SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4209

A bill to license and regulate medical marihuana growers, processors, provisioning centers, secure transporters, and safety compliance facilities; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; to create a medical marihuana licensing board; to provide for interaction with the statewide monitoring system for commercial marihuana transactions; to create an advisory panel; to provide immunity from prosecution for marihuana-related offenses for persons engaging in marihuana-related activities in compliance with this act; to prescribe civil fines and sanctions and provide remedies; to provide for forfeiture of contraband; to provide for taxes, fees, and assessments; and to require the promulgation of rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS
- 2 Sec. 101. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 3 "medical marihuana facilities licensing act".
- 4 Sec. 102. As used in this act:
- 5 (a) "Advisory panel" or "panel" means the marihuana advisory
- 6 panel created in section 801.
- 7 (b) "Affiliate" means any person that controls, is controlled
- 8 by, or is under common control with; is in a partnership or joint
- 9 venture relationship with; or is a co-shareholder of a corporation,
- 10 a co-member of a limited liability company, or a co-partner in a
- 11 limited liability partnership with a licensee or applicant.
- 12 (c) "Applicant" means a person who applies for a state
- 13 operating license. With respect to disclosures in an application,
- 14 or for purposes of ineligibility for a license under section 402,
- 15 the term applicant includes an officer, director, and managerial
- 16 employee of the applicant and a person who holds any direct or
- 17 indirect ownership interest in the applicant.
- 18 (d) "Board" means the medical marihuana licensing board
- 19 created in section 301.
- 20 (e) "Department" means the department of licensing and
- 21 regulatory affairs.
- (f) "Grower" means a licensee that is a commercial entity
- 23 located in this state that cultivates, dries, trims, or cures and
- 24 packages marihuana for sale to a processor or provisioning center.
- 25 (g) "Licensee" means a person holding a state operating
- 26 license.

- 1 (h) "Marihuana" means that term as defined in section 7106 of
- 2 the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7106.
- 3 (i) "Marihuana facility" means a location at which a license
- 4 holder is licensed to operate under this act.
- 5 (j) "Marihuana plant" means any plant of the species Cannabis
- 6 sativa L.
- 7 (k) "Marihuana-infused product" means a topical formulation,
- 8 tincture, beverage, edible substance, or similar product containing
- 9 any usable marihuana that is intended for human consumption in a
- 10 manner other than smoke inhalation. Marihuana-infused product shall
- 11 not be considered a food for purposes of the food law, 2000 PA 92,
- 12 MCL 289.1101 to 289.8111.
- 13 (l) "Michigan medical marihuana act" means the Michigan
- 14 medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430.
- 15 (m) "Municipality" means a city, township, or village.
- 16 (n) "Paraphernalia" means any equipment, product, or material
- 17 of any kind that is designed for or used in growing, cultivating,
- 18 producing, manufacturing, compounding, converting, storing,
- 19 processing, preparing, transporting, injecting, smoking, ingesting,
- 20 inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body, marihuana.
- 21 (o) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited
- 22 liability company, partnership, limited partnership, limited
- 23 liability partnership, limited liability limited partnership,
- 24 trust, or other legal entity.
- 25 (p) "Plant" means any living organism that produces its own
- 26 food through photosynthesis and has observable root formation or is
- in growth material.

- 1 (q) "Processor" means a licensee that is a commercial entity
- 2 located in this state that purchases marihuana from a grower and
- 3 that extracts resin from the marihuana or creates a marihuana-
- 4 infused product for sale and transfer in packaged form to a
- 5 provisioning center.
- 6 (r) "Provisioning center" means a licensee that is a
- 7 commercial entity located in this state that purchases marihuana
- 8 from a grower or processor and sells, supplies, or provides
- 9 marihuana to registered qualifying patients, directly or through
- 10 the patients' registered primary caregivers. Provisioning center
- 11 includes any commercial property where marihuana is sold at retail
- 12 to registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers.
- 13 A noncommercial location used by a primary caregiver to assist a
- 14 qualifying patient connected to the caregiver through the
- 15 department's marihuana registration process in accordance with the
- 16 Michigan medical marihuana act is not a provisioning center for
- 17 purposes of this act.
- 18 (s) "Registered primary caregiver" means a primary caregiver
- 19 who has been issued a current registry identification card under
- 20 the Michigan medical marihuana act.
- 21 (t) "Registered qualifying patient" means a qualifying patient
- 22 who has been issued a current registry identification card under
- 23 the Michigan medical marihuana act or a visiting qualifying patient
- 24 as that term is defined in section 3 of the Michigan medical
- 25 marihuana act, MCL 333.26423.
- 26 (u) "Registry identification card" means that term as defined
- 27 in section 3 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, MCL 333.26423.

- 1 (v) "Rules" means rules promulgated under the administrative
- 2 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, by the
- 3 department in consultation with the board to implement this act.
- 4 (w) "Safety compliance facility" means a licensee that is a
- 5 commercial entity that receives marihuana from a marihuana facility
- 6 or registered primary caregiver, tests it for contaminants and for
- 7 tetrahydrocannabinol and other cannabinoids, returns the test
- 8 results, and may return the marihuana to the marihuana facility.
- 9 (x) "Secure transporter" means a licensee that is a commercial
- 10 entity located in this state that stores marihuana and transports
- 11 marihuana between marihuana facilities for a fee.
- 12 (y) "State operating license" or, unless the context requires
- 13 a different meaning, "license" means a license that is issued under
- 14 this act that allows the licensee to operate as 1 of the following,
- 15 specified in the license:
- 16 (i) A grower.
- 17 (ii) A processor.
- 18 (iii) A secure transporter.
- 19 (iv) A provisioning center.
- 20 (v) A safety compliance facility.
- 21 (z) "Statewide monitoring system" or, unless the context
- 22 requires a different meaning, "system" means an Internet-based,
- 23 statewide database established, implemented, and maintained by the
- 24 department under the marihuana tracking act, that is available to
- 25 licensees, law enforcement agencies, and authorized state
- 26 departments and agencies on a 24-hour basis for all of the
- 27 following:

- 1 (i) Verifying registry identification cards.
- 2 (ii) Tracking marihuana transfer and transportation by
- 3 licensees, including transferee, date, quantity, and price.
- 4 (iii) Verifying in commercially reasonable time that a
- 5 transfer will not exceed the limit that the patient or caregiver is
- 6 authorized to receive under section 4 of the Michigan medical
- 7 marihuana act, MCL 333.26424.
- 8 (aa) "Usable marihuana" means the dried leaves, flowers, plant
- 9 resin, or extract of the marihuana plant, but does not include the
- 10 seeds, stalks, and roots of the plant.
- 11 PART 2. APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS
- Sec. 201. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, if a
- 13 person has been granted a state operating license and is operating
- 14 within the scope of the license, the licensee and its agents are
- 15 not subject to any of the following for engaging in activities
- 16 described in subsection (2):
- 17 (a) Criminal penalties under state law or local ordinances
- 18 regulating marihuana.
- 19 (b) State or local criminal prosecution for a marihuana-
- 20 related offense.
- 21 (c) State or local civil prosecution for a marihuana-related
- 22 offense.
- 23 (d) Search or inspection, except for an inspection authorized
- 24 under this act by law enforcement officers, the municipality, or
- 25 the department.
- 26 (e) Seizure of marihuana, real property, personal property, or
- 27 anything of value based on a marihuana-related offense.

