ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 342–ASSEMBLYMEN HIBBETTS, YUREK, HARDY; GURR AND HAFEN

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Requires an adult-use cannabis retail store and cannabis consumption lounge to take certain actions to verify the age of a consumer before selling cannabis or a cannabis product. (BDR 56-1024)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to cannabis; requiring an adult-use cannabis retail store and cannabis consumption lounge to take certain actions to verify the age of a consumer before selling cannabis or a cannabis product to the consumer; requiring the Cannabis Compliance Board to adopt regulations setting forth standards for an independent, third-party age verification service to be used by an adult-use cannabis retail store and cannabis consumption lounge; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law exempts a person who is 21 years of age or older from certain offenses relating to cannabis. (NRS 678D.200) Existing law sets forth various requirements for the sale of cannabis and cannabis products to consumers by a cannabis sales facility, including an adult-use cannabis retail store and a cannabis consumption lounge. (NRS 678B.520, 678D.470, 678D.475) This bill requires an adult-use cannabis retail store and cannabis consumption lounge, before selling cannabis or a cannabis product, to: (1) require the consumer to present a government-issued identification; and (2) perform an age verification through an independent, third-party age verification service that establishes that the consumer is 21 years of age or older. This bill also requires the Cannabis Compliance Board to adopt regulations setting forth standards for such an age verification service.





THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 678D of NRS is hereby amended by 2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. Before an adult-use cannabis retail store or cannabis 4 consumption lounge sells cannabis or a cannabis product to a 5 consumer, the adult-use cannabis retail store or cannabis 6 consumption lounge shall:

7 (a) Require the consumer to present a government-issued 8 identification; and

9 (b) Perform an age verification through an independent, third-10 party age verification service that compares information available 11 from public records to the personal information obtained from the 12 government-issued identification that establishes that the 13 consumer is 21 years of age or older.

14 2. The Board shall adopt regulations prescribing standards 15 for an independent, third-party age verification service required to 16 be used by an adult-use cannabis retail store and cannabis 17 consumption lounge pursuant to subsection 1. The standards must 18 require such an age verification service to verify the age of 19 consumers with not less than 95 percent accuracy.

20 Sec. 2. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and 21 approval.

22 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

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