

Overview of Draft Changes:

1. Clean up language – update definitions to match state, update procedures to match current office protocols, remove unnecessary language, clarify requirements, and remove application procedures that are in policy
2. Cap on license types - cap to be total number of licenses and pending applications in December 2021: approximately 32 retail stores, 124 retail cultivations, 12 medical stores, and 28 medical cultivations. Lottery system for new applications.
3. Dual operation – still permitted but must get licenses separately, no longer exception to get a new license outside of rules. If operating in same premises they cannot be separated by transfer or change of location.
4. Conditional approvals – conditionally approved licenses cannot be transferred until they have reached full licensure. Extension requests will be tied to the renewal period but will only be permitted one full year extension.
5. Modifications – approved modification applications must be completed within one year or they must resubmit. Must have inspection done after complete.
6. Expansion – limit expansion of cultivations to annual tiers instead of space.
7. Renewal application timing – move the late fee from the date that the license expires to the date that the application was supposed to be submitted – 45 days prior to expiration. Require that all applicants get an acceptance letter before they can operate past expiration. Shorten grace period from 90 days to 45 days.
8. Renewal standards – add the inactivity standard to the regular renewal standards instead of making it discretionary
9. Renewal hearings – give hearing officer authority to impose fines if he finds a violation during a renewal hearing, not just for tax issues
10. Enforcement – increase fines and permit stipulations for up to maximum amount under state in lieu of suspensions: up to \$100k for public safety violation, \$50k total for violations, \$10k total for infractions.