- 1 (f) Any sanction, including disciplinary action or denial of a
- 2 right or privilege, by a business or occupational or professional
- 3 licensing board or bureau based on a marihuana-related offense.
- 4 (2) The following activities are protected under subsection
- 5 (1) if performed under a state operating license within the scope
- 6 of that license and in accord with this act, rules, and any
- 7 ordinance adopted under section 205:
- 8 (a) Growing marihuana.
- 9 (b) Purchasing, receiving, selling, transporting, or
- 10 transferring marihuana from or to a licensee, a licensee's agent, a
- 11 registered qualifying patient, or a registered primary caregiver.
- 12 (c) Possessing marihuana.
- 13 (d) Possessing or manufacturing marihuana paraphernalia for
- 14 medical use.
- 15 (e) Processing marihuana.
- 16 (f) Transporting marihuana.
- 17 (g) Testing, transferring, infusing, extracting, altering, or
- 18 studying marihuana.
- 19 (h) Receiving or providing compensation for products or
- 20 services.
- 21 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a person who
- 22 owns or leases real property upon which a marihuana facility is
- 23 located and who has no knowledge that the licensee violated this
- 24 act is not subject to any of the following for owning, leasing, or
- 25 permitting the operation of a marihuana facility on the real
- 26 property:
- 27 (a) Criminal penalties under state law or local ordinances

- 1 regulating marihuana.
- 2 (b) State or local civil prosecution based on a marihuana-
- 3 related offense.
- 4 (c) State or local criminal prosecution based on a marihuana-
- 5 related offense.
- 6 (d) Search or inspection, except for an inspection authorized
- 7 under this act by law enforcement officers, the municipality, or
- 8 the department.
- 9 (e) Seizure of any real or personal property or anything of
- 10 value based on a marihuana-related offense.
- 11 (f) Any sanction, including disciplinary action or denial of a
- 12 right or privilege, by a business or occupational or professional
- 13 licensing board or bureau.
- 14 (4) For the purposes of regulating the commercial entities
- 15 established under this act, any provisions of the following acts
- 16 that are inconsistent with this act do not apply to a grower,
- 17 processor, secure transporter, provisioning center, or safety
- 18 compliance facility operating in compliance with this act:
- 19 (a) The business corporation act, 1972 PA 284, MCL 450.1101 to
- **20** 450.2098.
- 21 (b) The nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA 162, MCL 450.2101
- 22 to 450.3192.
- 23 (c) 1931 PA 327, MCL 450.98 to 450.192.
- 24 (d) The Michigan revised uniform limited partnership act, 1982
- 25 PA 213, MCL 449.1101 to 449.2108.
- 26 (e) The Michigan limited liability company act, 1993 PA 23,
- 27 MCL 450.4101 to 450.5200.

- 1 (f) 1907 PA 101, MCL 445.1 to 445.5.
- 2 (q) 1913 PA 164, MCL 449.101 to 449.106.
- 3 (h) The uniform partnership act, 1917 PA 72, MCL 449.1 to
- 4 449.48.
- 5 Sec. 203. A registered qualifying patient or registered
- 6 primary caregiver is not subject to criminal prosecution or
- 7 sanctions for purchasing marihuana from a provisioning center if
- 8 the quantity purchased is within the limits established under the
- 9 Michigan medical marihuana act. A registered primary caregiver is
- 10 not subject to criminal prosecution or sanctions for any transfer
- 11 of 2.5 ounces or less of marihuana to a safety compliance facility
- 12 for testing.
- Sec. 204. This act does not limit the medical purpose defense
- 14 provided in section 8 of the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008
- 15 IL 1, MCL 333.26428, to any prosecution involving marihuana.
- Sec. 205. (1) A marihuana facility shall not operate in a
- 17 municipality unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance that
- 18 authorizes that type of facility. A municipality may adopt an
- 19 ordinance to authorize 1 or more types of marihuana facilities
- 20 within its boundaries and to limit the number of each type of
- 21 marihuana facility. A municipality may adopt other ordinances
- 22 relating to marihuana facilities within its jurisdiction, including
- 23 zoning regulations, but shall not impose regulations regarding the
- 24 purity or pricing of marihuana or interfering or conflicting with
- 25 statutory regulations for licensing marihuana facilities. A
- 26 municipality shall provide the following information to the board
- 27 within 90 days after the municipality receives notification from

- 1 the applicant that he or she has applied for a license under this
- **2** act:
- 3 (a) A copy of the local ordinance that authorizes the
- 4 marihuana facility.
- 5 (b) A copy of any zoning regulations that apply to the
- 6 proposed marihuana facility within the municipality.
- 7 (c) A description of any violation of the local ordinance or
- 8 zoning regulations included under subdivision (a) or (b) committed
- 9 by the applicant, but only if those violations relate to activities
- 10 licensed under this act or the Michigan medical marihuana act.
- 11 (2) The board may consider the information provided under
- 12 subsection (1) in the application process. However, the
- 13 municipality's failure to provide information to the board shall
- 14 not be used against the applicant.
- 15 (3) A municipal ordinance may establish an annual,
- 16 nonrefundable fee of not more than \$5,000.00 on a licensee to help
- 17 defray administrative and enforcement costs associated with the
- 18 operation of a marihuana facility in the municipality.
- 19 (4) Information a municipality obtains from an applicant
- 20 related to licensure under this section is exempt from disclosure
- 21 under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to
- **22** 15.246.
- Sec. 206. The department, in consultation with the board,
- 24 shall promulgate rules and emergency rules as necessary to
- 25 implement, administer, and enforce this act. The rules shall ensure
- 26 the safety, security, and integrity of the operation of marihuana
- 27 facilities, and shall include rules to do the following:

- 1 (a) Set appropriate standards for marihuana facilities and
- 2 associated equipment.
- 3 (b) Subject to section 408, establish minimum levels of
- 4 insurance that licensees must maintain.
- 5 (c) Establish operating regulations for each category of
- 6 license to ensure the health, safety, and security of the public
- 7 and the integrity of marihuana facility operations.
- 8 (d) Establish qualifications and restrictions for persons
- 9 participating in or involved with operating marihuana facilities.
- (e) Establish testing standards, procedures, and requirements
- 11 for marihuana sold through provisioning centers.
- 12 (f) Provide for the levy and collection of fines for a
- 13 violation of this act or rules.
- 14 (g) Prescribe use of the statewide monitoring system to track
- 15 all marihuana transfers, as provided in the marihuana tracking act
- 16 and this act and provide for a funding mechanism to support the
- 17 system.
- (h) Establish quality control standards, procedures, and
- 19 requirements for marihuana facilities.
- (i) Establish chain of custody standards, procedures, and
- 21 requirements for marihuana facilities.
- 22 (j) Establish standards, procedures, and requirements for
- 23 waste product disposal and storage by marihuana facilities.
- 24 (k) Establish chemical storage standards, procedures, and
- 25 requirements for marihuana facilities.
- 26 (l) Establish standards, procedures, and requirements for
- 27 securely and safely transporting marihuana between marihuana

- 1 facilities.
- 2 (m) Establish standards, procedures, and requirements for the
- 3 storage of marihuana by marihuana facilities.
- 4 (n) Establish labeling and packaging standards, procedures,
- 5 and requirements for marihuana sold or transferred through
- 6 provisioning centers, including a prohibition on labeling or
- 7 packaging that is intended to appeal to or has the effect of
- 8 appealing to minors.
- 9 (o) Establish daily purchasing limits at provisioning centers
- 10 for registered qualifying patients and registered primary
- 11 caregivers to ensure compliance with the Michigan medical marihuana
- **12** act.
- 13 (p) Establish marketing and advertising restrictions for
- 14 marihuana products and marihuana facilities.
- 15 (q) Establish maximum tetrahydrocannabinol levels for
- 16 marihuana-infused products sold or transferred through provisioning
- 17 centers.
- 18 (r) Establish health standards to ensure the safe preparation
- 19 of products containing marihuana that are intended for human
- 20 consumption in a manner other than smoke inhalation.
- 21 (s) Establish restrictions on edible marihuana-infused
- 22 products to prohibit shapes that would appeal to minors.
- 23 Sec. 207. A licensee shall adopt and use a third-party
- 24 inventory control and tracking system that is capable of
- 25 interfacing with the statewide monitoring system to allow the
- 26 licensee to enter or access information in the statewide monitoring
- 27 system as required under this act and rules. The third-party

- 1 inventory control and tracking system must have all of the
- 2 following capabilities necessary for the licensee to comply with
- 3 the requirements applicable to the licensee's license type:
- 4 (a) Tracking all marihuana plants, products, packages, patient
- 5 and primary caregiver purchase totals, waste, transfers,
- 6 conversions, sales, and returns that are linked to unique
- 7 identification numbers.
- 8 (b) Tracking lot and batch information throughout the entire
- 9 chain of custody.
- 10 (c) Tracking all products, conversions, and derivatives
- 11 throughout the entire chain of custody.
- 12 (d) Tracking marihuana plant, batch, and product destruction.
- (e) Tracking transportation of product.
- 14 (f) Performing complete batch recall tracking that clearly
- 15 identifies all of the following details relating to the specific
- 16 batch subject to the recall:
- 17 (i) Sold product.
- 18 (ii) Product inventory that is finished and available for
- **19** sale.
- 20 (iii) Product that is in the process of transfer.
- 21 (iv) Product being processed into another form.
- (v) Postharvest raw product, such as product that is in the
- 23 drying, trimming, or curing process.
- 24 (g) Reporting and tracking loss, theft, or diversion of
- 25 product containing marihuana.
- 26 (h) Reporting and tracking all inventory discrepancies.
- (i) Reporting and tracking adverse patient responses or dose-

