STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2280 By: Echols

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2-303, which relates to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act; increasing registration fee for certain registrants; excluding certain registrants from presumed qualification for registration; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2-303, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-303. A. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control shall register an applicant to own a medical facility as described in subsection C of Section 2-302 of this title, or to manufacture, distribute, dispense, prescribe, administer or use for scientific purposes controlled dangerous substances included in Schedules I through V of Section 2-101 et seq. of this title unless the Director determines that the issuance of such registration is inconsistent with the public interest. In

determining the public interest, the following factors shall be considered:

1. Maintenance of effective controls against diversion of particular controlled dangerous substances and any Schedule I or II substance compounded therefrom into other than legitimate medical, scientific or industrial channels, including examination of the fitness of his or her employees or agents to handle dangerous substances;

2. Compliance with applicable state and local law;

3. Has been found guilty of, entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a charge under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act or any other state or federal law relating to any substance defined herein as a controlled dangerous substance or any felony under the laws of any state or the United States;

4. Furnishing by the applicant false or fraudulent material information in any application filed under Section 2-101 et seq. of this title;

5. Past experience in the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, prescribing, administering or use for scientific purposes of controlled dangerous substances, and the existence in the establishment of effective controls against diversion;

6. Denial, suspension or revocation of the applicant's federal registration to manufacture, distribute or dispense controlled dangerous substances as authorized by federal law; and

7. Such other factors as may be relevant to and consistent with the public health and safety.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to require individual licensed pharmacists to register under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act.

B. Registration granted under subsection A of this section shall not entitle a registrant to manufacture, distribute, dispense, prescribe, administer or use for scientific purposes controlled dangerous substances in Schedule I or II other than those specified in the registration.

C. Practitioners shall be registered to dispense, prescribe, administer or use for scientific purposes substances in Schedules II through V if they are authorized to carry on their respective activities under the laws of this state. A registration application by a practitioner who wishes to conduct research with Schedule I substances shall be accompanied by evidence of the applicant's federal registration to conduct such activity and shall be referred to the Medical Research Commission for advice. The Medical Research Commission shall promptly advise the Director concerning the qualifications of each practitioner requesting such registration. Registration for the purpose of bona fide research or of use for scientific purposes with Schedule I substances by a practitioner deemed qualified by the Medical Research Commission may be denied only on a ground specified in subsection A of Section 2-304 of this

title or if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant will abuse or unlawfully transfer such substances or fail to safeguard adequately such applicant's supply of such substances against diversion from legitimate medical or scientific use.

D. 1. The Director shall initially permit persons to register who own or operate any establishment engaged in the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, prescribing, administering or use for scientific purposes of any controlled dangerous substances prior to June 4, 1991, and who are registered or licensed by the state. Fees for registration under this section shall be as follows:

Practitioners and mid-level practitioners	$140.00	per year of registration
Home Care Agencies, Hospices & Home Care Services	$140.00	annually
Medical Facility Owners	$300.00	annually
Distributors	$300.00	annually
Manufacturers	~~$500.00~~ $2,500.00	annually
Manufacturer, Wholesaler, or Distributor of drug products containing pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine	$300.00	annually

2. A registrant shall be required to pay double the amount of the above-listed fee for any renewal of registration received more than thirty (30) days late.

3. A Ten Dollar ($10.00) fee shall be charged for a duplicate registration certificate.

E. ~~Compliance~~ Except for medical marijuana registrants, compliance by manufacturers and distributors with the provisions of the Federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C., Section 801 et seq., respecting registration, excluding fees, shall be deemed sufficient to qualify for registration under this act.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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