE DEPOSITS;

20                 (e) INVEST IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

21                         (I) OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OR SECURITIES  
22          GUARANTEED OR INSURED BY ANY AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES;

23                         (II) OBLIGATIONS OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED  
24          STATES, OR OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR INSTRUMENTALITY  
25          THEREOF, EXCEPT REVENUE OBLIGATIONS ISSUED TO PROVIDE, ENLARGE,  
26          OR IMPROVE ELECTRIC POWER, GAS, WATER, OR SEWER FACILITIES, OR ANY  
27          COMBINATION THEREOF, ISSUED BY ANY CITY OR TOWN, OR OTHER SIMILAR

1 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAVING A POPULATION OF FEWER THAN FIVE  
2 THOUSAND PERSONS, AS DETERMINED BY THE LATEST FEDERAL DECENNIAL  
3 CENSUS; AND

4 (III) TO AN EXTENT THAT MUST NOT EXCEED TEN PERCENT OF ITS  
5 SHARES, DEPOSITS, AND UNDIVIDED EARNINGS, IN SHARES OF MUTUAL  
6 FUNDS OR INVESTMENT COMPANIES, STOCKS, BONDS, OR OTHER  
7 SECURITIES OF ANY CORPORATION OR RELIGIOUS OR EDUCATIONAL  
8 ORGANIZATIONS;

9 (f) ACQUIRE, THROUGH PURCHASE OR OTHER LAWFUL  
10 TRANSACTIONS, AND HOLD TITLE TO REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY  
11 NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL TO THE OPERATION OF THE CO-OP, AND SELL,  
12 MORTGAGE, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY;

13 (g) EXERCISE SUCH INCIDENTAL POWERS AS ARE NECESSARY TO  
14 ENABLE IT TO CARRY ON EFFECTIVELY THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH IT IS  
15 INCORPORATED AS AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE;

16 (h) SELL ALL OR ANY PORTION OF ITS ASSETS AND PURCHASE ALL  
17 OR ANY PORTION OF THE ASSETS OF ANOTHER CO-OP AND ASSUME THE  
18 LIABILITIES OF THE SELLING CO-OP, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE  
19 COMMISSIONER; AND

20 (i) PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER CO-OPS OR FINANCIAL  
21 ORGANIZATIONS IN MAKING LOANS TO CO-OP MEMBERS WHEN THE  
22 BORROWER IS A MEMBER OF EITHER THE CO-OP ORIGINATING THE LOAN OR  
23 THE CO-OP PURCHASING A PARTICIPATION INTEREST IN THE LOAN.

24 **11-33-108. Title protection.** (1) A CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP:

25 (a) SHALL NOT USE THE WORD "BANK" OR THE PHRASE "CREDIT  
26 UNION" IN ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, TRADE NAME, OR AN  
27 ADVERTISEMENT OR OFFER OF SERVICES;

1 (b) SHALL USE:

2 (I) THE PHRASE "MARIJUANA FINANCIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE"  
3 IN ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION; AND

4 (II) THE WORDS "MARIJUANA" OR "CANNABIS" IN ITS TRADE NAME  
5 AND ANY ADVERTISEMENT OR OFFER OF SERVICES; AND

6 (c) MAY USE THE PHRASES "FINANCIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE",  
7 "FINANCIAL SERVICES CO-OP", "FINANCIAL COOPERATIVE", "FINANCIAL  
8 CO-OP", "CREDIT COOPERATIVE", OR "CREDIT CO-OP" IN ITS TRADE NAME  
9 OR AN ADVERTISEMENT OR OFFER OF SERVICES.

10 (2) (a) A CO-OP ORGANIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE  
11 HAS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE THE PHRASES "CANNABIS CREDIT  
12 COOPERATIVE", "MARIJUANA CREDIT COOPERATIVE", "CANNABIS CREDIT  
13 CO-OP", "MARIJUANA CREDIT CO-OP", "CANNABIS FINANCIAL SERVICES  
14 COOPERATIVE", "MARIJUANA FINANCIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE",  
15 "CANNABIS FINANCIAL SERVICES CO-OP", AND "MARIJUANA FINANCIAL  
16 SERVICES CO-OP" IN ITS NAME, TITLE, AND ADVERTISEMENTS OR OFFERS OF  
17 SERVICES; BUT AN ASSOCIATION COMPOSED OF CO-OPS TRANSACTING  
18 BUSINESS IN THIS STATE MAY USE THOSE PHRASES IN ITS NAME, TITLE, AND  
19 ADVERTISEMENTS OR OFFERS OF SERVICES.

20 (b) ANY PERSON OTHER THAN A CO-OP OR AN ASSOCIATION OF  
21 CO-OPS USING THE PHRASES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
22 SUBSECTION (2) IN ITS NAME, TITLE, OR ADVERTISEMENTS OR OFFERS OF  
23 SERVICES IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF,  
24 SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED  
25 DOLLARS, IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR NOT MORE THAN SIXTY  
26 DAYS, OR BOTH.

27 **11-33-109. Examinations - reports - powers of commissioner**

1 **- rules - fund created.** (1) (a) CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OPS ARE UNDER THE  
2 SUPERVISION OF THE COMMISSIONER. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL EXAMINE  
3 EVERY CO-OP AT LEAST ONCE DURING ANY SIX-MONTH PERIOD. THE  
4 COMMISSIONER SHALL ASSESS EACH CO-OP AN AMOUNT TO COVER THE  
5 EXPENSES OF THE DIVISION ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SUPERVISION OF  
6 CO-OPS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT ASSESSED  
7 ACCORDING TO A SCHEDULE OR SCHEDULES OR ANY OTHER METHOD  
8 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO BE APPROPRIATE, BUT THE  
9 ASSESSMENT MUST BE AT THE SAME RATE FOR ALL CO-OPS. THE  
10 COMMISSIONER MAY WAIVE THE PAYMENT OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE  
11 ASSESSMENT WITH RESPECT TO A YEAR IN WHICH A CHARTER IS ISSUED OR  
12 CANCELLED OR IN WHICH A FINAL DISTRIBUTION IS MADE IN LIQUIDATION.

13 (b) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH THE DIVISION'S ANNUAL  
14 ASSESSMENT, TO BE COLLECTED AT LEAST SEMIANNUALLY IN AMOUNTS  
15 SUFFICIENT TO GENERATE THE MONEYS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY TO THE DIVISION FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR.

17 (c) (I) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE  
18 CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP FUND, CONSISTING OF:

19 (A) REVENUES APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND; AND

20 (B) ASSESSMENTS MADE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
21 SUBSECTION (1).

22 (II) REVENUES CREDITED TO THE FUND AND UNEXPENDED AT THE  
23 END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR REMAIN IN THE FUND AND DO NOT REVERT TO  
24 THE GENERAL FUND. ALL INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND  
25 INVESTMENT OF REVENUES IN THE FUND REMAINS IN THE FUND AND DOES  
26 NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND. THE DIVISION SHALL USE REVENUES  
27 IN THE FUND ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE.

1           (2) QUARTERLY, EVERY CO-OP SHALL FILE A FINANCIAL REPORT  
2 WITH THE COMMISSIONER ON A DATE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER,  
3 IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER. THE COMMISSIONER MAY  
4 REQUIRE THAT ADDITIONAL REPORTS BE FILED. FOR FAILURE TO FILE A  
5 REPORT WHEN DUE, UNLESS EXCUSED FOR CAUSE, A CO-OP SHALL PAY TO  
6 THE COMMISSIONER A PENALTY, AS PRESCRIBED BY RULE, FOR EACH DAY  
7 OF DELINQUENCY IN FILING.

8           (3) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT RULES NECESSARY FOR THE  
9 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL  
10 REFERENCE THE RULES TO THE SECTIONS OF THIS ARTICLE TO WHICH THEY  
11 APPLY. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE THE RULES PURSUANT TO  
12 ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S., AND SHALL MAIL A COPY OF THE RULES  
13 AND OF EACH ORDER TO EACH CO-OP AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE  
14 THEIR EFFECTIVE DATE, EXCEPT AS TO TEMPORARY OR EMERGENCY RULES.

15           (4) EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE THERE IS A STATUTORY RIGHT TO  
16 APPEAL TO THE COMMISSIONER, ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED AND DIRECTLY  
17 AFFECTED BY A FINAL ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER MAY OBTAIN  
18 JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE ORDER BY FILING AN ACTION FOR REVIEW WITH  
19 THE COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4-106(11),  
20 C.R.S., WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE ORDER.