- 1 related efficacy issues.
- 2 (j) Reporting and tracking all sales and refunds.
- 3 (k) Electronically receiving and transmitting information as
- 4 required under this act, the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008
- 5 IL 1, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430, and the marihuana tracking act.
- 6 (1) Receiving testing results electronically from a safety
- 7 compliance facility via a secured application program interface
- 8 into the system and directly linking the testing results to each
- 9 applicable source batch and sample.
- 10 (m) Identifying test results that may have been altered.
- 11 (n) Providing the licensee with access to information in the
- 12 tracking system that is necessary to verify that the licensee is
- 13 carrying out the marihuana transactions authorized under the
- 14 licensee's license in accordance with this act.
- 15 (o) Providing information to cross-check that product sales
- 16 are made to a registered qualifying patient or a registered primary
- 17 caregiver on behalf of a registered qualifying patient and that the
- 18 product received the required testing.
- 19 (p) Providing the department and state agencies with access to
- 20 information in the database that they are authorized to access.
- 21 (q) Providing law enforcement agencies with access to only the
- 22 information in the database that is necessary to verify that an
- 23 individual possesses a valid and current registry identification
- 24 card.
- 25 (r) Providing licensees with access only to the information in
- 26 the system that they are required to receive before a sale,
- 27 transfer, transport, or other activity authorized under a license

- 1 issued under this act.
- 2 (s) Securing the confidentiality of information in the
- 3 database by preventing access by a person who is not authorized to
- 4 access the statewide monitoring system or is not authorized to
- 5 access the particular information.
- 6 (t) Providing analytics to the department regarding key
- 7 performance indicators such as the following:
- **8** (i) Total daily sales.
- 9 (ii) Total marihuana plants in production.
- 10 (iii) Total marihuana plants destroyed.
- 11 (iv) Total inventory adjustments.
- 12 Sec. 208. A marihuana facility and all articles of property in
- 13 that facility are subject to examination at any time by a local
- 14 police agency or the department of state police.
- 15 PART 3. MEDICAL MARIHUANA LICENSING BOARD
- Sec. 301. (1) The medical marihuana licensing board is created
- 17 within the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.
- 18 (2) The board consists of 5 members who are residents of this
- 19 state, not more than 3 of whom are members of the same political
- 20 party. The governor shall appoint the members. One of the members
- 21 shall be appointed from 3 nominees submitted by the senate majority
- 22 leader and 1 from 3 nominees submitted by the speaker of the house.
- 23 The governor shall designate 1 of the members as chairperson.
- 24 (3) The members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years,
- 25 except, of those who are first appointed, 1 member shall be
- 26 appointed for a term of 2 years and 2 members shall be appointed
- 27 for a term of 3 years. A member's term expires on December 31 of

- 1 the last year of the member's term. If a vacancy occurs, the
- 2 governor shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term in
- 3 the manner of the original appointment.
- 4 (4) Each member of the board shall be reimbursed for all
- 5 actual and necessary expenses and disbursements incurred in
- 6 carrying out official duties.
- 7 (5) A board member shall not hold any other public office for
- 8 which he or she receives compensation other than necessary travel
- 9 or other incidental expenses.
- 10 (6) A person who is not of good moral character or who has
- 11 been indicted for, charged with, or convicted of, pled guilty or
- 12 nolo contendere to, or forfeited bail concerning any felony or a
- 13 misdemeanor involving a controlled substance violation, theft,
- 14 dishonesty, or fraud under the laws of this state, any other state,
- 15 or the United States or a local ordinance in any state involving a
- 16 controlled substance violation, dishonesty, theft, or fraud that
- 17 substantially corresponds to a misdemeanor in that state is not
- 18 eligible to serve on the board.
- 19 (7) The governor may remove any member of the board for
- 20 neglect of duty, misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or any
- 21 other just cause.
- 22 (8) The department in conjunction with the board shall employ
- 23 an executive director and other personnel as necessary to assist
- 24 the board in carrying out its duties. The executive director shall
- 25 devote his or her full time to the duties of the office and shall
- 26 not hold any other office or employment.
- 27 (9) The board shall not appoint or employ an individual if any

- 1 of the following circumstances exist:
- 2 (a) During the 3 years immediately preceding appointment or
- 3 employment, the individual held any direct or indirect interest in,
- 4 or was employed by, a person who is licensed to operate under this
- 5 act or under a corresponding license in another jurisdiction or a
- 6 person with an application for an operating license pending before
- 7 the board or in any other jurisdiction. The board shall not employ
- 8 an individual who has a direct or indirect interest in a licensee
- 9 or a marihuana facility.
- 10 (b) The individual or his or her spouse, parent, child,
- 11 child's spouse, sibling, or spouse of a sibling has an application
- 12 for a license pending before the board or is a member of the board
- 13 of directors of, or an individual financially interested in, any
- 14 licensee or marihuana facility.
- 15 (10) Each member of the board, the executive director, and
- 16 each key employee as determined by the department shall file with
- 17 the governor a financial disclosure statement listing all assets
- 18 and liabilities, property and business interests, and sources of
- 19 income of the member, executive director, and key employee and his
- 20 or her spouse, if any, affirming that the member, executive
- 21 director, and key employee are in compliance with subsection (9)(a)
- 22 and (b). The financial disclosure statement shall be made under
- 23 oath and filed at the time of employment and annually thereafter.
- 24 (11) Each employee of the board shall file with the board a
- 25 financial disclosure statement listing all assets and liabilities,
- 26 property and business interests, and sources of income of the
- 27 employee and his or her spouse. This subsection does not apply to

- 1 the executive director or a key employee.
- 2 (12) A member of the board, executive director, or key
- 3 employee shall not hold any direct or indirect interest in, be
- 4 employed by, or enter into a contract for services with an
- 5 applicant, a board licensee, or a marihuana facility for a period
- 6 of 4 years after the date his or her employment or membership on
- 7 the board terminates. The department in consultation with the board
- 8 shall define the term "direct or indirect interest" by rule.
- 9 (13) For 2 years after the date his or her employment with the
- 10 board is terminated, an employee of the board shall not acquire any
- 11 direct or indirect interest in, be employed by, or enter into a
- 12 contract for services with any applicant, licensee, or marihuana
- 13 facility.
- 14 (14) For 2 years after the termination of his or her office or
- 15 employment with the board, a board member or an individual employed
- 16 by the board shall not represent any person or party other than
- 17 this state before or against the board.
- 18 (15) A business entity in which a former board member or
- 19 employee or agent has an interest, or any partner, officer, or
- 20 employee of the business entity, shall not make any appearance or
- 21 represent a party that the former member, employee, or agent is
- 22 prohibited from appearing for or representing. As used in this
- 23 subsection, "business entity" means a corporation, limited
- 24 liability company, partnership, limited liability partnership,
- 25 association, trust, or other form of legal entity.
- 26 Sec. 302. The board has general responsibility for
- 27 implementing this act. The board has the powers and duties

- 1 specified in this act and all other powers necessary and proper to
- 2 fully and effectively implement and administer this act for the
- 3 purpose of licensing, regulating, and enforcing the licensing and
- 4 regulation system established under this act for marihuana growth,
- 5 processing, testing, and transporting. The board is subject to the
- 6 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
- 7 24.328. The board's duties include all of the following:
- 8 (a) Granting or denying each application for a state operating
- 9 license within a reasonable time.
- 10 (b) Deciding all license applications in reasonable order.
- 11 (c) Conducting its public meetings in compliance with the open
- 12 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 13 (d) Consulting with the department in promulgating rules and
- 14 emergency rules as necessary to implement, administer, and enforce
- 15 this act. The board shall not promulgate a rule establishing a
- 16 limit on the number or type of marihuana facility licenses that may
- 17 be granted.
- 18 (e) Implementing and collecting the application fee described
- 19 in section 401 and, in conjunction with the department of treasury,
- 20 the tax described in section 601 and regulatory assessment
- 21 described in section 603.
- 22 (f) Providing for the levy and collection of fines for a
- 23 violation of this act or rules.
- 24 (g) Providing oversight of a marihuana facility through the
- 25 board's inspectors, agents, and auditors and through the state
- 26 police or attorney general for the purpose of certifying the
- 27 revenue, receiving complaints from the public, or conducting

