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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marijuana Control Board

DATE: December 28, 2020

FROM: Carrie Craig, Records and Licensing
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RE: Licensing Report

2020 has been a challenging year with the pandemic, adjusting our office procedures and policies to allow for staff and licensee's safety, and staffing changes all while struggling to keep up with our day to day work. Everyone at AMCO has shown resilience, creativity, they have maintained their flexibility and have gone far above and beyond to continue providing aid to both the alcohol and the marijuana industries.

Staff Changes

Unfortunately, we were unable to successfully fill the vacant Occupational Licensing Examiner position therefore we will be reposting the position.

Randi Baker, has begun her training with Jacquene Drulis in the marijuana application processes and regulations. Olivia Frank and Nate Hall will continue processing alcohol license applications.

Applications Statistics

In the 2020 calendar year, AMCO has received and placed approximately 286 various marijuana applications in the queue and 160 of those have been deemed complete.

For comparison, in 2019 there were a total of 103 marijuana applications that were submitted and placed in the queue.

Current Applications

At this time, the "to be reviewed" queue has approximately 86 various marijuana applications waiting for processing by an Examiner, all of which were received from late August to present. All counts are approximate and will change by the time this report is read into the record.

AMCO staff as always is working diligently to keep wait times as short as possible, but please keep in mind that applicants may experience a longer waiting period due to staff shortage, wrapping up the current renewal season and training all during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Board Guidance Request

The Licensing staff would like to ask the Board for their guidance. We have a situation where a licensee's renewal applications cannot be deemed complete due to ownership discrepancies within their company, however there are transfer applications that could potentially solve the issue in our queue to be reviewed by an examiner at a later date. The licensees were issued temporary licenses and do continue to operate in the meantime. How would the Board like staff to proceed in this situation?

Reminders

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Licensing questions/concerns/applications may be submitted via email to marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov, except for fingerprints and payments, or you may call 907-269-0350 and follow the necessary prompts.