21           (5) THE COMMISSIONER MAY CHARGE OFF THE WHOLE OR ANY  
22 PART OF ANY ASSET OF ANY CO-OP THAT COULD NOT BE LAWFULLY  
23 ACQUIRED BY IT AND TO REDUCE THE VALUE OF ANY ASSET OF A CO-OP TO  
24 ITS MARKET VALUE OR TO A REASONABLE VALUE, IF NO MARKET VALUE  
25 CAN BE ESTABLISHED. IF THE LOSSES OF A CO-OP EXCEED ITS UNDIVIDED  
26 EARNINGS AND RESERVE FUNDS SO THAT THE REASONABLE VALUE OF ITS  
27 ASSETS IS LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE THE SHAREHOLDERS, THE

1 COMMISSIONER MAY ORDER A REDUCTION IN THE LIABILITY TO EACH  
2 SHAREHOLDER, DIVIDING THE LOSS PROPORTIONATELY AMONG ALL  
3 SHAREHOLDERS. ANY REDUCTION FROM EACH SHARE ACCOUNT MUST BE  
4 A SPECIFIED PERCENTAGE SUFFICIENT TO CORRECT THE IMPAIRED  
5 CONDITION AND PRESERVE THE SOLVENCY OF THE CO-OP. IF THEREAFTER  
6 THE CO-OP REALIZES FROM THE ASSETS A GREATER AMOUNT THAN THAT  
7 FIXED BY THE ORDER OF REDUCTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DIVIDE  
8 THE EXCESS PROPORTIONATELY AMONG THE SHAREHOLDERS TO WHOM  
9 LIABILITY WAS PREVIOUSLY REDUCED, BUT ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE  
10 REDUCTION.

11 (6) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE SUBPOENAS AND REQUIRE  
12 ATTENDANCE OF ANY OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES OF  
13 A CO-OP AND SUCH OTHER WITNESSES AS THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS  
14 NECESSARY IN RELATION TO ITS AFFAIRS, TRANSACTIONS, AND  
15 CONDITIONS, AND MAY REQUIRE THE WITNESSES TO APPEAR AND ANSWER  
16 SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE COMMISSIONER PUTS TO THEM, AND MAY  
17 REQUIRE THE WITNESSES TO PRODUCE SUCH BOOKS, PAPERS, OR  
18 DOCUMENTS IN THEIR POSSESSION AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE.  
19 UPON APPLICATION OF THE COMMISSIONER, A PERSON SERVED WITH A  
20 SUBPOENA ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER MAY BE REQUIRED, BY ORDER  
21 OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE CO-OP HAS ITS  
22 PRINCIPAL OFFICE, TO APPEAR AND ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE  
23 COMMISSIONER MAY PUT TO THE WITNESS AND BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE  
24 SUCH BOOKS, PAPERS, OR DOCUMENTS IN THE WITNESS' POSSESSION AS THE  
25 COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE.

26 (7) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDERS IF  
27 THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES FROM COMPETENT AND SUBSTANTIAL



1 EVIDENCE THAT A CO-OP IS ENGAGED OR HAS ENGAGED, OR WHEN THE  
2 COMMISSIONER HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THE CO-OP IS ABOUT  
3 TO ENGAGE, IN AN UNSAFE OR UNSOUND PRACTICE OR IS VIOLATING OR  
4 HAS VIOLATED, OR WHEN THE COMMISSIONER HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO  
5 BELIEVE THE CO-OP IS ABOUT TO VIOLATE, A MATERIAL PROVISION OF ANY  
6 LAW OR RULE OR ANY CONDITION IMPOSED IN WRITING BY THE  
7 COMMISSIONER OR ANY WRITTEN AGREEMENT MADE WITH THE  
8 COMMISSIONER.

9 (8) (a) (I) THE COMMISSIONER MAY SUSPEND OR REMOVE A  
10 DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE OF A CO-OP WHEN THE COMMISSIONER  
11 DETERMINES THAT THE PERSON HAS:

12 (A) VIOLATED A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR A LAWFUL RULE  
13 OR ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE;

14 (B) ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATED IN AN UNSAFE OR UNSOUND  
15 PRACTICE IN THE CONDUCT OF A CO-OP;

16 (C) COMMITTED OR ENGAGED IN AN ACT, OMISSION, OR PRACTICE  
17 THAT CONSTITUTES A BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY TO THE CO-OP, AND THE  
18 CO-OP HAS SUFFERED OR WILL PROBABLY SUFFER FINANCIAL LOSS OR  
19 OTHER DAMAGE, OR THE INTERESTS OF MEMBERS OR ACCOUNT HOLDERS  
20 MAY BE SERIOUSLY PREJUDICED THEREBY; OR

21 (D) RECEIVED FINANCIAL GAIN BY REASON OF A VIOLATION,  
22 PRACTICE, OR BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY THAT INVOLVED PERSONAL  
23 DISHONESTY OR DEMONSTRATED A WILLFUL OR CONTINUING DISREGARD  
24 FOR THE SAFETY OR SOUNDNESS OF THE CO-OP.

25 (II) THE COMMISSIONER MAY SUSPEND OR REMOVE A DIRECTOR,  
26 OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE OF A CO-OP WHO, UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE,  
27 THE UNITED STATES, OR ANY OTHER STATE OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED

1 STATES:

2 (A) HAS ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO OR  
3 BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME INVOLVING THEFT OR FRAUD THAT IS  
4 CLASSIFIED AS A FELONY; OR

5 (B) IS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER REMOVING OR SUSPENDING THE  
6 INDIVIDUAL FROM OFFICE OR PROHIBITING THE INDIVIDUAL'S  
7 PARTICIPATION IN THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF A CO-OP, SAVINGS  
8 AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, BANK, OR OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

9 (b) (I) A SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL ORDER MUST SPECIFY THE  
10 GROUNDS FOR THE SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
11 SEND A COPY OF THE ORDER TO THE CO-OP CONCERNED AND TO EACH  
12 MEMBER OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SEND  
13 WRITTEN NOTICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, TO  
14 EACH PERSON AFFECTED BY PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (8) AT  
15 LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE A HEARING HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION  
16 24-4-105, C.R.S., AT WHICH THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESIDE.

17 (II) IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT EXTRAORDINARY  
18 CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY  
19 SUSPEND OR REMOVE A PERSON UNDER PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
20 SUBSECTION (8) WITHOUT NOTICE OR A HEARING, BUT THE COMMISSIONER  
21 SHALL CONDUCT A HEARING UNDER SECTION 24-4-105, C.R.S., WITHIN  
22 THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL.

23 (III) IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, UPON ORDER OF THE  
24 COMMISSIONER, A HEARING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS  
25 EXEMPT FROM ANY PROVISION OF LAW REQUIRING THAT PROCEEDINGS OF  
26 THE COMMISSIONER BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY. EXTRAORDINARY  
27 CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR WHEN SPECIFIC CONCERN ARISES ABOUT PROMPT

1 WITHDRAWAL OF MONEYS FROM THE CO-OP.

2 (IV) A PERSON WHO PERFORMS A DUTY OR EXERCISES A POWER OF  
3 A CO-OP AFTER RECEIPT OF A SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL ORDER UNDER  
4 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (8) COMMITS A CLASS 1  
5 MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
6 18-1.3-501, C.R.S.

7 **11-33-110. Assessment of civil fines.** (1) (a) AFTER NOTICE AND  
8 A HEARING AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S., AND AFTER  
9 MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT NO OTHER APPROPRIATE  
10 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY HAS TAKEN SIMILAR ACTION AGAINST THE  
11 PERSON FOR THE SAME ACT OR PRACTICE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ASSESS  
12 AND COLLECT A CIVIL FINE FROM A PERSON WHO HAS VIOLATED A FINAL  
13 CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO  
14 SECTION 11-33-109 (7) OR A SUSPENSION ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO  
15 SECTION 11-33-122.

16 (b) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A VIOLATION INCLUDES  
17 AN ACTION BY ANY PERSON, ALONE OR WITH ANOTHER PERSON, THAT  
18 CAUSES, BRINGS ABOUT, OR RESULTS IN THE PARTICIPATION IN,  
19 COUNSELING OF, OR AIDING OR ABETTING OF A VIOLATION.

20 (c) IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, UPON ORDER OF THE  
21 COMMISSIONER, A HEARING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS  
22 EXEMPT FROM ANY PROVISION OF LAW REQUIRING THAT PROCEEDINGS OF  
23 THE COMMISSIONER BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY. EXTRAORDINARY  
24 CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR WHEN SPECIFIC CONCERN ARISES ABOUT PROMPT  
25 WITHDRAWAL OF MONEYS FROM A CO-OP.

26 (2) (a) THE COMMISSIONER MUST ASSESS CIVIL FINES BY WRITTEN  
27 NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF A CIVIL FINE SERVED UPON THE PERSON TO BE

1 ASSESSED. THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF A CIVIL FINE MUST STATE THE  
2 AMOUNT OF THE FINE, THE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT, THE LEGAL AUTHORITY  
3 FOR THE ASSESSMENT, AND THE MATTERS OF FACT OR LAW CONSTITUTING  
4 THE GROUNDS FOR ASSESSMENT. THE PERSON MAY FILE A REQUEST FOR A  
5 REHEARING REGARDING THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF A CIVIL FINE WITH  
6 THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION  
7 (2).

8 (b) A PERSON MUST FILE THE NOTICE OF REHEARING WITH THE  
9 COMMISSIONER WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE ASSESSMENT. THE NOTICE  
10 MUST CONTAIN A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE PERTINENT FACTS UPON WHICH  
11 THE REQUEST IS BASED. WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST IS FILED,  
12 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FIX A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR THE  
13 REHEARING AND SHALL NOTIFY THE PERSON AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS  
14 BEFORE THE DATE OF THE REHEARING. THE COMMISSIONER MAY STAY THE  
15 CIVIL FINE PENDING THE REHEARING. ON REHEARING, THE COMMISSIONER  
16 MAY CONSIDER, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, WHETHER THE CIVIL FINE  
17 ASSESSED IS APPROPRIATE CONSIDERING THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF  
18 THE PERSON ASSESSED. THE DECISION OF THE COMMISSIONER IS FINAL  
19 AGENCY ACTION.

