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As of March 10, 2015

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BDR S- 996	<p><i>Revises provisions governing the registration of certain medical marijuana establishments</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to medical marijuana; revising provisions governing the registration of certain medical marijuana establishments.</p> <p>Status: Waiting for a bill number to be assigned. Washoe County submitted a fiscal note that the fiscal impact cannot be determined.</p>

The attached document was submitted to the
Washoe County Board of Commissioners during
the meeting held on March 10, 2015.
by Manager's Office
for Agenda Item No. 15
and included here pursuant to NRS 241.020(7) as
amended by AB65 of the 2013 Legislative Session.

BDR S-996, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Submitted on Feb. 4, 2015 by Senator Segerblom

One-time increase in medical marijuana dispensary certificates from State

- Clark County: 20 dispensaries (new total is 60)
- Washoe County: 5 dispensaries (new total is 15 from existing 10 to be distributed at the approval of the BCC)
- All other counties: 1 dispensary (new total is 3 each)

▪ “Allocated in proportion to local governmental jurisdiction population”

▪ Each local government jurisdiction may:

- Issue a business license, regardless of State dispensary ranking (Clark County),
- Washoe County, Reno, City of Sparks would receive additional dispensaries from the State rankings as a separate process was not implemented.
- Consider diversity, location and community ties when determining dispensary is in compliance with local ordinances/rules
- If community is adequately served, local jurisdictions may limit total dispensaries by ordinance

▪ Requires new application period by State

One time extension, no new application or fee if application was previously submitted



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Impacts to Washoe County if bill passed

- **Assume NRS 453A.326 determines dispensary allocation**
 - No more than 25% each within Reno, Sparks or unincorporated County
 - BCC may increase the allocation as it did previously
 - Currently 5 unincorporated, 3 Reno, 2 Sparks
 - Determination and Process to Allocate the additional 5 dispensaries (utilize previously established process reviewing population access)
- **Limited Legislative guidance on:**
 - How State will allocate dispensaries “in proportion to population”
 - “Diversity, location and community ties” when considering local ordinances/rules
- **New dispensaries awarded certificate will apply for business license**



SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the registration of certain medical marijuana establishments. (BDR S-996)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.

Effect on the State: Yes.

AN ACT relating to medical marijuana; revising provisions governing the registration of certain medical marijuana establishments; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law limits, by the size of the population of each county, the number of certain medical marijuana establishments that may be certified in each county, and also limits the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to accepting applications for the certification of such establishments to not more than 10 days in any 1 calendar year. (NRS 453A.324) This bill establishes a one-time increase in the number of registration certificates that may be issued by the Division to medical marijuana dispensaries.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Division shall issue medical marijuana establishment registration certificates for medical marijuana dispensaries in the following quantities for applicants who qualify pursuant to NRS 453A.322:

- (a) In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, 20 certificates;
- (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000, 5 certificates; and
- (c) In each other county, one certificate.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 453A.326, the Division shall ensure that any medical marijuana establishment registration certificate issued pursuant to subsection 1 is allocated in proportion to the population of the local governmental jurisdiction.

3. A local governmental jurisdiction may:

(a) Issue a business license and deem a medical marijuana establishment in compliance with all local governmental ordinances or rules, regardless of any ranking of the establishment established by the Division.

(b) Consider diversity, location and community ties in determining whether the medical marijuana establishment is in compliance with all applicable local governmental ordinances or rules.

(c) Provide by ordinance a limitation on the total number of medical marijuana establishments which is less than the number allocated pursuant to subsection 1, if the local



governmental jurisdiction determines that the community is adequately served by the number of current establishments.

4. Any application period established by the Division pursuant to this section:

(a) Is a one-time extension of the application period opened by the Division in calendar year 2014;

(b) Must not require a new application if an application has previously been submitted;

(c) Must not require the payment of any additional application fees if such fees have previously been paid; and

(d) Is separate and apart from and must not be included within the 10-day period for the acceptance of applications pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 453A.324.

5. As used in this section:

(a) "Division" means the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval and expires by limitation on December 31, 2015.





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