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**SENATE BILL 15-260**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCT TESTING.**

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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>.)*

Currently the retail marijuana code requires that retail marijuana be tested. The bill requires similar testing for medical marijuana. The bill states that testing will not begin until a marijuana laboratory testing reference library is created and licensees are set up for proficiency standards and tests. The bill creates a medical marijuana testing facility license.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.3-202, **add**  
3 (2.5) as follows:

4 **12-43.3-202. Powers and duties of state licensing authority -**  
5 **rules.** (2.5) (a) RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF  
6 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE  
7 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

8 (I) (A) ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL  
9 MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS INDEPENDENT TESTING AND  
10 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSEES, WITHIN AN  
11 IMPLEMENTATION TIME FRAME, REQUIRING LICENSEES TO TEST MEDICAL  
12 MARIJUANA TO ENSURE, AT A MINIMUM, THAT PRODUCTS SOLD FOR HUMAN  
13 CONSUMPTION DO NOT CONTAIN CONTAMINANTS THAT ARE INJURIOUS TO  
14 HEALTH AND TO ENSURE CORRECT LABELING;

15 (B) TESTING MAY INCLUDE ANALYSIS FOR MICROBIAL AND  
16 RESIDUAL SOLVENTS AND CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS  
17 DEEMED TO BE PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT  
18 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT BASED ON MEDICAL REPORTS AND  
19 PUBLISHED SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE;

20 (C) IN THE EVENT THAT TEST RESULTS INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF  
21 QUANTITIES OF ANY SUBSTANCE DETERMINED TO BE INJURIOUS TO  
22 HEALTH, THE LICENSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY QUARANTINE THE PRODUCTS  
23 AND NOTIFY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY. THE LICENSEE SHALL  
24 DOCUMENT AND PROPERLY DESTROY THE ADULTERATED PRODUCT.

25 (D) TESTING SHALL ALSO VERIFY THC POTENCY  
26 REPRESENTATIONS AND HOMOGENEITY FOR CORRECT LABELING AND  
27 PROVIDE A CANNABINOID PROFILE FOR THE MARIJUANA PRODUCT;

1 (E) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE AN  
2 ACCEPTABLE VARIANCE FOR POTENCY REPRESENTATIONS AND  
3 PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS POTENCY MISREPRESENTATIONS; AND

4 (F) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE THE  
5 PROTOCOLS AND FREQUENCY OF MARIJUANA TESTING BY LICENSEES.

6 (b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
7 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE STATE LICENSING  
8 AUTHORITY STANDARDS FOR LICENSING LABORATORIES PURSUANT TO THE  
9 REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF  
10 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.5) FOR  
11 MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS.

12 (c) MANDATORY MEDICAL MARIJUANA TESTING SHALL NOT BEGIN  
13 UNTIL A MARIJUANA LABORATORY TESTING REFERENCE LIBRARY IS  
14 CREATED AND LICENSEES ARE SET UP FOR PROFICIENCY TESTS AND  
15 STANDARDS.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.3-401, **amend**  
17 (1) (c); and **add** (1) (c.5) as follows:

18 **12-43.3-401. Classes of licenses.** (1) For the purpose of  
19 regulating the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of medical  
20 marijuana, the state licensing authority in its discretion, upon application  
21 in the prescribed form made to it, may issue and grant to the applicant a  
22 license from any of the following classes, subject to the provisions and  
23 restrictions provided by this article:

24 (c) Medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing license;  
25 **and**

26 (c.5) MEDICAL MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITY LICENSE; AND

27 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.3-402, **amend**

1 (6) as follows:

2 **12-43.3-402. Medical marijuana center license.** (6) A medical  
3 marijuana center may provide, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION  
4 12-43.3-202 (2.5) (a) (I), a sample of its products to a ~~laboratory that has~~  
5 ~~an occupational license~~ FACILITY THAT HAS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
6 TESTING FACILITY LICENSE from the state licensing authority for testing  
7 and research purposes. ~~The laboratory may develop, test, and produce~~  
8 ~~medical marijuana-based products. The laboratory may contract method~~  
9 ~~or product development with a licensed medical marijuana center or~~  
10 ~~licensed medical marijuana infused-product manufacturer. The state~~  
11 ~~licensing authority shall promulgate rules pursuant to its authority in~~  
12 ~~section 12-43.3-202 (1) (b) related to acceptable testing and research~~  
13 ~~practices, including but not limited to testing, standards, quality control~~  
14 ~~analysis, equipment certification and calibration, and chemical~~  
15 ~~identification and other substances used in bona fide research methods.~~  
16 ~~A laboratory that has an occupational license from the state licensing~~  
17 ~~authority for testing purposes shall not have any interest in a licensed~~  
18 ~~medical marijuana center or a licensed medical marijuana-infused~~  
19 ~~products manufacturer. A MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTER SHALL MAINTAIN~~  
20 ~~A RECORD OF WHAT WAS PROVIDED TO THE TESTING FACILITY, THE~~  
21 ~~IDENTITY OF THE TESTING FACILITY, AND THE RESULTS OF THE TESTING.~~

22 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.3-404, **amend**  
23 (10) as follows:

24 **12-43.3-404. Medical marijuana-infused products**  
25 **manufacturing license.** (10) A medical marijuana-infused products  
26 manufacturer may provide, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 12-43.3-202  
27 (2.5) (a) (I), a sample of its products to a ~~laboratory that has an~~

1 ~~occupational license~~ FACILITY THAT HAS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TESTING  
2 FACILITY LICENSE from the state licensing authority for testing and  
3 research purposes. ~~The state licensing authority shall promulgate rules~~  
4 ~~pursuant to its authority in section 12-43.3-202 (1) (b) related to~~  
5 ~~acceptable testing and research practices. A laboratory that has an~~  
6 ~~occupational license from the state licensing authority for testing~~  
7 ~~purposes shall not have any interest in a licensed medical marijuana~~  
8 ~~center or a licensed medical marijuana-infused products manufacturer. A~~  
9 MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER SHALL MAINTAIN A  
10 RECORD OF WHAT WAS PROVIDED TO THE TESTING FACILITY, THE IDENTITY  
11 OF THE TESTING FACILITY, AND THE RESULTS OF THE TESTING.

12           **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-43.3-405 as  
13 follows:

14           **12-43.3-405. Medical marijuana testing facility license - rules.**

15 (1) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITY LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO  
16 A PERSON WHO PERFORMS TESTING AND RESEARCH ON MEDICAL  
17 MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSEES. THE FACILITY MAY  
18 DEVELOP AND TEST MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS.

19 (2) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES  
20 PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY IN SECTION 12-43.3-202 (1) (b) RELATED TO  
21 ACCEPTABLE TESTING AND RESEARCH PRACTICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
22 LIMITED TO TESTING, STANDARDS, QUALITY CONTROL ANALYSIS,  
23 EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION AND CALIBRATION, AND CHEMICAL  
24 IDENTIFICATION AND OTHER SUBSTANCES USED IN BONA FIDE RESEARCH  
25 METHODS.

26 (3) A PERSON WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN A MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
27 TESTING FACILITY LICENSE FROM THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR

1 TESTING PURPOSES SHALL NOT HAVE ANY INTEREST IN A LICENSED  
2 MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTER, A LICENSED OPTIONAL PREMISES  
3 CULTIVATION OPERATION, A LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA-INFUSED  
4 PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER, A LICENSED RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE, A  
5 LICENSED RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY, OR A LICENSED  
6 RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER. A PERSON THAT HAS AN  
7 INTEREST IN A LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTER, A LICENSED  
8 OPTIONAL PREMISES CULTIVATION OPERATION, A LICENSED MEDICAL  
9 MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER, A LICENSED RETAIL  
10 MARIJUANA STORE, A LICENSED RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION  
11 FACILITY, OR A LICENSED RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER  
12 SHALL NOT HAVE AN INTEREST IN A FACILITY THAT HAS A MEDICAL  
13 MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITY LICENSE.

14           **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
15 takes effect July 1, 2016; except that, if a referendum petition is filed  
16 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this  
17 act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act,  
18 item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people  
19 at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case,  
20 will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon  
21 by the governor.