20 (c) IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, UPON ORDER OF THE  
21 COMMISSIONER, A REHEARING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a)  
22 OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS EXEMPT FROM ANY PROVISION OF LAW  
23 REQUIRING THAT PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONER BE CONDUCTED  
24 PUBLICLY. EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR WHEN SPECIFIC  
25 CONCERN ARISES ABOUT PROMPT WITHDRAWAL OF MONEYS FROM A CO-OP.

26 (3) IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL FINE TO BE  
27 ASSESSED, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER THE GOOD FAITH OF THE

1 PERSON ASSESSED, THE GRAVITY OF THE VIOLATION, ANY PREVIOUS  
2 VIOLATIONS BY THE PERSON ASSESSED, AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS THE  
3 COMMISSIONER DEEMS APPROPRIATE; EXCEPT THAT THE CIVIL FINE MUST  
4 BE NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY FOR EACH DAY THE  
5 PERSON ASSESSED IS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO BE IN  
6 VIOLATION OF A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER OR AN ORDER OF SUSPENSION  
7 OR REMOVAL. ALTERNATIVELY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ASSESS A CIVIL  
8 FINE FOR THE VIOLATION IN A LUMP SUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY  
9 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

10 (4) CIVIL FINES ASSESSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE DUE  
11 AND PAYABLE AND MUST BE COLLECTED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE  
12 COMMISSIONER ISSUES THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF A CIVIL FINE;  
13 EXCEPT THAT THE COMMISSIONER MAY COMPROMISE, MODIFY, OR SET  
14 ASIDE ANY CIVIL FINE. IF A PERSON FAILS TO PAY AN ASSESSMENT AFTER  
15 IT HAS BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY REFER THE  
16 MATTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO SHALL RECOVER THE AMOUNT  
17 ASSESSED BY ACTION IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY  
18 OF DENVER. A CIVIL FINE COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL  
19 BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT IT TO THE  
20 GENERAL FUND.

21 **11-33-111. Fiscal year - meetings.** THE FISCAL YEAR OF ALL  
22 CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OPS ENDS ON DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR. THE  
23 CO-OP SHALL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING WITHIN FIVE MONTHS AFTER THE  
24 CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR. SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN THE  
25 MANNER INDICATED IN THE BYLAWS. AT ALL MEETINGS A MEMBER HAS  
26 BUT A SINGLE VOTE, WHATEVER THE MEMBER'S SHARE HOLDINGS. VOTING  
27 BY PROXY IS PROHIBITED.

1           **11-33-112. Elections.** (1) (a) AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, OR BY  
2 OTHER PROPER BALLOTING WITHIN THIRTY DAYS BEFORE AND TWENTY  
3 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP  
4 MEMBERS MUST ELECT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP, OR THE BOARD OF  
5 DIRECTORS MUST APPOINT AS PROVIDED IN THE BYLAWS OF THE CO-OP:

6           (I) A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE MEMBERS;

7           (II) A SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE OF NOT LESS THAN THREE  
8 MEMBERS; AND

9           (III) A CREDIT COMMITTEE OF NOT LESS THAN THREE MEMBERS OR  
10 A CREDIT OFFICER.

11           (b) IN ADDITION, THE CO-OP MEMBERS MAY ELECT, OR THE BOARD  
12 MAY APPOINT, ONE OR MORE ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT  
13 COMMITTEE TO SERVE IN THE ABSENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT  
14 COMMITTEE.

15           (2) ALL PERSONS APPOINTED OR ELECTED PURSUANT TO  
16 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION HOLD OFFICE FOR THE TERMS SPECIFIED  
17 IN THE BYLAWS AND UNTIL SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED AND  
18 ARE QUALIFIED. A PERSON SHALL NOT HOLD MORE THAN ONE ELECTED  
19 OFFICE SIMULTANEOUSLY.

20           (3) THE CO-OP SHALL FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER A RECORD OF  
21 THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE  
22 COMMITTEES, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER  
23 THEIR ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT.

24           **11-33-113. Directors and officers.** (1) AT ITS FIRST MEETING  
25 AFTER THE ANNUAL ELECTION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ELECT  
26 FROM ITS OWN NUMBER: AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO MAY BE  
27 DESIGNATED AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OR PRESIDENT; A VICE-CHAIR OF THE

1 BOARD OR ONE OR MORE VICE-PRESIDENTS; A TREASURER; AND A  
2 SECRETARY. A SINGLE PERSON SHALL NOT SERVE AS BOTH SECRETARY  
3 AND TREASURER. THE PERSONS SO ELECTED ARE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS  
4 OF THE CORPORATION. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
5 GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP,  
6 AND MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR:

7 (a) ACTING ON APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, OR APPOINTING  
8 FROM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CO-OP ONE OR MORE MEMBERSHIP  
9 OFFICERS WHO MAY ACT ON APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP;

10 (b) SETTING POLICIES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH  
11 LOANS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS, AND DETERMINING INTEREST  
12 RATES ON LOANS AND ON DEPOSITS;

13 (c) FIXING THE AMOUNT OF THE BLANKET SURETY BOND THAT  
14 COVERS ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND ALL EMPLOYEES OF  
15 THE CO-OP. THE BLANKET SURETY BOND MUST BE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL  
16 TO THE ASSETS OF THE CO-OP AS OF DECEMBER 31 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR  
17 OR ONE MILLION DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, OR IN SUCH OTHER  
18 AMOUNT AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY PRESCRIBE.

19 (d) DECLARING DIVIDENDS AND, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE  
20 COMMISSIONER, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE CO-OP;

21 (e) DETERMINING WHEN ANY VACANCY EXISTS IN THE BOARD OF  
22 DIRECTORS OR IN THE CREDIT COMMITTEE, FILLING VACANCIES IN THE  
23 BOARD AND IN THE CREDIT COMMITTEE UNTIL SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED  
24 OR APPOINTED AND QUALIFY, AND APPOINTING ONE OR MORE ASSISTANT  
25 SECRETARIES OR TREASURERS OR BOTH, AS NEEDED; AND THE BOARD  
26 SHALL EMPLOY:

27 (I) AN OFFICER IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS WHOSE TITLE IS EITHER

1 PRESIDENT OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ACT AS GENERAL MANAGER  
2 AND WHO SHALL BE IN ACTIVE CHARGE OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CO-OP; AND

3 (II) A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER;

4 (f) DETERMINING THE MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL SHARE HOLDINGS IN  
5 THE CO-OP AND THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUAL LOANS THAT CAN  
6 BE MADE EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT SECURITY;

7 (g) HAVING CHARGE OF AND SUPERVISING INVESTMENTS OF CO-OP  
8 FUNDS;

9 (h) MAINTAINING RECORDS PURSUANT TO RULES PROMULGATED  
10 BY THE COMMISSIONER CONCERNING HOW LONG RECORDS MUST BE  
11 RETAINED AND IN WHAT MANNER;

12 (i) PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR NECESSARY CLERICAL AND  
13 AUDITING ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BY THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE AND  
14 OF LOAN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE CREDIT COMMITTEE, AND  
15 ESTABLISHING ANY SALARY TO BE PAID TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
16 PRESIDENT, OR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

17 (2) THE BYLAWS MUST DETERMINE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS;  
18 EXCEPT THAT THE TREASURER IS THE GENERAL MANAGER IF A GENERAL  
19 MANAGER HAS NOT BEEN EMPLOYED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (e) OF  
20 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

21 **11-33-114. Credit committee - credit officer.** THE CREDIT  
22 COMMITTEE OR CREDIT OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENERAL  
23 SUPERVISION OF ALL LOANS TO MEMBERS. APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS MUST  
24 BE ON A FORM APPROVED BY THE CREDIT COMMITTEE OR THE CREDIT  
25 OFFICER. AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT  
26 COMMITTEE OR THE CREDIT OFFICER MUST APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ALL  
27 LOANS; EXCEPT THAT THE CREDIT COMMITTEE OR THE CREDIT OFFICER



1 MAY APPOINT ONE OR MORE LOAN OFFICERS AND DELEGATE TO THE LOAN  
2 OFFICER THE POWER TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE LOANS THAT ARE WITHIN  
3 LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY THE CREDIT COMMITTEE OR THE CREDIT OFFICER.  
4 EACH LOAN OFFICER SHALL FURNISH TO THE CREDIT COMMITTEE OR THE  
5 CREDIT OFFICER A RECORD OF EACH LOAN APPLICATION RECEIVED BY THE  
6 LOAN OFFICER WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FILING OF THE  
7 APPLICATION. THE CREDIT COMMITTEE OR THE CREDIT OFFICE MAY  
8 CONSIDER ALL LOANS NOT APPROVED BY A LOAN OFFICER. A MEMBER OF  
9 THE CREDIT COMMITTEE SHALL NOT RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION AS A  
10 LOAN OFFICER OR BE EMPLOYED BY THE CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP IN ANY  
11 OTHER CAPACITY. A CREDIT OFFICER MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION IN  
12 CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES. THE CREDIT  
13 COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY AFTER DUE NOTICE TO  
14 EACH MEMBER. VACANCIES IN THE CREDIT COMMITTEE SHALL BE FILLED  
15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 11-33-113 (1) (e).

