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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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State of Oklahoma

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By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:				
AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM T	O AMENDMENTS			
Adopted:		Amendment submitt	ted by: Josh W	est
				

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2272 By: West (Josh)

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PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to medical marijuana; creating the Oklahoma Cap on Medical Marijuana Businesses Act of 2021; directing the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to publicly announce caps on certain medical marijuana business licenses; providing procedures for determining amount of licenses; providing application requirements for active medical marijuana business licenses; providing for the reduction of medical marijuana dispensary, processor and commercial grower licenses; prohibiting renewal of licenses for inactivity; directing the Authority to promulgate rules and regulations for issuing medical marijuana business license vouchers under certain circumstances; directing the Authority to publicly announce creation of and application requirements for medical marijuana business license vouchers; stating time period for submitting applications; authorizing the conversion of medical marijuana business license vouchers; providing for the termination of vouchers; excluding total number of vouchers from license cap requirements; establishing fee amounts for applications and vouchers; directing transmittal of fees to certain fund; providing for the refund of application fee under certain circumstances; authorizing the sale or transfer of medical marijuana business license vouchers; setting fee amount of transfer; requiring payment of purchase fee when selling or transferring medical marijuana business license vouchers; providing procedures for remittance; directing transmittal of fees to certain fund; providing

procedures for converting medical marijuana business license vouchers to active medical marijuana business licenses; establishing certain distance requirement for dispensary locations; providing for the issuance of vouchers for eligible applicants; directing the Authority to promulgate certain rules and regulations for number-based lottery system; providing for the issuance of vouchers under certain circumstances; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 431 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Cap on Medical Marijuana Businesses Act of 2021".

- SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 431.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. On July 1, 2021, or fifteen (15) days from the effective date of this act, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall announce publicly that the number of medical marijuana dispensary licenses, medical marijuana processor licenses and medical marijuana commercial grower licenses authorized in the State of Oklahoma shall be capped beginning September 1, 2021.
- B. Beginning September 1, 2021, the number of medical marijuana dispensary licenses, medical marijuana processor licenses and

medical marijuana commercial grower licenses authorized in the State of Oklahoma shall be capped at the total number of licenses active in each category as of September 1, 2021, combined with the total number of applications pending in each category with the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority which were submitted prior to September 1, 2021. In order to determine the final amount of authorized medical marijuana dispensary licenses, medical marijuana processor licenses and medical marijuana commercial grower licenses in this state, the Authority shall first process all pending applications for each license category received prior to September 1, 2021, and add that number to the total number of active licenses in each category as of September 1, 2021. Applications for a medical marijuana dispensary license, medical marijuana processor license or medical marijuana commercial grower license shall not be accepted beginning September 1, 2021, except as provided in subsection C of this section.

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C. All applicants submitting an application for an active medical marijuana dispensary license, medical marijuana processor license or medical marijuana commercial grower license, prior to September 1, 2021, shall meet all requirements to hold a medical marijuana business license at the time of application. However, such applicant shall not be required to submit a Certificate of Compliance prior to submitting an application under the provisions of this subsection and each applicant shall have one hundred eighty

(180) days from the date such license is provisionally approved to submit a Certificate of Compliance to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority. Only upon submission and acceptance by the Authority of the Certificate of Compliance, and provided the applicant continues to meet all other requirements provided for in Sections 421 through 423 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, shall the applicant be awarded an active business license. In the event an applicant does not submit a Certificate of Compliance or fails to meet any other requirements for licensure within one hundred eighty (180) days of being awarded a license, the license shall automatically terminate and shall not be extended.