- 1 investigations into the operation of the marihuana facility as the
- 2 board considers necessary and proper to ensure compliance with this
- 3 act and rules and to protect and promote the overall safety,
- 4 security, and integrity of the operation of a marihuana facility.
- 5 (h) Providing oversight of marihuana facilities to ensure that
- 6 marihuana-infused products meet health and safety standards that
- 7 protect the public to a degree comparable to state and federal
- 8 standards applicable to similar food and drugs.
- 9 (i) Reviewing and ruling on any complaint by a licensee
- 10 regarding any investigative procedures of this state that are
- 11 believed to be unnecessarily disruptive of marihuana facility
- 12 operations. The need to inspect and investigate is presumed at all
- 13 times. The board may delegate authority to hear, review, or rule on
- 14 licensee complaints to a subcommittee of the board. To prevail on
- 15 the complaint, a licensee must establish by a preponderance of the
- 16 evidence that the procedures unreasonably disrupted its marihuana
- 17 facility operations.
- 18 (j) Holding at least 2 public meetings each year. Upon 72
- 19 hours' written notice to each member, the chairperson or any 2
- 20 board members may call a special meeting. Three members of the
- 21 board constitute a quorum, including when making determinations on
- 22 an application for a license. Three votes are required in support
- 23 of final determinations of the board on applications for licenses
- 24 and all other licensing determinations, except that 4 votes are
- 25 required in support of a determination to suspend or revoke a
- 26 license. The board shall keep a complete and accurate record of all
- 27 of its meetings and hearings. Upon order of the board, 1 of the

- 1 board members or a hearing officer designated by the board may
- 2 conduct any hearing provided for under this act or by rules and may
- 3 recommend findings and decisions to the board. The board member or
- 4 hearing officer conducting the hearing has all powers and rights
- 5 regarding the conduct of hearings granted to the board under this
- 6 act. The record made at the time of the hearing shall be reviewed
- 7 by the board or a majority of the board, and the findings and
- 8 decision of the majority of the board are the order of the board in
- 9 the case.
- 10 (k) Maintaining records that are separate and distinct from
- 11 the records of any other state board. The records shall be made
- 12 available for public inspection subject to the limitations of this
- 13 act and shall accurately reflect all board proceedings.
- 14 (1) Reviewing the patterns of marihuana transfers by the
- 15 licensees under this act as recorded in a statewide database
- 16 established for use in administering and enforcing this act and
- 17 making recommendations to the governor and the legislature in a
- 18 written annual report to the governor and the legislature and
- 19 additional reports that the governor requests. The annual report
- 20 shall be submitted by April 15 of each year and shall include the
- 21 report required under section 702, a statement of receipts and
- 22 disbursements by the board, the actions taken by the board, and any
- 23 additional information and recommendations that the board considers
- 24 appropriate or that the governor requests.
- 25 (m) Except as otherwise provided in this act, all information,
- 26 records, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda, or other data
- 27 supplied to or used by the board are subject to the freedom of

- 1 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, except for the
- 2 following:
- 3 (i) Unless presented during a public hearing or requested by
- 4 the licensee or applicant who is the sole subject of the data, all
- 5 of the information, records, interviews, reports, statements,
- 6 memoranda, or other data supplied to, created by, or used by the
- 7 board related to background investigation of applicants or
- 8 licensees and to trade secrets, internal controls, and security
- 9 measures of the licensees or applicants.
- 10 (ii) All information, records, interviews, reports,
- 11 statements, memoranda, or other data supplied to or used by the
- 12 board that have been received from another jurisdiction or local,
- 13 state, or federal agency under a promise of confidentiality or if
- 14 the release of the information is otherwise barred by the statutes,
- 15 rules, or regulations of that jurisdiction or agency or by an
- 16 intergovernmental agreement.
- 17 (iii) All information in the statewide monitoring system.
- 18 Sec. 303. (1) The board has jurisdiction over the operation of
- 19 all marihuana facilities. The board has all powers necessary and
- 20 proper to fully and effectively oversee the operation of marihuana
- 21 facilities, including the authority to do all of the following:
- (a) Investigate applicants for state operating licenses,
- 23 determine the eligibility for licenses, and grant licenses to
- 24 applicants in accordance with this act and the rules.
- 25 (b) Investigate all individuals employed by marihuana
- 26 facilities.
- (c) At any time, through its investigators, agents, auditors,

- 1 or the state police, without a warrant and without notice to the
- 2 licensee, enter the premises, offices, facilities, or other places
- 3 of business of a licensee, if evidence of compliance or
- 4 noncompliance with this act or rules is likely to be found and
- 5 consistent with constitutional limitations, for the following
- 6 purposes:
- 7 (i) To inspect and examine all premises of marihuana
- 8 facilities.
- 9 (ii) To inspect, examine, and audit relevant records of the
- 10 licensee and, if the licensee fails to cooperate with an
- 11 investigation, impound, seize, assume physical control of, or
- 12 summarily remove from the premises all books, ledgers, documents,
- 13 writings, photocopies, correspondence, records, and videotapes,
- 14 including electronically stored records, money receptacles, or
- 15 equipment in which the records are stored.
- 16 (iii) To inspect the person, and inspect or examine personal
- 17 effects present in a marihuana facility, of any holder of a state
- 18 operating license while that person is present in a marihuana
- **19** facility.
- 20 (iv) To investigate alleged violations of this act or rules.
- 21 (d) Investigate alleged violations of this act or rules and
- 22 take appropriate disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 23 (e) Consult with the department in adopting rules to establish
- 24 appropriate standards for marihuana facilities and associated
- 25 equipment.
- 26 (f) Require all relevant records of licensees, including
- 27 financial or other statements, to be kept on the premises

- 1 authorized for operation of the marihuana facility of the licensee
- 2 or in the manner prescribed by the board.
- 3 (g) Require that each licensee of a marihuana facility submit
- 4 to the board a list of the stockholders or other persons having a
- 5 1% or greater beneficial interest in the facility in addition to
- 6 any other information the board considers necessary to effectively
- 7 administer this act and rules, orders, and final decisions made
- 8 under this act.
- 9 (h) Eject, or exclude or authorize the ejection or exclusion
- 10 of, an individual from a marihuana facility if the individual
- 11 violates this act, rules, or final orders of the board. However,
- 12 the propriety of the ejection or exclusion is subject to a
- 13 subsequent hearing by the board.
- 14 (i) Conduct periodic audits of marihuana facilities licensed
- 15 under this act.
- 16 (j) Consult with the department as to appropriate minimum
- 17 levels of insurance for licensees in addition to the minimum
- 18 established under section 408 for liability insurance.
- 19 (k) Delegate the execution of any of its powers that are not
- 20 specifically and exclusively reserved to the board under this act
- 21 for the purpose of administering and enforcing this act and rules.
- (l) Take disciplinary action as the board considers
- 23 appropriate to prevent practices that violate this act and rules.
- 24 (m) Review a licensee if that licensee is under review or the
- 25 subject of discipline by a regulatory body in any other
- 26 jurisdiction for a violation of a controlled substance or marihuana
- 27 law or regulation in that jurisdiction.

- 1 (n) Take any other reasonable or appropriate action to enforce
- 2 this act and rules.
- 3 (2) The board may seek and shall receive the cooperation and
- 4 assistance of the department of state police in conducting
- 5 background investigations of applicants and in fulfilling its
- 6 responsibilities under this act. The department of state police may
- 7 recover its costs of cooperation under this subsection.
- 8 Sec. 305. (1) By January 31 of each year, each member of the
- 9 board shall prepare and file with the governor's office and the
- 10 board a disclosure form in which the member does all of the
- 11 following:
- 12 (a) Affirms that the member or the member's spouse, parent,
- 13 child, or child's spouse is not a member of the board of directors
- 14 of, financially interested in, or employed by a licensee or
- 15 applicant.
- 16 (b) Affirms that the member continues to meet any other
- 17 criteria for board membership under this act or the rules
- 18 promulgated by the board.
- 19 (c) Discloses any legal or beneficial interests in any real
- 20 property that is or that may be directly or indirectly involved
- 21 with operations authorized by this act.
- 22 (d) Discloses any other information as may be required to
- 23 ensure that the integrity of the board and its work is maintained.
- 24 (2) By January 31 of each year, each employee of the board
- 25 shall prepare and file with the board an employee disclosure form
- 26 in which the employee does all of the following:
- 27 (a) Affirms the absence of financial interests prohibited by