16 **11-33-115. Supervisory committee.** (1) THE SUPERVISORY  
17 COMMITTEE SHALL:

18 (a) MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE, A COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL  
19 AUDIT OF THE BOOKS AND AFFAIRS OF THE CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP AND  
20 SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT TO THE BOARD OF  
21 DIRECTORS AND A SUMMARY OF THAT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AT THE  
22 NEXT ANNUAL MEETING. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE  
23 MADE SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY AUDITS OR EXAMINATIONS AS IT DEEMS  
24 NECESSARY OR AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

25 (b) MAKE AN ANNUAL REPORT AND SUBMIT THE REPORT AT THE  
26 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS;

27 (c) BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE IF IT DEEMS THE

1 ACTION TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF THE CO-OP,  
2 TEMPORARILY SUSPEND AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE CO-OP OR A  
3 MEMBER OF THE CREDIT COMMITTEE, AND CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
4 THE MEMBERS OF THE CO-OP NOT LESS THAN SEVEN NOR MORE THAN  
5 FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE SUSPENSION TO TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE  
6 SUSPENSION. THE MEMBERS AT THE MEETING MAY SUSTAIN THE  
7 SUSPENSION AND REMOVE THE OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR MEMBER OF THE  
8 CREDIT COMMITTEE PERMANENTLY AND ELECT A SUCCESSOR THERETO FOR  
9 THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE OR MAY REINSTATE THE PERSON.

10 (d) ANNUALLY VERIFY, OR CAUSE TO BE VERIFIED, BY A RANDOM  
11 SAMPLING OR BY VERIFICATION OF ALL MEMBERS' ACCOUNTS, THE  
12 MEMBERS' SHARE, DEPOSIT, AND LOAN ACCOUNTS. THE VERIFICATION MAY  
13 BE OBTAINED BY EITHER SENDING OR CAUSING TO BE SENT A STATEMENT  
14 OF ACCOUNT TO EACH MEMBER OR BY SUCH MEANS AS MAY BE SPECIFIED  
15 BY THE COMMISSIONER.

16 (e) NOT LESS FREQUENTLY THAN TWICE ANNUALLY, OR AS  
17 OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER, EXAMINE THE CONTINUED  
18 ELIGIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER AND EXPEL EACH MEMBER THAT IS NO  
19 LONGER QUALIFIED TO BE A MEMBER.

20 (2) BY MAJORITY VOTE, THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE MAY CALL  
21 A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CO-OP TO CONSIDER A  
22 VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, RULES OF THE  
23 COMMISSIONER, THE BYLAWS, OR A RULE OR REQUIREMENT OF THE CO-OP,  
24 BY AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE, OR A MEMBER, THAT  
25 THE COMMITTEE DEEMS TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CO-OP. THE  
26 SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL FILL VACANCIES IN ITS OWN MEMBERSHIP  
27 UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CO-OP.

1           **11-33-116. Capital - no full faith and credit.** (1) THE CAPITAL  
2 OF A CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP CONSISTS OF THE PAYMENTS THAT HAVE  
3 BEEN MADE TO IT IN SHARES BY ITS MEMBERS. THE CO-OP HAS A LIEN ON  
4 THE SHARES AND DEPOSITS OF A MEMBER FOR ANY SUM DUE TO THE CO-OP  
5 FROM A MEMBER OR FOR ANY LOAN ENDORSED BY A MEMBER. A CO-OP  
6 MAY CHARGE AN ENTRANCE FEE AND AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE, BUT  
7 THE FEES MUST BE UNIFORM TO ALL MEMBERS.

8           **(2) THE DEPOSITS WITH AND CAPITAL OF A CO-OP ARE NOT BACKED**  
9 **BY THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.**

10           **11-33-117. Loans.** A CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP MAY MAKE LOANS  
11 TO MEMBERS SUBJECT TO THIS ARTICLE AND THE BYLAWS OF THE CO-OP.  
12 A BORROWER MAY REPAY A LOAN IN WHOLE OR IN PART ANY DAY THE  
13 OFFICE OF THE CO-OP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

14           **11-33-118. Reserves.** THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE  
15 RESERVES TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF MEMBERS BY GENERAL RULES. IN  
16 ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL RESERVES BY AN  
17 ORDER DIRECTED TO AN INDIVIDUAL CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP IN A SPECIAL  
18 CASE.

19           **11-33-119. Confidentiality.** (1) NEITHER THE COMMISSIONER,  
20 THE COMMISSIONER'S DEPUTY, NOR ANY OTHER PERSON APPOINTED BY THE  
21 COMMISSIONER SHALL DIVULGE ANY INFORMATION ACQUIRED IN THE  
22 DISCHARGE OF THE PERSON'S DUTIES; EXCEPT THAT:

23           (a) A PERSON SPECIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY PORTION TO THIS  
24 SUBSECTION (1) MAY DIVULGE INFORMATION ACQUIRED IN THE DISCHARGE  
25 OF THE PERSON'S DUTIES IF DOING SO IS MADE NECESSARY BY LAW OR  
26 UNDER ORDER OF COURT IN AN ACTION INVOLVING THE DIVISION OR IN  
27 CRIMINAL ACTIONS;

1 (b) THE COMMISSIONER MAY FURNISH INFORMATION AS TO THE  
2 CONDITION OF A CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP TO A LIQUIDATING AGENT  
3 APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER, A FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, THE  
4 DIVISION OF BANKING, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 REGULATORY AGENCIES, OR A DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION OF ANY OTHER  
6 STATE HAVING SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OVER MARIJUANA FINANCIAL  
7 SERVICES COOPERATIVES OR ANALOGOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND MAY  
8 ACCEPT ANY REPORT OF EXAMINATION MADE ON BEHALF OF THE  
9 LIQUIDATING AGENT, BANK, DEPARTMENT, OR DIVISION;

10 (c) THE COMMISSIONER MAY GIVE RECORDS OR INFORMATION IN  
11 THE COMMISSIONER'S POSSESSION TO A LICENSING AGENCY WITHIN THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 REVENUE RELATING TO POSSIBLE MISCONDUCT BY A PERSON OR ENTITY  
14 LICENSED BY THE AGENCY;

15 (d) (I) THE COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEES  
16 MAY EXCHANGE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE DIVISION AS TO POSSIBLE  
17 CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS OF ANY LAW RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF A  
18 CO-OP WITH THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND

19 (II) THE COMMISSIONER OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEES  
20 SHALL EXCHANGE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE DIVISION WITH THE  
21 APPROPRIATE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AS TO CRIMINAL  
22 VIOLATIONS OF ANY LAW RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF A CO-OP THAT  
23 THE COMMISSIONER REASONABLY BELIEVES HAVE OCCURRED; AND

24 (e) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE  
25 CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY DISCLOSE INFORMATION IN THE  
26 RECORDS OF THE DIVISION OR ACQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN THE  
27 DISCHARGE OF THE COMMISSIONER'S DUTIES THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH

1 HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
2 THE CO-OP TO WHICH THE INFORMATION RELATES. NOTHING IN THIS  
3 SECTION AUTHORIZES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A CO-OP TO WAIVE  
4 ANY PRIVILEGES THAT BELONG SOLELY TO THE COMMISSIONER, THE  
5 DIVISION, OR ITS EMPLOYEES.

6 **11-33-120. Dividends.** AT INTERVALS AND FOR PERIODS OF TIME  
7 THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY AUTHORIZE AND AFTER PROVISION  
8 FOR THE REQUIRED RESERVES, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A CANNABIS  
9 CREDIT CO-OP MAY DECLARE A DIVIDEND. DIVIDENDS MAY BE PAID AT  
10 VARIOUS RATES ON DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SHARES, AND DIVIDEND CREDIT  
11 MAY BE ACCRUED ON DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SHARES, AS DETERMINED BY  
12 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD SHALL NOT PAY DIVIDENDS IN  
13 EXCESS OF AVAILABLE EARNINGS.

14 **11-33-121. Expulsion or withdrawal of members.** (1) A  
15 MEMBER MAY WITHDRAW FROM A CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP AT ANY TIME,  
16 BUT THE BYLAWS MAY REQUIRE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE WITHDRAWAL.  
17 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY EXPEL A MEMBER FROM MEMBERSHIP IN  
18 A CO-OP IF THE MEMBER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE WRITTEN RULES AND  
19 POLICIES OF THE CO-OP AS ADOPTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE  
20 MEMBERSHIP.

