

Subject Amending provisions governing medical cannabis combination businesses

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Overview

Medical cannabis combination businesses are cannabis businesses who primarily participate in the medical cannabis program but can also participate in the adult-use market. State law requires those businesses to remain active in the medical market and use at least two-thirds of the cannabis the company grows for medical purposes.

This bill would clarify some actions these businesses can take, authorize those businesses to transport and deliver cannabis to other businesses and customers, establish a mechanism to increase the amount of cannabis the business can cultivate, and amend the ways in which continued participation in the medical market must be measured.

Summary

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| 1 | Authorized actions. |
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Amends the list of authorized actions a medical cannabis combination business license allows a business to perform. Authorizes the business to manufacture certain products for sale to other businesses, transport and deliver those items to other businesses and customers, and sell certain products to other businesses.

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| 2 | Cultivation; size limitations. |
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Increases the maximum space that a medical cannabis combination business can cultivate from 60,000 square feet to 90,000 square feet. Authorizes medical cannabis combination businesses to request an increase in the maximum area that can be cultivated and requires the Office of Cannabis Management to grant a request under certain circumstances.

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| 3 | <p>Failure to participate; suspension or revocation of license.</p> <p>Removes the authority for the Office of Cannabis Management to make rules regarding minimum standards to ensure that medical cannabis combination businesses would continue to participate in the medical market and creates a statutory requirement that such businesses provide a reliable and ongoing supply of medical cannabis and medical cannabinoid products.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Operations.</p> <p>Specifies that medical cannabis combination businesses must comply with the relevant provisions related to transporting and delivering cannabis.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals section 342.515, subdivision 3. That subdivision authorizes the Office of Cannabis Management to place limits on manufacturing by medical cannabis combination businesses.</p> |



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