- 1 this act.
- 2 (b) Discloses any legal or beneficial interests in any real
- 3 property that is or that may be directly or indirectly involved
- 4 with operations authorized by this act.
- 5 (c) Discloses whether the employee or the employee's spouse,
- 6 parent, child, or child's spouse is financially interested in or
- 7 employed by a licensee or an applicant for a license under this
- 8 act.
- 9 (d) Discloses such other matters as may be required to ensure
- 10 that the integrity of the board and its work is maintained.
- 11 (3) A member, employee, or agent of the board who becomes
- 12 aware that the member, employee, or agent of the board or his or
- 13 her spouse, parent, or child is a member of the board of directors
- 14 of, financially interested in, or employed by a licensee or an
- 15 applicant shall immediately provide detailed written notice thereof
- 16 to the chairperson.
- 17 (4) A member, employee, or agent of the board who within the
- 18 previous 10 years has been indicted for, charged with, or convicted
- 19 of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or forfeited bail concerning
- 20 a misdemeanor involving controlled substances, dishonesty, theft,
- 21 or fraud or a local ordinance in any state involving controlled
- 22 substances, dishonesty, theft, or fraud that substantially
- 23 corresponds to a misdemeanor in that state, or a felony under
- 24 Michigan law, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the
- 25 United States or any other jurisdiction shall immediately provide
- 26 detailed written notice of the conviction or charge to the
- 27 chairperson.

- 1 (5) Any member, employee, or agent of the board who is
- 2 negotiating for, or acquires by any means, any interest in any
- 3 person who is a licensee or an applicant, or any person affiliated
- 4 with such a person, shall immediately provide written notice of the
- 5 details of the interest to the chairperson. The member, employee,
- 6 or agent of the board shall not act on behalf of the board with
- 7 respect to that person.
- 8 (6) A member, employee, or agent of the board shall not enter
- 9 into any negotiations for employment with any person or affiliate
- 10 of any person who is a licensee or an applicant and shall
- 11 immediately provide written notice of the details of any such
- 12 negotiations or discussions in progress to the chairperson. The
- 13 member, employee, or agent of the board shall not take action on
- 14 behalf of the board with respect to that person.
- 15 (7) Any member, employee, or agent of the board who receives
- 16 an invitation, written or oral, to initiate a discussion concerning
- 17 employment or the possibility of employment with a person or
- 18 affiliate of a person who is a licensee or an applicant shall
- 19 immediately report that he or she received the invitation to the
- 20 chairperson. The member, employee, or agent of the board shall not
- 21 take action on behalf of the board with respect to the person.
- 22 (8) A licensee or applicant shall not knowingly initiate a
- 23 negotiation for or discussion of employment with a member,
- 24 employee, or agent of the board. A licensee or applicant who
- 25 initiates a negotiation or discussion about employment shall
- 26 immediately provide written notice of the details of the
- 27 negotiation or discussion to the chairperson as soon as he or she

- 1 becomes aware that the negotiation or discussion has been initiated
- 2 with a member, employee, or agent of the board.
- 3 (9) A member, employee, or agent of the board, or former
- 4 member, employee, or agent of the board, shall not disseminate or
- 5 otherwise disclose any material or information in the possession of
- 6 the board that the board considers confidential unless specifically
- 7 authorized to do so by the chairperson or the board.
- 8 (10) A member, employee, or agent of the board or a parent,
- 9 spouse, sibling, spouse of a sibling, child, or spouse of a child
- 10 of a member, employee, or agent of the board shall not accept any
- 11 gift, gratuity, compensation, travel, lodging, or anything of
- 12 value, directly or indirectly, from any licensee or any applicant
- 13 or affiliate or representative of a licensee or applicant, unless
- 14 the acceptance conforms to a written policy or directive that is
- 15 issued by the chairperson or the board. Any member, employee, or
- 16 agent of the board who is offered or receives any gift, gratuity,
- 17 compensation, travel, lodging, or anything of value, directly or
- 18 indirectly, from any licensee or any applicant or affiliate or
- 19 representative of an applicant or licensee shall immediately
- 20 provide written notification of the details to the chairperson.
- 21 (11) A licensee or applicant, or an affiliate or
- 22 representative of an applicant or licensee, shall not, directly or
- 23 indirectly, give or offer to give any gift, gratuity, compensation,
- 24 travel, lodging, or anything of value to any member, employee, or
- 25 agent of the board that the member, employee, or agent of the board
- is prohibited from accepting under subsection (10).
- 27 (12) A member, employee, or agent of the board shall not

- 1 engage in any conduct that constitutes a conflict of interest and
- 2 shall immediately advise the chairperson in writing of the details
- 3 of any incident or circumstances that would present the existence
- 4 of a conflict of interest with respect to performing board-related
- 5 work or duties.
- 6 (13) A member, employee, or agent of the board who is
- 7 approached and offered a bribe as described in section 118 of the
- 8 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.118, or this act shall
- 9 immediately provide written account of the details of the incident
- 10 to the chairperson and to a law enforcement officer of a law
- 11 enforcement agency having jurisdiction.
- 12 (14) A member, employee, or agent of the board shall disclose
- 13 his or her past involvement with any marihuana enterprise in the
- 14 past 5 years and shall not engage in political activity or
- 15 politically related activity during the duration of his or her
- 16 appointment or employment.
- 17 (15) A former member, employee, or agent of the board may
- 18 appear before the board as a fact witness about matters or actions
- 19 handled by the member, employee, or agent during his or her tenure
- 20 as a member, employee, or agent of the board. The member, employee,
- 21 or agent of the board shall not receive compensation for such an
- 22 appearance other than a standard witness fee and reimbursement for
- 23 travel expenses as established by statute or court rule.
- 24 (16) A licensee or applicant or any affiliate or
- 25 representative of an applicant or licensee shall not engage in ex
- 26 parte communications with a member of the board. A member of the
- 27 board shall not engage in any ex parte communications with a

- 1 licensee or an applicant or with any affiliate or representative of
- 2 an applicant or licensee.
- 3 (17) Any board member, licensee, or applicant or affiliate or
- 4 representative of a board member, licensee, or applicant who
- 5 receives any ex parte communication in violation of subsection
- 6 (16), or who is aware of an attempted communication in violation of
- 7 subsection (16), shall immediately report details of the
- 8 communication or attempted communication in writing to the
- 9 chairperson.
- 10 (18) Any member of the board who receives an ex parte
- 11 communication in an attempt to influence that member's official
- 12 action shall disclose the source and content of the communication
- 13 to the chairperson. The chairperson may investigate or initiate an
- 14 investigation of the matter with the assistance of the attorney
- 15 general and state police to determine if the communication violates
- 16 subsection (16) or subsection (17) or other state law. The
- 17 disclosure under this section and the investigation are
- 18 confidential. Following an investigation, the chairperson shall
- 19 advise the governor or the board, or both, of the results of the
- 20 investigation and may recommend action as the chairperson considers
- 21 appropriate. If the chairperson receives such an ex parte
- 22 communication, he or she shall report the communication to the
- 23 governor's office for appropriate action.
- 24 (19) A new or current employee or agent of the board shall
- 25 obtain written permission from the executive director before
- 26 continuing outside employment held at the time the employee begins
- 27 to work for the board. Permission shall be denied, or permission

- 1 previously granted shall be revoked, if the executive director
- 2 considers the nature of the work to create a possible conflict of
- 3 interest or if it would otherwise interfere with the duties of the
- 4 employee or agent for the board.
- 5 (20) An employee or agent of the board granted permission for
- 6 outside employment shall not conduct any business or perform any
- 7 activities, including solicitation, related to outside employment
- 8 on premises used by the board or during the employee's working
- 9 hours for the board.
- 10 (21) The chairperson shall report any action he or she has
- 11 taken or proposes to take under this section with respect to an
- 12 employee or agent or former employee or former agent to the board
- 13 at the next meeting of the board. The board may direct the
- 14 executive director to take additional or different action.
- 15 (22) Except as allowed under the Michigan medical marihuana
- 16 act, a member, employee, or agent of the board shall not enter into
- 17 any personal transaction involving marihuana with a licensee or
- 18 applicant.
- 19 (23) If a licensee or applicant, or an affiliate or
- 20 representative of a licensee or applicant, violates this section,
- 21 the board may deny a license application, revoke or suspend a
- 22 license, or take other disciplinary action as provided in section
- 23 407.
- 24 (24) Violation of this section by a member of the board may
- 25 result in disqualification or constitute cause for removal under
- 26 section 301(7) or other disciplinary action as recommended by the
- 27 board to the governor.