21 (2) THE BOARD SHALL NOT EXPEL A MEMBER UNTIL THE BOARD  
22 INFORMS THE MEMBER IN WRITING OF THE REASONS FOR THE EXPULSION  
23 AND THE MEMBER HAS HAD REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

24 (3) THE CO-OP SHALL PAY TO AN EXPELLED OR WITHDRAWING  
25 MEMBER ALL AMOUNTS PAID ON SHARES OR AS DEPOSITS OF THE MEMBER,  
26 TOGETHER WITH ANY DIVIDENDS OR INTEREST ACCREDITED TO THE  
27 MEMBER, TO THE DATE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OR EXPULSION, AS FUNDS

1 BECOME AVAILABLE AND AFTER DEDUCTING ALL AMOUNTS DUE FROM THE  
2 MEMBER TO THE CO-OP. THE CO-OP MAY REQUIRE SIXTY DAYS' WRITTEN  
3 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW SHARES AND THIRTY DAYS' WRITTEN  
4 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW DEPOSITS. WITHDRAWING OR  
5 EXPELLED MEMBERS HAVE NO FURTHER RIGHTS IN THE CO-OP BUT ARE  
6 NOT, BY SUCH EXPULSION OR WITHDRAWAL, RELEASED FROM ANY  
7 REMAINING LIABILITY TO THE CO-OP.

8 **11-33-122. Suspension - liquidation - procedures.** (1) (a) (I) IF  
9 IT APPEARS THAT A CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP IS INSOLVENT, HAS  
10 WILLFULLY VIOLATED A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, OR IS OPERATING IN  
11 AN UNSAFE OR UNSOUND MANNER, THE COMMISSIONER:

12 (A) MAY ISSUE AN ORDER FOR THE CO-OP TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ITS  
13 OPERATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE INSOLVENCY,  
14 VIOLATION, OR MANNER OF OPERATION IS RECTIFIED; AND

15 (B) SHALL AFFORD THE CO-OP AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING  
16 NOT LESS THAN TEN DAYS NOR MORE THAN TWENTY DAYS AFTER  
17 ISSUANCE OF THE ORDER.

18 (II) THE ORDER MUST BE IN WRITING AND BE DELIVERED BY  
19 REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL.

20 (III) IF THE CO-OP FAILS TO ANSWER THE ORDER OR IF AN OFFICER  
21 OR DIRECTOR OF OR ATTORNEY FOR THE CO-OP FAILS TO APPEAR AT THE  
22 TIME SET FOR THE HEARING, THE COMMISSIONER MAY:

23 (A) REVOKE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE CO-OP,  
24 ORDER THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS OF THE CO-OP EXCEPT  
25 THE COLLECTION OF PAYMENTS ON OUTSTANDING LOANS OR OTHER  
26 OBLIGATIONS DUE THE CO-OP, OR BOTH; AND

27 (B) ENFORCE THE ORDER BY AN ACTION FILED IN THE DISTRICT

1 COURT OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE  
2 CO-OP IS LOCATED, SEEKING TO ENJOIN FURTHER OPERATIONS OR TO  
3 APPOINT A CONSERVATOR FOR THE CO-OP.

4 (b) (I) A CO-OP TO WHICH AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HAS BEEN  
5 ISSUED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) MAY:

6 (A) INCLUDE WITH ITS ANSWER OR PRESENT AT A HEARING  
7 RESULTING FROM THE ORDER ITS PROPOSED PLAN TO CONTINUE  
8 OPERATIONS AND RECTIFY THE INSOLVENCY, VIOLATION, OR MANNER OF  
9 OPERATION SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER; OR

10 (B) REQUEST THAT IT BE DISSOLVED AND LIQUIDATED AND THAT  
11 THE COMMISSIONER APPOINT A LIQUIDATING AGENT.

12 (II) A CO-OP MAY REQUEST A STAY OF EXECUTION OF AN ORDER OF  
13 THE COMMISSIONER REVOKING ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR  
14 SUSPENDING ITS OPERATIONS BY FILING AN ACTION IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
15 FOR THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CO-OP  
16 IS LOCATED WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE ORDER.

17 (c) IF THE COMMISSIONER REVOKES THE CHARTER OF A CO-OP, THE  
18 COMMISSIONER SHALL APPOINT A LIQUIDATING AGENT TO LIQUIDATE THE  
19 ASSETS OF THE CO-OP PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

20 (d) IF IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMISSIONER AN EMERGENCY  
21 EXISTS THAT MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS LOSSES TO THE MEMBERS, THE  
22 COMMISSIONER MAY REVOKE THE CHARTER OF A CO-OP AND IMMEDIATELY  
23 APPOINT A LIQUIDATING AGENT WITHOUT NOTICE OR A HEARING. THE  
24 COMMISSIONER SHALL POST NOTICE OF THE COMMISSIONER'S EMERGENCY  
25 DETERMINATION ON THE PREMISES OF THE CO-OP THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF  
26 THE DETERMINATION. WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER AN EMERGENCY  
27 DETERMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE CO-OP OR THE BOARD OF

1 DIRECTORS OF THE CO-OP MAY FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE COURT OF  
2 APPEALS. THE FILING OF AN APPEAL TO RESCIND A DETERMINATION DOES  
3 NOT STAY THE COMMISSIONER'S ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
4 (1). IF THE COURT FINDS THE COMMISSIONER'S ACTION WAS  
5 UNAUTHORIZED, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL RESCIND THE ACTION AND  
6 RESTORE THE CO-OP TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF THE CO-OP DOES NOT  
7 FILE AN APPEAL WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE COMMISSIONER'S  
8 EMERGENCY DETERMINATION, ALL ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSIONER  
9 IS FINAL.

10 (2) (a) THE COMMISSIONER MAY APPOINT HIMSELF OR HERSELF OR  
11 A THIRD PARTY AS CONSERVATOR OF A CO-OP AND IMMEDIATELY TAKE  
12 POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF THE BUSINESS AND ASSETS OF THE CO-OP IF  
13 THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT:

14 (I) SUCH ACTION IS NECESSARY TO CONSERVE THE ASSETS OF THE  
15 CO-OP OR TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF ITS MEMBERS FROM ACTS OR  
16 OMISSIONS OF THE EXISTING MANAGEMENT;

17 (II) THE CO-OP, BY A RESOLUTION OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
18 CONSENTS TO SUCH ACTION;

19 (III) THERE IS A WILLFUL VIOLATION OF A CEASE-AND-DESIST  
20 ORDER THAT RESULTS IN THE CO-OP BEING OPERATED IN AN UNSAFE OR  
21 UNSOUND MANNER; OR

22 (IV) THE CO-OP IS SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERCAPITALIZED AND HAS NO  
23 REASONABLE PROSPECT OF BECOMING ADEQUATELY CAPITALIZED.

24 (b) THE COMMISSIONER MAY APPOINT A CONSERVATOR AND TAKE  
25 IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE CO-OP WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE OR A  
26 HEARING; EXCEPT THAT, WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE CONSERVATOR IS  
27 APPOINTED, THE CO-OP MAY FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE COURT OF APPEALS



1 REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONER TO RESCIND THE COMMISSIONER'S  
2 APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR. THE FILING OF AN APPEAL DOES NOT  
3 STAY THE COMMISSIONER'S ACTION. IF THE COURT FINDS THE  
4 COMMISSIONER'S ACTION WAS UNAUTHORIZED, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
5 RESTORE CONTROL OF THE CO-OP TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF NO  
6 APPEAL IS FILED WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE COMMISSIONER'S  
7 APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR, THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE  
8 COMMISSIONER BECOMES FINAL.

9 (c) IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, UPON ORDER OF THE  
10 COMMISSIONER, A HEARING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
11 (2) IS EXEMPT FROM ANY PROVISION OF LAW REQUIRING THAT  
12 PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONER BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY.  
13 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR WHEN SPECIFIC CONCERN  
14 ARISES ABOUT PROMPT WITHDRAWAL OF MONEYS FROM THE CO-OP.

15 (d) THE CONSERVATOR HAS ALL THE POWERS OF THE MEMBERS,  
16 DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEES OF THE CO-OP AND IS  
17 AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE THE CO-OP IN ITS OWN NAME OR TO CONSERVE  
18 ITS ASSETS AS DIRECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER. THE CONSERVATOR  
19 SHALL CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE CO-OP AND MAKE REGULAR  
20 REPORTS TO THE COMMISSIONER UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER HAS  
21 DETERMINED THAT THE PURPOSES OF CONSERVATORSHIP HAVE BEEN  
22 ACCOMPLISHED AND THE CO-OP SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CONTROL  
23 OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALL COSTS INCIDENT TO THE  
24 CONSERVATORSHIP SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE ASSETS OF THE CO-OP. IF  
25 THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT THE PURPOSES OF THE  
26 CONSERVATORSHIP WILL NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED, THE COMMISSIONER MAY  
27 PROCEED WITH THE INVOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION OF THE CO-OP IN THE

1 MANNER DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

2 (e) IF A CONSERVATOR IS APPOINTED, AND IS OTHER THAN AN  
3 EMPLOYEE OF THE DIVISION, THE CONSERVATOR AND ANY ASSISTANTS  
4 SHALL PROVIDE A BOND, PAYABLE TO THE CO-OP AND EXECUTED BY A  
5 SURETY COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, THAT  
6 MEETS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER, FOR THE FAITHFUL  
7 DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSERVATORSHIP  
8 AND THE ACCOUNTING FOR ALL MONEYS COMING INTO THEIR HANDS. THE  
9 COST OF THE BOND SHALL BE PAID FROM THE ASSETS OF THE CO-OP. SUIT  
10 MAY BE MAINTAINED ON THE BOND BY A PERSON INJURED BY A BREACH OF  
11 THE CONDITIONS OF THE BOND. THIS REQUIREMENT MAY BE DEEMED MET  
12 IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT THE CO-OP'S FIDELITY BOND  
13 COVERS THE CONSERVATOR AND ANY ASSISTANTS.

