



State and Local Government Finance and Policy: HF4757

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The goal of our legislative recommendations is to strengthen the underlying foundation of Chapter 342 and to build upon the intent of last year's legislation as developed together by legislators and advocates.

State and Local Government Proposals

Legislative Recommendations:

1. Changes to Office Structure
2. Improvements to the Application and Licensing Process

Changes to Office Structure

1. Accelerate the transition of temporary hemp-derived enforcement from the Department of Health to the Office of Cannabis Management to July 1, 2024
 - Transitions the temporary regulatory authority of 151.72 from MDH to OCM
 - Transitions OMC's hemp-derived enforcement employees to OCM
2. Modify the Division of Medical Cannabis structure
3. Align the authority of the OCM Director with sister state agencies

Improvements to Application and Licensing Process

1. Clarifies order of operations in application and licensing process
2. Clarifies role of local government and the retail registration process

Improvements to Application and Licensing Process - 1

Clarifies order of operations in application and licensing process

- Provides clearer information to local partners
- Maintains requirement to abide by local ordinances in both preapproval and general licensing phases
- Prevents bottlenecks and delays

Improvements to Application and Licensing Process - 2

Clarifies role of local government and the retail registration process

- Aligns the process with the consolidation of license types and the use of a retail endorsement
- Aligns the authority of local compliance checks with local ordinances
- Creates distinction between enforcement of Chapter 342 regulations and local ordinances for state inspectors and local inspectors
- Maintains age verification checks and local authority regarding threats to health and safety of the public

Thank You!

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