- 1 (25) A violation of this section by an employee or agent of
- 2 the board need not result in termination of employment if the board
- 3 determines that the conduct involved does not violate the purpose
- 4 of this act. However, all of the following apply:
- 5 (a) If, after being offered employment or beginning employment
- 6 with the board, the employee or agent intentionally acquires a
- 7 financial interest in a licensee or an applicant, or an affiliate
- 8 or representative of a licensee or applicant, the offer or
- 9 employment with the board shall be terminated.
- 10 (b) If a financial interest in a licensee or an applicant, or
- 11 an affiliate or representative of a licensee or applicant, is
- 12 acquired by an employee or agent that has been offered employment
- 13 with the board, an employee of the board, or the employee's or
- 14 agent's spouse, parent, or child, through no intentional action of
- 15 the employee or agent, the individual shall have up to 30 days to
- 16 divest or terminate the financial interest. Employment may be
- 17 terminated if the interest has not been divested after 30 days.
- 18 (c) Employment shall be terminated if the employee or agent is
- 19 a spouse, parent, child, or spouse of a child of a board member.
- 20 (26) Violation of this section does not create a civil cause
- 21 of action.
- 22 (27) As used in this section:
- 23 (a) "Outside employment", in addition to employment by a third
- 24 party, includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- 25 (i) Operation of a proprietorship.
- 26 (ii) Participation in a partnership or group business
- 27 enterprise.

- 1 (iii) Performance as a director or corporate officer of any
- 2 for-profit or nonprofit corporation or banking or credit
- 3 institution.
- 4 (iv) Performance as a manager of a limited liability company.
- 5 (b) "Political activity" or "politically related activity"
- 6 includes all of the following:
- 7 (i) Using his or her official authority or influence for the
- 8 purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.
- 9 (ii) Knowingly soliciting, accepting, or receiving a political
- 10 contribution from any person.
- 11 (iii) Running for the nomination or as a candidate for
- 12 election to a partisan political office.
- 13 (iv) Knowingly soliciting or discouraging the participation in
- 14 any political activity of any person who is either of the
- 15 following:
- 16 (A) Applying for any compensation, grant, contract, ruling,
- 17 license, permit, or certificate pending before the board.
- 18 (B) The subject of or a participant in an ongoing audit,
- 19 investigation, or enforcement action being carried out by the
- 20 board.
- 21 PART 4. LICENSING
- 22 Sec. 401. (1) Beginning 360 days after the effective date of
- 23 this act, a person may apply to the board for state operating
- 24 licenses in the categories of class A, B, or C grower; processor;
- 25 provisioning center; secure transporter; and safety compliance
- 26 facility as provided in this act. The application shall be made
- 27 under oath on a form provided by the board and shall contain

- 1 information as prescribed by the board, including, but not limited
- 2 to, all of the following:
- 3 (a) The name, business address, business telephone number,
- 4 social security number, and, if applicable, federal tax
- 5 identification number of the applicant.
- 6 (b) The identity of every person having any ownership interest
- 7 in the applicant with respect to which the license is sought. If
- 8 the disclosed entity is a trust, the application shall disclose the
- 9 names and addresses of the beneficiaries; if a corporation, the
- 10 names and addresses of all shareholders, officers, and directors;
- 11 if a partnership or limited liability partnership, the names and
- 12 addresses of all partners; if a limited partnership or limited
- 13 liability limited partnership, the names of all partners, both
- 14 general and limited; or if a limited liability company, the names
- 15 and addresses of all members and managers.
- 16 (c) An identification of any business that is directly or
- 17 indirectly involved in the growing, processing, testing,
- 18 transporting, or sale of marihuana, including, if applicable, the
- 19 state of incorporation or registration, in which an applicant or,
- 20 if the applicant is an individual, the applicant's spouse, parent,
- 21 or child has any equity interest. If an applicant is a corporation,
- 22 partnership, or other business entity, the applicant shall identify
- 23 any other corporation, partnership, or other business entity that
- 24 is directly or indirectly involved in the growing, processing,
- 25 testing, transporting, or sale of marihuana in which it has any
- 26 equity interest, including, if applicable, the state of
- 27 incorporation or registration. An applicant may comply with this

- 1 subdivision by filing a copy of the applicant's registration with
- 2 the Securities and Exchange Commission if the registration contains
- 3 the information required by this subdivision.
- 4 (d) Whether an applicant has been indicted for, charged with,
- 5 arrested for, or convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to,
- 6 forfeited bail concerning any criminal offense under the laws of
- 7 any jurisdiction, either felony or controlled-substance-related
- 8 misdemeanor, not including traffic violations, regardless of
- 9 whether the offense has been reversed on appeal or otherwise,
- 10 including the date, the name and location of the court, arresting
- 11 agency, and prosecuting agency, the case caption, the docket
- 12 number, the offense, the disposition, and the location and length
- 13 of incarceration.
- 14 (e) Whether an applicant has ever applied for or has been
- 15 granted any commercial license or certificate issued by a licensing
- 16 authority in Michigan or any other jurisdiction that has been
- 17 denied, restricted, suspended, revoked, or not renewed and a
- 18 statement describing the facts and circumstances concerning the
- 19 application, denial, restriction, suspension, revocation, or
- 20 nonrenewal, including the licensing authority, the date each action
- 21 was taken, and the reason for each action.
- 22 (f) Whether an applicant has filed, or been served with, a
- 23 complaint or other notice filed with any public body, regarding the
- 24 delinquency in the payment of, or a dispute over the filings
- 25 concerning the payment of, any tax required under federal, state,
- 26 or local law, including the amount, type of tax, taxing agency, and
- 27 time periods involved.

- 1 (g) A statement listing the names and titles of all public
- 2 officials or officers of any unit of government, and the spouses,
- 3 parents, and children of those public officials or officers, who,
- 4 directly or indirectly, own any financial interest in, have any
- 5 beneficial interest in, are the creditors of or hold any debt
- 6 instrument issued by, or hold or have any interest in any
- 7 contractual or service relationship with an applicant. As used in
- 8 this subdivision, public official or officer does not include a
- 9 person who would have to be listed solely because of his or her
- 10 state or federal military service.
- 11 (h) A description of the type of marihuana facility;
- 12 anticipated or actual number of employees; and projected or actual
- 13 gross receipts.
- 14 (i) Financial information in the manner and form prescribed by
- 15 the board.
- 16 (j) A paper copy or electronic posting website reference for
- 17 the ordinance or zoning restriction that the municipality adopted
- 18 to authorize or restrict operation of 1 or more marihuana
- 19 facilities in the municipality.
- 20 (k) A copy of the notice informing the municipality by
- 21 registered mail that the applicant has applied for a license under
- 22 this act. The applicant shall also certify that it has delivered
- 23 the notice to the municipality or will do so by 10 days after the
- 24 date the applicant submits the application for a license to the
- 25 board.
- (l) Any other information the department requires by rule.
- 27 (2) The board shall use information provided on the

- 1 application as a basis to conduct a thorough background
- 2 investigation on the applicant. A false application is cause for
- 3 the board to deny a license. The board shall not consider an
- 4 incomplete application but shall, within a reasonable time, return
- 5 the application to the applicant with notification of the
- 6 deficiency and instructions for submitting a corrected application.
- 7 Information the board obtains from the background investigation is
- 8 exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976
- **9** PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 10 (3) An applicant must provide written consent to the
- 11 inspections, examinations, searches, and seizures provided for in
- 12 section 303(1)(c)(i) to (iv) and to disclosure to the board and its
- 13 agents of otherwise confidential records, including tax records
- 14 held by any federal, state, or local agency, or credit bureau or
- 15 financial institution, while applying for or holding a license.
- 16 Information the board receives under this subsection is exempt from
- 17 disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL
- **18** 15.231 to 15.246.
- 19 (4) An applicant must certify that the applicant does not have
- 20 an interest in any other state operating license that is prohibited
- 21 under this act.
- 22 (5) A nonrefundable application fee must be paid at the time
- 23 of filing to defray the costs associated with the background
- 24 investigation conducted by the board. The department in
- 25 consultation with the board shall set the amount of the application
- 26 fee for each category and class of license by rule. If the costs of
- 27 the investigation and processing the application exceed the