14 (3) A CO-OP MAY BE VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVED AND LIQUIDATED  
15 UPON MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CO-OP AT A  
16 MEETING SPECIALLY CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OR AT THE ANNUAL  
17 MEETING WHERE NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION IS MAILED TO THE  
18 MEMBERS AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING. IN EITHER EVENT,  
19 A COPY OF THE NOTICE SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE COMMISSIONER NOT  
20 LESS THAN TEN DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING. A MEMBER OF A CO-OP MAY  
21 CAST A BALLOT FOR OR AGAINST THE DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION BY  
22 MAIL WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE MEETING. IF A MAJORITY OF THE  
23 MEMBERS VOTE IN FAVOR OF DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION, THE BOARD  
24 OF DIRECTORS, WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF VOTING, SHALL  
25 NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE ACTION AND SPECIFY THE NAMES AND  
26 ADDRESSES OF THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE CO-OP WHO WILL  
27 CONDUCT THE DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE CO-OP. UPON A

1 FAVORABLE VOTE, THE CO-OP SHALL CEASE TO DO BUSINESS EXCEPT FOR  
2 THE COLLECTION OF PAYMENTS ON OUTSTANDING LOANS OR OTHER  
3 OBLIGATIONS DUE THE CO-OP.

4 (4) UNDER ANY PROCEDURE TO DISSOLVE AND LIQUIDATE A CO-OP  
5 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE CO-OP CONTINUES IN EXISTENCE FOR THE  
6 PURPOSE OF DISCHARGING ITS DEBTS, COLLECTING AND DISTRIBUTING ITS  
7 ASSETS, AND DOING ALL ACTS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO WIND UP ITS  
8 BUSINESS, AND IT MAY SUE AND BE SUED FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ITS  
9 DEBTS AND OPERATIONS UNTIL ITS AFFAIRS ARE FULLY ADJUSTED IN  
10 LIQUIDATION. THE ASSETS OF THE CO-OP SHALL BE USED TO PAY: FIRST,  
11 THE EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO LIQUIDATION; AND SECOND, DEPOSIT  
12 ACCOUNTS. ANY REMAINING ASSETS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE  
13 MEMBERS PROPORTIONATELY TO THE SHARES HELD BY EACH MEMBER AS  
14 OF THE DATE OF DISSOLUTION.

15 (5) UPON THE LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALL ASSETS OF  
16 THE CO-OP THAT MAY BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTIBLE, THE  
17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR THE LIQUIDATING AGENT, AS THE CASE MAY BE,  
18 SHALL EXECUTE IN DUPLICATE A CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION,  
19 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, UPON WHICH DATE THE CO-OP CEASES  
20 TO EXIST, AND FILE THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

21 **11-33-123. Change in place of business.** A CANNABIS CREDIT  
22 CO-OP MAY CHANGE ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE OF  
23 THE COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY IN WHICH IT WAS PREVIOUSLY  
24 LOCATED UPON RECEIVING WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE  
25 COMMISSIONER. A CO-OP MAY CHANGE ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS WITHIN THE  
26 COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY IN WHICH IT WAS PREVIOUSLY LOCATED BY  
27 PROVIDING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE NEW ADDRESS AND THE EFFECTIVE

1 DATE OF THE CHANGE TO THE COMMISSIONER.

2 **11-33-124. Merger.** (1) THE METHOD OF MERGER OF TWO OR  
3 MORE CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OPS IS AS FOLLOWS:

4 (a) (I) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EACH MERGING CO-OP SHALL:

5 (A) APPROVE A PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED MERGER; AND

6 (B) AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH CO-OP TO ACT ON  
7 EACH CO-OP'S BEHALF TO BRING ABOUT THE MERGER.

8 (II) THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT THE  
9 COMMISSIONER DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

10 (b) UPON APPROVAL OF THE MERGER PLAN BY EACH BOARD OF  
11 DIRECTORS FOR EACH CO-OP INVOLVED IN THE TRANSACTION, THE CO-OPS  
12 SHALL SUBMIT THE MERGER PLAN, TOGETHER WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF  
13 EACH BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TO THE COMMISSIONER. IF THE  
14 COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT THE MERGER PLAN COMPLIES WITH THIS  
15 ARTICLE AND ANY APPLICABLE RULES, THE COMMISSIONER MAY APPROVE  
16 THE MERGER PLAN, SUBJECT TO SUCH OTHER SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AS  
17 MAY BE PRESCRIBED TO FULFILL THE INTENDED PURPOSES OF THE  
18 PROPOSED MERGER.

19 (c) THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF EACH CO-OP INVOLVED SHALL  
20 CALL A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH CO-OP INVOLVED FOR THE  
21 PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A MERGER. THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS SHALL  
22 GIVE NOTICE OF THE MEETING, INCLUDING PURPOSE, DATE, TIME, PLACE,  
23 AND BALLOT OF THE MERGER PLAN, TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP. AT THE  
24 MEETING, AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING  
25 MUST APPROVE THE PROPOSED MERGER. IF ANY MEMBER APPROVES OR  
26 DISAPPROVES THE MERGER BY RETURNING A BALLOT, SIGNED BY THE  
27 MEMBER, TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CO-OP AT OR BEFORE THE MEETING,

1 THE BALLOT FOR ALL PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION IS EQUIVALENT TO THE  
2 VOTE OF THE MEMBER AT THE MEETING, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE  
3 MEMBER IS NOT THEN PRESENT.

4 (2) UPON APPROVAL OF THE MERGER BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
5 CO-OP, THE MERGER SHALL BE CONSUMMATED IN THE FOLLOWING  
6 MANNER:

7 (a) THE DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH CO-OP  
8 SHALL EXECUTE, IN DUPLICATE, A CERTIFICATE OF MERGER STATING:

9 (I) THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EACH CO-OP HAS APPROVED  
10 THE MERGER;

11 (II) THAT AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF  
12 EACH MERGING CO-OP HAVE APPROVED THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF  
13 THE PROPOSED MERGER AT A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS CALLED FOR THAT  
14 PURPOSE; AND

15 (III) THE NAME AND LOCATION OF THE CONTINUING CO-OP.

16 (b) THE CONTINUING CO-OP SHALL PREPARE AND ADOPT ANY  
17 BYLAW AMENDMENTS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD, CONSISTENT WITH THIS  
18 ARTICLE, AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENTS IN DUPLICATE.

19 (c) THE CONTINUING BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL FILE THE  
20 CERTIFICATE PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)  
21 AND ANY REQUIRED BYLAW AMENDMENTS, BOTH EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE,  
22 TO THE COMMISSIONER.

23 (3) IF THE COMMISSIONER APPROVES THE CERTIFICATE AND BYLAW  
24 AMENDMENTS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SO NOTIFY THE  
25 REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL,  
26 ATTACH IT TO THE DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, AND RETURN  
27 THEM TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTICIPATING CO-OPS TOGETHER

1 WITH THE DUPLICATE OF THE BYLAW AMENDMENTS.

2 (4) THE CONTINUING CO-OP SHALL FILE THE DUPLICATE OF THE  
3 CERTIFICATE OF MERGER WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S CERTIFICATE OF  
4 APPROVAL ATTACHED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHO SHALL MAKE  
5 A RECORD OF THE CERTIFICATE AND RETURN IT, WITH THE SECRETARY'S  
6 CERTIFICATE OF RECORD ATTACHED, TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR  
7 PERMANENT RECORD. THE FEE FOR THE FILING SHALL BE DETERMINED AND  
8 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-21-104 (3), C.R.S.

9 (5) UPON COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS  
10 (1) TO (4) OF THIS SECTION, THE PARTICIPATING CO-OPS ARE MERGED, AND  
11 THE CONTINUING CO-OP SHALL TAKE OVER THE ASSETS AND ASSUME ALL  
12 THE LIABILITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING CO-OPS.

13 **11-33-125. Taxation.** A CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP IS NOT  
14 TAX-EXEMPT AND IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION AS PROVIDED BY FEDERAL,  
15 STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS.

16 **11-33-126. Compliance with federal requirements - due**  
17 **diligence.** (1) EACH CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL  
18 APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING:

19 (a) THE FEDERAL "BANK SECRECY ACT", 12 U.S.C. SEC. 1951 ET  
20 SEQ.;

21 (b) THE REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN A DUE DILIGENCE PROGRAM  
22 PURSUANT TO 31 CFR 1020.610;

23 (c) THE REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH A CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION  
24 POLICY PURSUANT TO 31 CFR 1020.220; AND

25 (d) THE REQUIREMENT TO FILE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS  
26 PURSUANT TO 31 CFR SEC. 1020.320.

