

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 522 By: Taylor of the Senate  
3 and  
4 Echols of the House  
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7 An Act relating to medical marijuana; requiring  
8 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to contract with  
9 third-party vendor to provide certain services;  
10 directing Authority to determine minimum services;  
11 directing third-party vendor to conduct certain  
12 functions for applicants; requiring third-party  
13 vendor to issue certain credential; providing for  
14 certain appeal; excluding third-party vendor from  
15 certain liability; directing promulgation of rules;  
16 providing for codification; and providing an  
17 effective date.

18 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill  
19 and insert:

20 "An Act relating to medical marijuana; requiring  
21 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to contract  
22 with third-party vendor to provide certain services;  
23 directing Authority to determine minimum services;  
24 directing third-party vendor to conduct certain  
functions for applicants; requiring third-party  
vendor to issue certain credential or badge;  
providing for certain appeal; excluding third-party  
vendor from certain liability; directing  
promulgation of rules; and providing for  
codification.

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

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 427.3a of Title 63, unless there  
4 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 A. Beginning January 1, 2024, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana  
6 Authority within the State Department of Health shall contract with  
7 one or more third-party vendors to provide the licensing services  
8 necessary to carry out the provisions of Section 420 et seq. of  
9 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana  
10 and Patient Protection Act relating to the licensing of medical  
11 marijuana research licensees, medical marijuana education facility  
12 licensees, medical marijuana business licensees, and employees of  
13 such entities.

14 B. The Authority shall determine the minimum services to be  
15 provided by such third-party vendor and shall establish costs and  
16 prices. A third-party vendor shall on behalf of the Authority  
17 conduct the statutorily required background checks and verify  
18 eligibility and suitability for any license applicant for a medical  
19 marijuana research license, medical marijuana education facility  
20 license, any category of medical marijuana business license, and  
21 employees of such entities.

22 C. Upon successful completion by the third-party vendor of the  
23 statutorily required background checks and verification of  
24 eligibility and suitability for a license applicant or employee, the

1 third-party vendor shall issue a credential or badge to the  
2 applicant or employee. The results of background checks and  
3 verifications shall be provided to the Authority by the third-party  
4 vendor.

5 D. In the event that the third-party vendor determines that an  
6 applicant, or its employee, does not meet the minimum statutory  
7 requirements for a license, the applicant or employee shall have no  
8 recourse against the third-party vendor but may appeal such adverse  
9 determination to the Authority.

10 E. The third-party vendor shall bear no liability for any acts  
11 taken in good-faith compliance with the provisions of Section 420 et  
12 seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the Oklahoma Medical  
13 Marijuana and Patient Protection Act and the rules promulgated by  
14 the State Commissioner of Health.

15 F. The State Commissioner of Health may promulgate rules to  
16 implement the provisions of this section."  
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Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2022.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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1 seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the Oklahoma Medical  
2 Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, and the rules promulgated by  
3 the State Commissioner of Health.

4 F. The State Commissioner of Health may promulgate rules to  
5 implement the provisions of this section.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

7 Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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11 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
12 2021.

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