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- SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 431.2 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. 1. Beginning September 1, 2021, the number of medical marijuana dispensary licensees authorized to operate in the State of Oklahoma shall be automatically reduced by the number of medical marijuana dispensary licenses surrendered, canceled or otherwise terminated, until such time as the total number of active medical marijuana dispensary licenses is equal in number to two thousand.
- 2. Beginning September 1, 2022, any medical marijuana dispensary licensee who does not actively use the medical marijuana dispensary license for a period of eighteen (18) months shall not be

- authorized to renew the license. For purposes of this subsection,
 the active use of a medical marijuana dispensary license shall
 require that a dispensary licensee have a minimum of Five Thousand
 Dollars (\$5,000.00) per month in gross monthly sales calculated on a
 twelve-month rolling average. Gross monthly sales shall be
 calculated by taking the total amount of income and subtracting all
 discounts and sales and excise tax collected on medical marijuana
 and medical marijuana products.
 - 3. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations whereby, in the event that the total number of active medical marijuana dispensary licenses authorized in the State of Oklahoma combined with the total number of convertible business license vouchers issued in that category falls at or below one thousand nine hundred in number, the Authority shall, within ninety (90) days, accept, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date the application window opens, new applications for a medical marijuana dispensary business license voucher as provided for in Section 4 of this act.

B. 1. Beginning September 1, 2021, the number of medical marijuana commercial grower licensees authorized in the State of Oklahoma shall be automatically reduced by the number of medical marijuana commercial grower licenses surrendered, canceled or otherwise terminated, until the total number of active medical

marijuana commercial grower licenses is equal in number to or less than five thousand.

- 2. Beginning September 1, 2022, any medical marijuana commercial grower licensee who does not actively use the license for a period of eighteen (18) months shall not be authorized to renew the license. For purposes of this subsection, active use of a medical marijuana commercial grower license shall require that a commercial grower licensee have under cultivation a minimum of fifty marijuana plants per month, calculated on a twelve-month rolling average.
- 3. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations whereby, in the event that the total number of active medical marijuana commercial grower licenses authorized in the State of Oklahoma combined with the total number of convertible business license vouchers issued in that category falls at or below four thousand nine hundred in number, the Authority shall, within ninety (90) days, accept, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date the application window opens, new applications for a medical marijuana commercial grower business license voucher as provided for in Section 4 of this act.
- C. 1. Beginning September 1, 2021, the number of medical marijuana processor licensees authorized in the State of Oklahoma shall be automatically reduced by the number of medical marijuana processor licenses surrendered, canceled or otherwise terminated,

until the total number of active medical marijuana processor licenses is equal in number to or less than one thousand.

- 2. Beginning September 1, 2022, any medical marijuana processor licensee who does not actively use the license for a period of eighteen (18) months shall not be authorized to renew the license.

 For purposes of this subsection, active use of a medical marijuana processor license shall require that a processor licensee have a minimum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per month in gross monthly sales calculated on a twelve-month rolling average. Gross monthly sales shall be calculated by taking the total amount of income and subtracting all discounts.
 - 3. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations whereby, in the event that the total number of active medical marijuana processor licenses authorized in the State of Oklahoma combined with the total number of convertible business license vouchers issued in that category falls at or below nine hundred in number, the Authority shall, within ninety (90) days, accept, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date the application window opens, new applications for a medical marijuana processor business license voucher as provided for in Section 4 of this act.
- SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 431.3 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. On July 1, 2021, or fifteen (15) days from the effective date of this act, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall announce publicly the creation of and application process for a medical marijuana business license voucher. Such announcement shall include the beginning and ending dates between which the Authority shall accept applications for a medical marijuana dispensary business license voucher, medical marijuana processor business license voucher or medical marijuana commercial grower business license voucher. The medical marijuana business license voucher application window shall begin within ninety (90) days after July 1, 2021, or fifteen (15) days from the effective date of this act and shall be for a period of sixty (60) days.