27 (2) EACH CO-OP SHALL:

1 (a) CONDUCT DUE DILIGENCE WITH REGARD TO THE ACTIVITIES OF  
2 ITS MEMBERS SO AS TO PREVENT:

3 (I) THE DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA TO MINORS;

4 (II) REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF MARIJUANA FROM GOING TO  
5 CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES, GANGS, AND CARTELS;

6 (III) THE DIVERSION OF MARIJUANA FROM STATES WHERE IT IS  
7 LEGAL UNDER STATE LAW IN SOME FORM TO OTHER STATES;

8 (IV) STATE-AUTHORIZED MARIJUANA ACTIVITY FROM BEING USED  
9 AS A COVER OR PRETEXT FOR THE TRAFFICKING OF OTHER ILLEGAL DRUGS  
10 OR OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITY;

11 (V) VIOLENCE AND THE USE OF FIREARMS IN THE CULTIVATION  
12 AND DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA;

13 (VI) DRUGGED DRIVING AND THE EXACERBATION OF OTHER  
14 ADVERSE PUBLIC HEALTH CONSEQUENCES ASSOCIATED WITH MARIJUANA  
15 USE;

16 (VII) THE GROWING OF MARIJUANA ON PUBLIC LANDS AND THE  
17 ATTENDANT PUBLIC SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DANGERS POSED BY  
18 MARIJUANA PRODUCTION ON PUBLIC LANDS; AND

19 (VIII) MARIJUANA POSSESSION OR USE ON FEDERAL PROPERTY;  
20 AND

21 (b) FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT WITH THE COMMISSIONER REGARDING  
22 ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THIS  
23 SECTION.

24 (3) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REVOKE THE CHARTER OF A CO-OP  
25 THAT VIOLATES ANY OF THE LAWS OR DUE DILIGENCE REQUIREMENTS  
26 SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

27 **11-33-127. Reports - suspicious transactions. (1) General.**

1 (a) (I) EVERY CO-OP SHALL FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER, TO THE  
2 EXTENT AND IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, A REPORT OF  
3 ANY SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTION RELEVANT TO A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF  
4 LAW, RULE, OR FEDERAL REGULATION.

5 (II) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A TRANSACTION OR CONDUCT  
6 THAT IS ILLEGAL OR A VIOLATION OF LAW SOLELY BECAUSE MARIJUANA IS  
7 A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UNDER FEDERAL LAW IS NOT SUBJECT TO  
8 BEING REPORTED.

9 (b) A CO-OP SHALL REPORT A TRANSACTION IF IT IS CONDUCTED OR  
10 ATTEMPTED BY, AT, OR THROUGH THE CO-OP, IT INVOLVES OR  
11 AGGREGATES AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FUNDS OR OTHER  
12 ASSETS, AND THE CO-OP KNOWS, SUSPECTS, OR HAS REASON TO SUSPECT  
13 THAT:

14 (I) THE TRANSACTION INVOLVES FUNDS DERIVED FROM ILLEGAL  
15 ACTIVITIES OR IS INTENDED OR CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO HIDE OR DISGUISE  
16 FUNDS OR ASSETS DERIVED FROM ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AS PART OF A PLAN  
17 TO VIOLATE OR EVADE ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW OR REGULATION OR  
18 TO AVOID ANY TRANSACTION REPORTING REQUIREMENT UNDER FEDERAL  
19 OR STATE LAW OR REGULATION;

20 (II) THE TRANSACTION IS DESIGNED TO EVADE ANY REQUIREMENTS  
21 OF THIS ARTICLE, A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, THE  
22 FEDERAL "BANK SECRECY ACT", 12 U.S.C. SEC. 1951 ET SEQ., OR A  
23 REGULATION PROMULGATED UNDER THE FEDERAL "BANK SECRECY ACT";  
24 OR

25 (III) THE TRANSACTION HAS NO BUSINESS OR APPARENT LAWFUL  
26 PURPOSE OR IS NOT THE SORT IN WHICH THE PARTICULAR MEMBER WOULD  
27 NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO ENGAGE, AND THE CO-OP KNOWS OF NO



1 REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR THE TRANSACTION AFTER EXAMINING THE  
2 AVAILABLE FACTS, INCLUDING THE BACKGROUND AND POSSIBLE PURPOSE  
3 OF THE TRANSACTION.

4 (2) **Filing procedures.** (a) **What to file.** A CO-OP SHALL REPORT  
5 A SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTION BY COMPLETING A SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTION  
6 REPORT, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS AN STR, AND COLLECTING AND  
7 MAINTAINING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION  
8 (4) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (b) **When to file.** A CO-OP SHALL FILE AN STR NO LATER THAN  
10 THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF INITIAL DETECTION BY THE  
11 CO-OP OF FACTS THAT MAY CONSTITUTE A BASIS FOR FILING AN STR. IF NO  
12 SUSPECT WAS IDENTIFIED ON THE DATE OF THE DETECTION OF THE  
13 INCIDENT REQUIRING THE FILING, A CO-OP MAY DELAY FILING AN STR FOR  
14 AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS TO IDENTIFY A SUSPECT. IN NO  
15 CASE MAY A CO-OP DELAY REPORTING FOR MORE THAN SIXTY CALENDAR  
16 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF INITIAL DETECTION OF A REPORTABLE  
17 TRANSACTION. IN SITUATIONS INVOLVING VIOLATIONS THAT REQUIRE  
18 IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, ONGOING  
19 MONEY-LAUNDERING SCHEMES, THE CO-OP SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY,  
20 BY TELEPHONE, AN APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY IN  
21 ADDITION TO FILING TIMELY AN STR.

22 (3) **Exceptions.** A CO-OP IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN STR FOR A  
23 ROBBERY OR BURGLARY COMMITTED OR ATTEMPTED THAT IS REPORTED  
24 TO APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES OR FOR LOST, MISSING,  
25 COUNTERFEIT, OR STOLEN SECURITIES WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE CO-OP  
26 FILES A REPORT PURSUANT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF 17 CFR  
27 240.17f-1.

1           (4) **Retention of records.** A CO-OP SHALL MAINTAIN A COPY OF  
2 EACH STR FILED AND THE ORIGINAL OR BUSINESS RECORD EQUIVALENT OF  
3 ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AFTER  
4 THE DATE OF FILING THE STR. THE CO-OP SHALL IDENTIFY SUPPORTING  
5 DOCUMENTATION AND MAINTAIN THE DOCUMENTATION AS SUCH, WHICH  
6 DOCUMENTATION SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE STR.  
7 UPON REQUEST, A CO-OP SHALL MAKE ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION  
8 AVAILABLE TO:

- 9           (a) THE COMMISSIONER;
- 10          (b) ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;
- 11          (c) ANY FEDERAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY THAT EXAMINES THE  
12 CO-OP FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL "BANK SECRECY ACT"; OR
- 13          (d) ANY STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY ADMINISTERING A STATE  
14 LAW THAT REQUIRES THE CO-OP TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL "BANK  
15 SECRECY ACT" OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZES THE STATE AUTHORITY TO  
16 ENSURE THAT THE CO-OP COMPLIES WITH THE FEDERAL "BANK SECRECY  
17 ACT".

18           (5) **Confidentiality of STRs.** (a) AN STR AND ANY INFORMATION  
19 THAT WOULD REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF AN STR ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND  
20 SHALL NOT BE DISCLOSED EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5).  
21 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) ONLY, AN STR INCLUDES ANY  
22 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORT FILED WITH THE FEDERAL FINANCIAL  
23 ENFORCEMENT NETWORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
24 PURSUANT TO ANY REGULATION IN CHAPTER X OF SUBTITLE B OF TITLE 31  
25 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

26           (b) **Prohibition on disclosures by co-ops.** (I) **General rule.** A  
27 CO-OP AND A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF ANY CO-OP

1 SHALL NOT DISCLOSE AN STR OR ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD REVEAL  
2 THE EXISTENCE OF AN STR. ANY CO-OP, AND ANY DIRECTOR, OFFICER,  
3 EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF ANY CO-OP THAT IS SUBPOENAED OR OTHERWISE  
4 REQUESTED TO DISCLOSE AN STR OR ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD  
5 REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF AN STR, SHALL DECLINE TO PRODUCE THE STR  
6 OR SUCH INFORMATION, CITING THIS SECTION, 31 U.S.C. SEC. 5318 (g) (2)  
7 (A) (i), AND 31 CFR 1020.320, AND SHALL NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER OF  
8 ANY SUCH REQUEST AND THE RESPONSE THERETO.

