

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1720

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8 An Act relating to medical marijuana; amending 63
9 O.S. 2021, Section 420, as amended by Section 1,
10 Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section
11 420), which relates to the issuance of medical
12 marijuana patient licenses; authorizing the issuance
13 of nonresident medical marijuana patient licenses
14 under certain circumstances; increasing term and cost
15 of license; providing restrictions for certain
16 patients; providing for the deposit of fees into
17 certain revolving funds; authorizing the promulgation
18 of certain rules; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 420, as
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2022 (63 O.S. Supp. 2023,
22 Section 420), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 420. A. A person in possession of a state-issued
24 medical marijuana patient license shall be able to:

1. Consume marijuana legally;

2. Legally possess up to three (3) ounces or eighty-four and
nine-tenths (84.9) grams of marijuana on their person;

- 1 3. Legally possess six mature marijuana plants and the
2 harvested marijuana therefrom;
- 3 4. Legally possess six seedling plants;
- 4 5. Legally possess one (1) ounce or twenty-eight and three-
5 tenths (28.3) grams of concentrated marijuana;
- 6 6. Legally possess seventy-two (72) ounces or two thousand
7 thirty-seven and six-tenths (2,037.6) grams of edible marijuana;
- 8 7. Legally possess up to eight (8) ounces or two hundred
9 twenty-six and four-tenths (226.4) grams of marijuana in their
10 residence; and
- 11 8. Legally possess seventy-two (72) ounces of topical
12 marijuana.

13 B. Possession of up to one and one-half (1.5) ounces or forty-
14 two and forty-five one-hundredths (42.45) grams of marijuana by
15 persons who can state a medical condition, but are not in possession
16 of a state-issued medical marijuana patient license, shall
17 constitute a misdemeanor offense not subject to imprisonment but
18 punishable by a fine not to exceed Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).
19 Any law enforcement officer who comes in contact with a person in
20 violation of this subsection and who is satisfied as to the identity
21 of the person, as well as any other pertinent information the law
22 enforcement officer deems necessary, shall issue to the person a
23 written citation containing a notice to answer the charge against
24 the person in the appropriate court. Upon receiving the written

1 promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the
2 citation, the law enforcement officer shall release the person upon
3 personal recognizance unless there has been a violation of another
4 provision of law.

5 C. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall be
6 established which shall receive applications for medical marijuana
7 patient and caregiver license recipients, dispensaries, growers and
8 processors within sixty (60) days of the passage of this initiative.

9 D. The Authority shall, within thirty (30) days of passage of
10 this initiative, make available on its website, in an easy-to-find
11 location, an application for a medical marijuana patient license.
12 The license shall be valid for two (2) years. The biannual
13 application fee shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or Twenty
14 Dollars (\$20.00) for individuals on Medicaid, Medicare or
15 SoonerCare. The methods of payment shall be provided on the website
16 of the Authority. Reprints of the medical marijuana patient license
17 shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

18 E. A short-term medical marijuana patient license application
19 shall also be made available on the website of the Authority. A
20 short-term medical marijuana patient license shall be granted to any
21 applicant who can meet the requirements for a two-year medical
22 marijuana patient license, but whose physician recommendation for
23 medical marijuana is only valid for sixty (60) days. Short-term
24 medical marijuana patient licenses shall be issued for sixty (60)

1 days. The fee for a short-term medical marijuana patient license,
2 reprints of the short-term medical marijuana patient license and the
3 procedure for extending or renewing the license shall be determined
4 by the Executive Director of the Authority.