- 1. The medical marijuana business license voucher shall authorize the owner to convert, within sixty (60) months from the date of issuance of the voucher, the medical marijuana business license voucher to an active medical marijuana business license in the same category for which the voucher was applied for and issued. If the medical marijuana business license voucher is not converted to an active medical marijuana business license or an application to convert is not submitted within sixty (60) months from the date of issuance, the voucher shall terminate and shall no longer be utilized.
- 2. A medical marijuana business license voucher shall not count against the license caps provided for in Section 3 of this act until

such voucher is converted from a medical marijuana business license voucher to an active medical marijuana business license. In the event that conversion of a medical marijuana business license voucher to an active medical marijuana business license causes the total number of active licenses to exceed the cap in that business license category, the cap on active medical marijuana business licenses in that category shall be increased automatically on a temporary basis to the total number of active medical marijuana business licenses.

- 3. The application fee for a medical marijuana business license voucher shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), which shall be paid by the applicant at the time the application is submitted to the Authority. Upon being awarded a medical marijuana business license voucher, the applicant shall pay a voucher fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), which shall be paid by the applicant within fifteen (15) days of notice of being awarded the voucher. All application and voucher fees shall be paid to and collected by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority. Fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be transmitted to the State Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma to be placed to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the state.
- 4. In the event that a medical marijuana business license voucher application is not approved by the Authority due to fewer vouchers being available than applied for, the application fee

submitted by the applicant who was not awarded a medical marijuana business license voucher shall be refunded to the applicant within thirty (30) days.

- 5. A medical marijuana business license voucher may be sold or transferred by its registered owner, once in any calendar year, upon application to the Authority and upon payment of a transfer fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) payable to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority. The fee collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be transmitted to the State Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma to be placed to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the state.
- 6. In addition to the transfer fee provided for in paragraph 5 of this subsection, in the event that a medical marijuana business license voucher is sold or transferred, the purchaser or transferee shall pay to the Oklahoma Tax Commission a purchase fee of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per sale or transfer. The purchase fee shall be paid at the time of the sale or transfer. The due and payable purchase fee shall be remitted by the purchaser or transferee to the Oklahoma Tax Commission using procedures prescribed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. All monies collected under the provisions of this paragraph shall be transmitted to the State Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma to be placed to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the state.

7. In order to apply for a medical marijuana business license voucher or convert a medical marijuana business license voucher to an active medical marijuana business license in that category, the applicant shall meet all eligibility and licensing requirements to hold a medical marijuana business license in that category as provided in Sections 421 through 423 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act. However, a medical marijuana business license voucher applicant shall not be required to provide a Certificate of Compliance as a prerequisite to application or issuance of a voucher and shall only provide a Certificate of Compliance if required upon conversion to an active medical marijuana business license.

- 8. Upon conversion of a medical marijuana business license voucher to an active medical marijuana business license, the applicant shall, from the date of said conversion, pay all application, license and license renewal fees as required of any active medical marijuana business licensee in that license category.
- 9. A medical marijuana business license voucher for a medical marijuana dispensary shall not be converted to an active medical marijuana dispensary license unless the location for the new medical marijuana dispensary is at least two thousand (2,000) feet from any existing and active medical marijuana dispensary location at the time of conversion from the medical marijuana business license voucher to the active medical marijuana business license.

10. Unless an application was submitted prior to September 1, 2021, no medical marijuana business licensee may transfer an existing medical marijuana dispensary license to a new location unless such location is at least two thousand (2,000) feet from any existing and active medical marijuana dispensary.

- B. Upon completion of the sixty-day application window provided for in subsection A of this section, all applicants who meet eligibility and licensing requirements for a medical marijuana business license voucher and who remit the required fee within fifteen (15) days of notice of being awarded a voucher shall be issued a medical marijuana business license voucher for that license category.
- C. 1. The Authority shall, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this act, promulgate rules and regulations to govern an impartial, number-based lottery to govern issuance of all available medical marijuana business license vouchers up to the cap amount for the specific medical marijuana business license category.
- 2. In the event that a subsequent application window begins because the number of licenses in a specific category falls below the amounts set fourth in Section 3 of this act and more applications are received by the Authority than are available to be issued within the cap for that medical marijuana business license category, the Authority shall issue vouchers based on the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection.

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SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
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