9 (II) **Rules of construction.** SO LONG AS NONE OF THE PERSONS  
10 INVOLVED IN A REPORTED SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTION IS NOTIFIED THAT THE  
11 TRANSACTION HAS BEEN REPORTED, THIS PARAGRAPH (b) DOES NOT  
12 PROHIBIT:

13 (A) TO THE FULL EXTENT AUTHORIZED IN 31 U.S.C. SEC. 5318 (g)  
14 (2) (B), THE DISCLOSURE BY A CO-OP OR BY A DIRECTOR, OFFICER,  
15 EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF A CO-OP, OF AN STR OR ANY INFORMATION THAT  
16 WOULD REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF AN STR, TO: THE COMMISSIONER OR  
17 ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; A FEDERAL  
18 REGULATORY AUTHORITY THAT EXAMINES THE CO-OP FOR COMPLIANCE  
19 WITH THE FEDERAL "BANK SECRECY ACT"; OR A STATE REGULATORY  
20 AUTHORITY ADMINISTERING A STATE LAW THAT REQUIRES THE CO-OP TO  
21 COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL "BANK SECRECY ACT" OR OTHERWISE  
22 AUTHORIZES THE STATE AUTHORITY TO ENSURE THAT THE CO-OP  
23 COMPLIES WITH THE "BANK SECRECY ACT". IN ADDITION, THE CO-OP AND  
24 ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS MAY DISCLOSE THE  
25 UNDERLYING FACTS, TRANSACTIONS, AND DOCUMENTS UPON WHICH AN  
26 STR IS BASED TO ANOTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, OR A DIRECTOR,  
27 OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, FOR THE

1 PREPARATION OF A JOINT STR OR IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN  
2 EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES OR TERMINATION NOTICES, TO THE FULL  
3 EXTENT AUTHORIZED IN 31 U.S.C. SEC. 5318 (g) (2) (B).

4 (B) THE SHARING BY A CO-OP, OR ANY DIRECTOR, OFFICER,  
5 EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE CO-OP, OF AN STR, OR ANY INFORMATION  
6 THAT WOULD REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF AN STR, WITHIN THE CO-OP'S  
7 CORPORATE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT  
8 WITH TITLE II OF THE FEDERAL "BANK SECRECY ACT" AS DETERMINED BY  
9 FEDERAL REGULATION OR IN GUIDANCE.

10 (c) **Prohibition on disclosures by government authorities.** A  
11 FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TERRITORIAL, OR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT  
12 AUTHORITY AND ANY DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF A  
13 FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TERRITORIAL, OR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SHALL  
14 NOT DISCLOSE AN STR, OR ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD REVEAL THE  
15 EXISTENCE OF AN STR, EXCEPT AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL OFFICIAL  
16 DUTIES CONSISTENT WITH TITLE II OF THE FEDERAL "BANK SECRECY  
17 ACT". FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "OFFICIAL DUTIES" DO NOT  
18 INCLUDE THE DISCLOSURE OF AN STR, OR ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD  
19 REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF AN STR, IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR  
20 DISCLOSURE OF NONPUBLIC INFORMATION OR A REQUEST FOR USE IN A  
21 PRIVATE LEGAL PROCEEDING, INCLUDING A REQUEST PURSUANT TO 31  
22 CFR 1.11.

23 (6) **Limitation on liability.** A CO-OP AND ANY DIRECTOR, OFFICER,  
24 EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF ANY CO-OP, THAT MAKES A VOLUNTARY  
25 DISCLOSURE OF ANY POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF LAW, RULE, OR FEDERAL  
26 REGULATION TO A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR MAKES A DISCLOSURE  
27 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER AUTHORITY, INCLUDING A

1 DISCLOSURE MADE JOINTLY WITH ANOTHER INSTITUTION, IS PROTECTED  
2 FROM LIABILITY TO ANY PERSON FOR ANY SUCH DISCLOSURE OR FOR  
3 FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF SUCH DISCLOSURE TO ANY PERSON  
4 IDENTIFIED IN THE DISCLOSURE, OR BOTH, TO THE FULL EXTENT PROVIDED  
5 BY 31 U.S.C. SEC. 5318 (g) (3).

6 (7) **Compliance.** THE COMMISSIONER SHALL EXAMINE CO-OPS FOR  
7 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

8 **11-33-128. Repeal of article - review.** (1) THIS ARTICLE IS  
9 REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020. UPON REPEAL OF THIS  
10 ARTICLE, EACH CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OP SHALL IMMEDIATELY CEASE ITS  
11 OPERATION AND TAKE PRUDENT AND NECESSARY STEPS TO DISSOLVE.  
12 EACH CO-OP SHALL COMPLETE ITS DISSOLUTION BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

13 (2) PRIOR TO THE REPEAL OF THIS ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 REGULATORY AGENCIES SHALL CONDUCT A SUNSET REVIEW OF THE  
15 COMMISSIONER'S REGULATION OF CANNABIS CREDIT CO-OPS AS DESCRIBED  
16 IN SECTION 24-34-104 (8), C.R.S.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.3-401, **amend**  
18 (3) as follows:

19 **12-43.3-401. Classes of licenses.** (3) A state chartered bank or a  
20 credit union may loan money to any person licensed pursuant to this  
21 article for the operation of a licensed business. A MARIJUANA FINANCIAL  
22 SERVICES COOPERATIVE ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 33 OF TITLE  
23 11, C.R.S., MAY ACCEPT AS A MEMBER, LOAN MONEY TO, AND ACCEPT  
24 DEPOSITS FROM ANY ENTITY LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE FOR  
25 THE OPERATION OF A LICENSED BUSINESS.

26 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-4-102, **amend** (2)  
27 (kk); and **add** (2) (ll) as follows:

1           **13-4-102. Jurisdiction.** (2) The court of appeals has initial  
2 jurisdiction to:

3           (kk) Review all final actions and orders appropriate for judicial  
4 review of the director of the division of professions and occupations in  
5 the department of regulatory agencies, as provided in section  
6 12-40.5-110, C.R.S.; AND

7           (II) REVIEW ALL FINAL ACTIONS AND ORDERS APPROPRIATE FOR  
8 JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE STATE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
9 AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 11-33-109 (4) AND 11-33-122 (1) (d) AND (2)  
10 (b), C.R.S.

11           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**  
12 (51.5) (h) as follows:

13           **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
14 **and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.**

15 (51.5) The following agencies, functions, or both, terminate on  
16 September 1, 2020:

17           (h) THE REGULATION OF MARIJUANA FINANCIAL SERVICES  
18 COOPERATIVES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 33 OF TITLE 11, C.R.S.

19           **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-28.8-501, **amend**  
20 **as added by Senate Bill 14-215** (2) (b) (XI) and (2) (b) (XII); and **add**  
21 (2) (b) (XIII) as follows:

22           **39-28.8-501. Marijuana tax cash fund - creation - distribution.**

23 (2) (b) Subject to the limitations in subsection (5) of this section, any  
24 moneys in the fund that are not appropriated to the department of revenue  
25 pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) are subject to annual  
26 appropriation by the general assembly for any fiscal year following the  
27 fiscal year in which they were received by the state. The general assembly

1 shall initially appropriate moneys in the fund based on the most recent  
2 estimate of revenue prepared by the staff of the legislative council or the  
3 department of revenue for the applicable fiscal year. The general  
4 assembly may appropriate moneys in the fund for the following purposes:

5 (XI) To expand the provision of jail-based behavioral health  
6 services in underserved counties and to enhance the provision of  
7 jail-based behavioral health services to offenders transitioning from jail  
8 to the community to ensure continuity of care; and

9 (XII) For the provision of substance use disorder treatment  
10 services for adolescents and pregnant women; AND

11 (XIII) FOR THE START-UP EXPENSES OF THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL  
12 SERVICES RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF MARIJUANA FINANCIAL  
13 SERVICES COOPERATIVES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 33 OF TITLE 11, C.R.S.,  
14 AND UNTIL THE STATE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES FIRST  
15 COLLECTS ASSESSMENTS ON SUCH COOPERATIVES.

16 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** (1) In addition to any other  
17 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
18 marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501, Colorado Revised  
19 Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of regulatory  
20 agencies, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$50,000,  
21 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be allocated for the  
22 implementation of this act as follows:

23 (a) \$35,427 to the division of financial services for stakeholder  
24 workgroup expenses; and

25 (b) \$14,573 to the executive director's office and administrative  
26 services for the purchase of legal services.

27 (2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby

1 appropriated to the department of law, for the fiscal year beginning July  
2 1, 2014, the sum of \$14,573, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for  
3 the provision of legal services for the department of regulatory agencies  
4 related to the implementation of this act. Said sum is from reappropriated  
5 funds received from the department of regulatory agencies out of the  
6 appropriation made in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section.

7 **SECTION 7. Appropriation.** (1) In addition to any other  
8 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
9 general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of regulatory  
10 agencies, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$50,000,  
11 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be allocated for the  
12 implementation of this act as follows:

13 (a) \$35,427 to the division of financial services for stakeholder  
14 workgroup expenses; and

15 (b) \$14,573 to the executive director's office and administrative  
16 services for the purchase of legal services.

17 (2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby  
18 appropriated to the department of law, for the fiscal year beginning July  
19 1, 2014, the sum of \$14,573, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for  
20 the provision of legal services for the department of regulatory agencies  
21 related to the implementation of this act. Said sum is from reappropriated  
22 funds received from the department of regulatory agencies out of the  
23 appropriation made in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section.

24 **SECTION 8. Effective date - applicability.** (1) This act takes  
25 effect upon passage, except that:

26 (a) Sections 5 and 6 of this act take effect only if Senate Bill  
27 14-215 becomes law and sections 5 and 6 take effect on the effective date



1 of this act or Senate Bill 14-215, whichever is later;

2 (b) Section 7 of this act takes effect only if Senate Bill 14-215 does  
3 not become law and section 7 takes effect on the effective date of this act;

4 and

5 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after said date.

6 **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.