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Bill Analysis

HB 2179 increases the licensing fee for medical marijuana business licenses from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00. The measure modifies the fees for indoor medical marijuana commercial growers as well. The fee for growers shall be based on square footage of canopy as follows:

- 1) \$2,500.00 for 5,000 square feet
- 2) \$5,000.00 for 5,001-10,000 square feet
- 3) \$10,000.00 for 10,001-20,000 square feet
- 4) \$25,000.00 for 20,001-50,000 square feet
- 5) \$50,000.00 for 50,001-100,000 square feet
- 6) \$100,000.00 plus an additional \$1.00 per square foot beyond 100,000 square feet

The measure specifies that canopy shall mean the total surface area within a cultivation area that is dedicated to the cultivation of flowering marijuana plants. If the surface of the plant canopy consists of noncontiguous areas, each component area must be separated by identifiable boundaries. The measure also provides that if a tiered or shelving system is used in the cultivation area, the surface area of each tier or shelf must be included in calculating the area of the plant canopy.

The measure also updates statutory references.

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