- 1 application fee, the applicant shall pay the additional amount to
- 2 the board. All information, records, interviews, reports,
- 3 statements, memoranda, or other data supplied to or used by the
- 4 board in the course of its review or investigation of an
- 5 application for a license under this act shall be disclosed only in
- 6 accordance with this act. The information, records, interviews,
- 7 reports, statements, memoranda, or other data are not admissible as
- 8 evidence or discoverable in any action of any kind in any court or
- 9 before any tribunal, board, agency, or person, except for any
- 10 action considered necessary by the board.
- 11 (6) By 10 days after the date the applicant submits an
- 12 application to the board, the applicant shall notify the
- 13 municipality by registered mail that it has applied for a license
- 14 under this act.
- 15 Sec. 402. (1) The board shall issue a license to an applicant
- 16 who submits a complete application and pays both the nonrefundable
- 17 application fee required under section 401(5) and the regulatory
- 18 assessment established by the board for the first year of
- 19 operation, if the board determines that the applicant is qualified
- 20 to receive a license under this act.
- 21 (2) An applicant is ineligible to receive a license if any of
- 22 the following circumstances exist:
- 23 (a) The applicant has been convicted of or released from
- 24 incarceration for a felony under the laws of this state, any other
- 25 state, or the United States within the past 10 years or has been
- 26 convicted of a controlled substance-related felony within the past
- **27** 10 years.

- 1 (b) Within the past 5 years the applicant has been convicted
- 2 of a misdemeanor involving a controlled substance, theft,
- 3 dishonesty, or fraud in any state or been found responsible for
- 4 violating a local ordinance in any state involving a controlled
- 5 substance, dishonesty, theft, or fraud that substantially
- 6 corresponds to a misdemeanor in that state.
- 7 (c) The applicant has knowingly submitted an application for a
- 8 license under this act that contains false information.
- 9 (d) The applicant is a member of the board.
- 10 (e) The applicant fails to demonstrate the applicant's ability
- 11 to maintain adequate premises liability and casualty insurance for
- 12 its proposed marihuana facility.
- 13 (f) The applicant holds an elective office of a governmental
- 14 unit of this state, another state, or the federal government; is a
- 15 member of or employed by a regulatory body of a governmental unit
- 16 in this state, another state, or the federal government; or is
- 17 employed by a governmental unit of this state. This subdivision
- 18 does not apply to an elected officer of or employee of a federally
- 19 recognized Indian tribe or to an elected precinct delegate.
- 20 (g) The applicant, if an individual, has been a resident of
- 21 this state for less than a continuous 2-year period immediately
- 22 preceding the date of filing the application. The requirements in
- 23 this subdivision do not apply after June 30, 2018.
- 24 (h) The board determines that the applicant is not in
- 25 compliance with section 205(1).
- (i) The applicant fails to meet other criteria established by
- **27** rule.

- 1 (3) In determining whether to grant a license to an applicant,
- 2 the board may also consider all of the following:
- 3 (a) The integrity, moral character, and reputation; personal
- 4 and business probity; financial ability and experience; and
- 5 responsibility or means to operate or maintain a marihuana facility
- 6 of the applicant and of any other person that either:
- 7 (i) Controls, directly or indirectly, the applicant.
- 8 (ii) Is controlled, directly or indirectly, by the applicant
- 9 or by a person who controls, directly or indirectly, the applicant.
- 10 (b) The financial ability of the applicant to purchase and
- 11 maintain adequate liability and casualty insurance.
- 12 (c) The sources and total amount of the applicant's
- 13 capitalization to operate and maintain the proposed marihuana
- 14 facility.
- 15 (d) Whether the applicant has been indicted for, charged with,
- 16 arrested for, or convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to,
- 17 forfeited bail concerning, or had expunged any relevant criminal
- 18 offense under the laws of any jurisdiction, either felony or
- 19 misdemeanor, not including traffic violations, regardless of
- 20 whether the offense has been expunded, pardoned, or reversed on
- 21 appeal or otherwise.
- (e) Whether the applicant has filed, or had filed against it,
- 23 a proceeding for bankruptcy within the past 7 years.
- 24 (f) Whether the applicant has been served with a complaint or
- 25 other notice filed with any public body regarding payment of any
- 26 tax required under federal, state, or local law that has been
- 27 delinquent for 1 or more years.

- 1 (g) Whether the applicant has a history of noncompliance with
- 2 any regulatory requirements in this state or any other
- 3 jurisdiction.
- 4 (h) Whether at the time of application the applicant is a
- 5 defendant in litigation involving its business practices.
- 6 (i) Whether the applicant meets other standards in rules
- 7 applicable to the license category.
- 8 (4) Each applicant shall submit with its application, on forms
- 9 provided by the board, a passport quality photograph and 1 set of
- 10 fingerprints for each person having any ownership interest in the
- 11 marihuana facility and each person who is an officer, director, or
- 12 managerial employee of the applicant. The department may designate
- 13 an entity or agent to collect the fingerprints, and the applicant
- 14 is responsible for the cost associated with the fingerprint
- 15 collection.
- 16 (5) The board shall review all applications for licenses and
- 17 shall inform each applicant of the board's decision.
- 18 (6) A license shall be issued for a 1-year period and is
- 19 renewable annually. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the
- 20 board shall renew a license if all of the following requirements
- 21 are met:
- 22 (a) The licensee applies to the board on a renewal form
- 23 provided by the board that requires information prescribed in
- 24 rules.
- 25 (b) The application is received by the board on or before the
- 26 expiration date of the current license.
- (c) The licensee pays the regulatory assessment under section

- **1** 603.
- 2 (d) The licensee meets the requirements of this act and any
- 3 other renewal requirements set forth in rules.
- 4 (7) The department shall notify the licensee by mail or
- 5 electronic mail at the last known address on file with the board
- 6 advising of the time, procedure, and regulatory assessment under
- 7 section 603. The failure of the licensee to receive notice under
- 8 this subsection does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility
- 9 for renewing the license.
- 10 (8) If a license renewal application is not submitted by the
- 11 license expiration date, the license may be renewed within 60 days
- 12 after its expiration date upon application, payment of the
- 13 regulatory assessment under section 603, and satisfaction of any
- 14 renewal requirement and late fee set forth in rules. The licensee
- 15 may continue to operate during the 60 days after the license
- 16 expiration date if the license is renewed by the end of the 60-day
- 17 period.
- 18 (9) License expiration does not terminate the board's
- 19 authority to impose sanctions on a licensee whose license has
- 20 expired.
- 21 (10) In its decision on an application for renewal, the board
- 22 shall consider any specific written input it receives from an
- 23 individual or entity within the local unit of government in which
- 24 the applicant for renewal is located.
- 25 (11) A licensee must consent in writing to inspections,
- 26 examinations, searches, and seizures that are permitted under this
- 27 act and must provide a handwriting exemplar, fingerprints,

- 1 photographs, and information as authorized in this act or by rules.
- 2 (12) An applicant or licensee has a continuing duty to provide
- 3 information requested by the board and to cooperate in any
- 4 investigation, inquiry, or hearing conducted by the board.
- 5 Sec. 403. If the board identifies a deficiency in an
- 6 application, the board shall provide the applicant with a
- 7 reasonable period of time to correct the deficiency.
- 8 Sec. 404. (1) The board shall issue a license only in the name
- 9 of the true party of interest.
- 10 (2) For the following true parties of interest, information
- 11 concerning the indicated individuals must be included in the
- 12 disclosures required of an applicant or licensee:
- 13 (a) For an individual or sole proprietorship: the proprietor
- 14 and spouse.
- 15 (b) For a partnership and limited liability partnership: all
- 16 partners and their spouses. For a limited partnership and limited
- 17 liability limited partnership: all general and limited partners and
- 18 their spouses. For a limited liability company: all members,
- 19 managers, and their spouses.
- (c) For a privately held corporation: all corporate officers
- 21 or persons with equivalent titles and their spouses and all
- 22 stockholders and their spouses.
- 23 (d) For a publicly held corporation: all corporate officers or
- 24 persons with equivalent titles and their spouses.
- 25 (e) For a multilevel ownership enterprise: any entity or
- 26 person that receives or has the right to receive a percentage of
- 27 the gross or net profit from the enterprise during any full or

