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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Sara Chambers, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

FROM:

April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

465.4081

DATE:

December 20, 2023

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Marijuana Control Board

Marijuana Control Board regulations re: Ownership changes (3 AAC 306.100)

Attorney General File:

2023200259

Regulation Filed:

12/20/2023

Effective Date:

1/19/2024

Print:

249, April 2024

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December 14, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom Lieutenant Governor State of Alaska P.O. Box 110015 Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: 3 AAC 306.100: Marijuana Control Board: Ownership changes

Our file: 2023200259

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Marijuana Control Board against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Marijuana Control Board after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern the alteration of fees charged to a licensed marijuana establishment for changes of ownership. Under the prior regulations, every change of ownership required the payment of a \$250 fee. Under the attached regulations, an applicant requesting a change of ownership to multiple licenses will pay \$250 when the licensee owns one license and \$500 when the licensee owns two or more licenses.

The September 20, 2023, public notice and the November 30, 2023, certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rebecca C.

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Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Kevin Higgins, Assistant Attorney General

Department of Law

APPENDIX J: Certification Order

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD

The attached one page of regulations, dealing with fees, ownership changes, is certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Marijuana Control Board adopted at its November 15, 2023, meeting, under the authority of AS 17.38.121 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Marijuana Control Board paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 11/30/2023_

FILING CERTIFICATION

toril Simpson for I. Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

December 20, 2023 at 9:08 a.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

6 Lieutenant Governor Navay Danfstrom

Register: 249, April 2024.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.

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NANCY DAHLSTROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR 3 AAC 306.100(c) is amended to read:

(c) The non-refundable fee to request board approval of a change in a licensed marijuana establishment's business name, [OWNERSHIP,] licensed premises diagram, operating plan, or proposed new marijuana product is \$250. A change fee does not apply to an application for transfer of a marijuana establishment license, transfer of controlling interest to another person, or transfer of a marijuana establishment license to another location.

3 AAC 306.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(i) The non-refundable fee for an application to request board approval of an ownership change under 3 AAC 306.040 is \$250 when the licensee requesting the change owns one license and \$500 when the licensee requesting the change owns two or more licenses. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 7/19/2017, Register 223; am 8/11/2018, Register 227; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am 4/11/2019, Register 230; am 5/1/2019, Register 230; am 5/9/2019, Register 230, am 3/25/2020, Register 233; am 7/30/2022, Register 243; am 1/22/2023, Register 245; am 4/16/2023, Register 246; am 1/19/2024, Register 243)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200

AS 17.38.070 AS 17.38.190 AS 17.28.900

AS 17.38.121