5 F. A ~~temporary~~ nonresident medical marijuana patient license
6 application shall also be available on the website of the Authority
7 for residents of other states. ~~Temporary~~ Nonresident medical
8 marijuana patient licenses shall be granted to medical marijuana
9 license holders from other states, provided that ~~such states have~~
10 ~~state-regulated medical marijuana programs and applicants can prove~~
11 ~~they are members of such programs~~ the patient is under the care of a
12 licensed Oklahoma physician located within the State of Oklahoma.
13 ~~Temporary~~ Nonresident medical marijuana patient licenses shall be
14 issued for ~~thirty (30) days~~ two (2) years. The cost for a ~~temporary~~
15 nonresident medical marijuana patient license shall be ~~One Hundred~~
16 ~~Dollars (\$100.00)~~ Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). Renewal
17 shall be granted with resubmission of a new application. No
18 additional criteria shall be required for adult medical marijuana
19 patients but medical marijuana patients who are eighteen (18) years
20 of age or younger shall meet the requirements provided for in
21 subsection L of this section. Reprints of the ~~temporary~~ nonresident
22 medical marijuana patient license shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).
23 Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed as
24 follows:

1 1. Twenty percent (20%) to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana
2 Authority Fund for the costs of issuing medical marijuana patient
3 licenses to veterans; and

4 2. Eighty percent (80%) to the Bureau of Narcotics Revolving
5 Fund, created in Section 150.19a of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
6 Statutes, for the investigation and enforcement of the provisions of
7 the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the
8 Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Act.

9 The Authority shall be authorized to promulgate rules to
10 establish a process by which the fees collected pursuant to
11 paragraph 1 of this subsection are administered and applied toward
12 the costs of issuing medical marijuana patient licenses to veterans.

13 G. Medical marijuana patient license applicants shall submit
14 their applications to the Authority for approval. The applicant
15 shall be a resident of this state and shall prove residency by a
16 valid driver license, utility bills, or other accepted methods.

17 H. The Authority shall review the medical marijuana patient
18 license application; approve, reject or deny the application; and
19 mail the approval, rejection or denial letter stating any reasons
20 for the rejection or denial to the applicant within fourteen (14)
21 business days of receipt of the application. Approved applicants
22 shall be issued a medical marijuana patient license which shall act
23 as proof of his or her approved status. Applications may only be
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1 rejected or denied based on the applicant not meeting stated
2 criteria or improper completion of the application.

3 I. The Authority shall make available, both on its website and
4 through a telephone verification system, an easy method to validate
5 the authenticity of the medical marijuana patient license by the
6 unique 24-character identification number.

7 J. The Authority shall ensure that all medical marijuana
8 patient and caregiver records and information are sealed to protect
9 the privacy of medical marijuana patient license applicants.

10 K. A caregiver license shall be made available for qualified
11 caregivers of a medical marijuana patient license holder who is
12 homebound. As provided in Section 427.11 of this title, the
13 caregiver license shall provide the caregiver the same rights as the
14 medical marijuana patient licensee including the ability to possess
15 marijuana, marijuana products and mature and immature plants
16 pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection
17 Act, but excluding the ability to use marijuana or marijuana
18 products unless the caregiver has a medical marijuana patient
19 license. Applicants for a caregiver license shall submit proof of
20 the license status and homebound status of the medical marijuana
21 patient and proof that the applicant is the designee of the medical
22 marijuana patient. The applicant shall also submit proof that he or
23 she is eighteen (18) years of age or older and proof of his or her
24 state residency.

1 L. All applicants for a medical marijuana patient license shall
2 be eighteen (18) years of age or older. A special exception shall
3 be granted to an applicant under the age of eighteen (18); however,
4 these applications shall be signed by two physicians and the parent
5 or legal guardian of the applicant.

6 M. All applications for a medical marijuana patient license
7 shall be signed by an Oklahoma physician licensed by and in good
8 standing with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision,
9 the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, or the Board of Podiatric
10 Medical Examiners. There are no qualifying conditions for adult
11 medical marijuana patients. A medical marijuana patient license
12 shall be recommended according to the accepted standards a
13 reasonable and prudent physician would follow when recommending or
14 approving any medication. No physician may be unduly stigmatized or
15 harassed for signing a medical marijuana patient license
16 application.

17 N. Counties and cities may enact medical marijuana guidelines
18 allowing medical marijuana patient license holders or caregiver
19 license holders to exceed the state limits set forth in subsection A
20 of this section.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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