- 1 partial calendar or fiscal year.
- 2 (f) For a nonprofit corporation: all individuals and entities
- 3 with membership or shareholder rights in accordance with the
- 4 articles of incorporation or the bylaws and their spouses.
- 5 (3) For purposes of this section, "true party of interest"
- 6 does not mean:
- 7 (a) A person or entity receiving reasonable payment for rent
- 8 on a fixed basis under a bona fide lease or rental obligation,
- 9 unless the lessor or property manager exercises control over or
- 10 participates in the management of the business.
- 11 (b) A person who receives a bonus as an employee if the
- 12 employee is on a fixed wage or salary and the bonus is not more
- 13 than 25% of the employee's prebonus annual compensation or if the
- 14 bonus is based on a written incentive/bonus program that is not out
- 15 of the ordinary for the services rendered.
- Sec. 405. Subject to the laws of this state, before hiring a
- 17 prospective employee, the holder of a license shall conduct a
- 18 background check of the prospective employee. If the background
- 19 check indicates a pending charge or conviction within the past 10
- 20 years for a controlled substance-related felony, a licensee shall
- 21 not hire the prospective employee without written permission of the
- 22 board.
- 23 Sec. 406. Each license is exclusive to the licensee, and a
- 24 licensee or any other person must apply for and receive the board's
- 25 approval before a license is transferred, sold, or purchased. The
- 26 attempted transfer, sale, or other conveyance of an interest of
- 27 more than 1% in a license without prior board approval is grounds

- 1 for suspension or revocation of the license or for other sanction
- 2 considered appropriate by the board.
- 3 Sec. 407. (1) If an applicant or licensee fails to comply with
- 4 this act or rules, if a licensee fails to comply with the marihuana
- 5 tracking act, if a licensee no longer meets the eligibility
- 6 requirements for a license under this act, or if an applicant or
- 7 licensee fails to provide information the board requests to assist
- 8 in any investigation, inquiry, or board hearing, the board may
- 9 deny, suspend, revoke, or restrict a license. The board may
- 10 suspend, revoke, or restrict a license and require the removal of a
- 11 licensee or an employee of a licensee for a violation of this act,
- 12 rules, the marihuana tracking act, or any ordinance adopted under
- section 205. The board may impose civil fines of up to \$5,000.00
- 14 against an individual and up to \$10,000.00 or an amount equal to
- 15 the daily gross receipts, whichever is greater, against a licensee
- 16 for each violation of this act, rules, or an order of the board.
- 17 Assessment of a civil fine under this subsection is not a bar to
- 18 the investigation, arrest, charging, or prosecution of an
- 19 individual for any other violation of this act and is not grounds
- 20 to suppress evidence in any criminal prosecution that arises under
- 21 this act or any other law of this state.
- 22 (2) The board shall comply with the administrative procedures
- 23 act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, when denying,
- 24 revoking, suspending, or restricting a license or imposing a fine.
- 25 The board may suspend a license without notice or hearing upon a
- 26 determination that the safety or health of patrons or employees is
- 27 jeopardized by continuing a marihuana facility's operation. If the

- 1 board suspends a license under this subsection without notice or
- 2 hearing, a prompt postsuspension hearing must be held to determine
- 3 if the suspension should remain in effect. The suspension may
- 4 remain in effect until the board determines that the cause for
- 5 suspension has been abated. The board may revoke the license or
- 6 approve a transfer or sale of the license upon a determination that
- 7 the licensee has not made satisfactory progress toward abating the
- 8 hazard.
- 9 (3) After denying an application for a license, the board
- 10 shall, upon request, provide a public investigative hearing at
- 11 which the applicant is given the opportunity to present testimony
- 12 and evidence to establish its suitability for a license. Other
- 13 testimony and evidence may be presented at the hearing, but the
- 14 board's decision must be based on the whole record before the board
- 15 and is not limited to testimony and evidence submitted at the
- 16 public investigative hearing.
- 17 (4) Except for license applicants who may be granted a hearing
- 18 at the discretion of the board under subsection (3), any party
- 19 aggrieved by an action of the board suspending, revoking,
- 20 restricting, or refusing to renew a license, or imposing a fine,
- 21 shall be given a hearing before the board upon request. A request
- 22 for a hearing must be made to the board in writing within 21 days
- 23 after service of notice of the action of the board. Notice of the
- 24 action of the board must be served either by personal delivery or
- 25 by certified mail, postage prepaid, to the aggrieved party. Notice
- 26 served by certified mail is considered complete on the business day
- 27 following the date of the mailing.

- 1 (5) The board may conduct investigative and contested case
- 2 hearings; issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses; issue
- 3 subpoenas duces tecum for the production of books, ledgers,
- 4 records, memoranda, electronically retrievable data, and other
- 5 pertinent documents; and administer oaths and affirmations to
- 6 witnesses as appropriate to exercise and discharge the powers and
- 7 duties of the board under this act. The executive director or his
- 8 or her designee may issue subpoenas and administer oaths and
- 9 affirmations to witnesses.
- 10 Sec. 408. (1) Before the board grants or renews any license
- 11 under this act, the licensee or applicant shall file with the
- 12 department proof of financial responsibility for liability for
- 13 bodily injury to lawful users resulting from the manufacture,
- 14 distribution, transportation, or sale of adulterated marihuana or
- 15 adulterated marihuana-infused product in an amount not less than
- 16 \$100,000.00. The proof of financial responsibility may be in the
- 17 form of cash, unencumbered securities, a liability insurance
- 18 policy, or a constant value bond executed by a surety company
- 19 authorized to do business in this state. As used this section:
- (a) "Adulterated marihuana" means a product sold as marihuana
- 21 that contains any unintended substance or chemical or biological
- 22 matter other than marihuana that causes adverse reaction after
- 23 ingestion or consumption.
- 24 (b) "Bodily injury" does not include expected or intended
- 25 effect or long-term adverse effect of smoking, ingestion, or
- 26 consumption of marihuana or marihuana-infused product.
- 27 (2) An insured licensee shall not cancel liability insurance

- 1 required under this section unless the licensee complies with both
- 2 of the following:
- 3 (a) Gives 30 days' prior written notice to the department.
- 4 (b) Procures new proof of financial responsibility required
- 5 under this section and delivers that proof to the department within
- 6 30 days after giving the department the notice under subdivision
- **7** (a).
- 8 Sec. 409. A state operating license is a revocable privilege
- 9 granted by this state and is not a property right. Granting a
- 10 license does not create or vest any right, title, franchise, or
- 11 other property interest. Each license is exclusive to the licensee,
- 12 and a licensee or any other person must apply for and receive the
- 13 board's and municipality's approval before a license is
- 14 transferred, sold, or purchased. A licensee or any other person
- 15 shall not lease, pledge, or borrow or loan money against a license.
- 16 The attempted transfer, sale, or other conveyance of an interest in
- 17 a license without prior board approval is grounds for suspension or
- 18 revocation of the license or for other sanction considered
- 19 appropriate by the board.
- 20 PART 5. LICENSEES
- Sec. 501. (1) A grower license authorizes the grower to grow
- 22 not more than the following number of marihuana plants under the
- 23 indicated license class for each license the grower holds in that
- 24 class:
- 25 (a) Class A 500 marihuana plants.
- 26 (b) Class B 1,000 marihuana plants.
- 27 (c) Class C 1,500 marihuana plants.

- 1 (2) A grower license authorizes sale of marihuana seeds or
- 2 marihuana plants only to a grower by means of a secure transporter.
- 3 (3) A grower license authorizes sale of marihuana, other than
- 4 seeds, only to a processor or provisioning center.
- 5 (4) A grower license authorizes the grower to transfer
- 6 marihuana only by means of a secure transporter.
- 7 (5) To be eligible for a grower license, the applicant and
- 8 each investor in the grower must not have an interest in a secure
- 9 transporter or safety compliance facility.
- 10 (6) A grower shall comply with all of the following:
- 11 (a) Until December 31, 2021, have, or have as an active
- 12 employee an individual who has, a minimum of 2 years' experience as
- 13 a registered primary caregiver.
- 14 (b) While holding a license as a grower, not be a registered
- 15 primary caregiver and not employ an individual who is
- 16 simultaneously a registered primary caregiver.
- 17 (c) Enter all transactions, current inventory, and other
- 18 information into the statewide monitoring system as required in
- 19 this act, rules, and the marihuana tracking act.
- 20 (7) A grower license does not authorize the grower to operate
- 21 in an area unless the area is zoned for industrial or agricultural
- 22 uses or is unzoned and otherwise meets the requirements established
- 23 in section 205(1).
- Sec. 502. (1) A processor license authorizes purchase of
- 25 marihuana only from a grower and sale of marihuana-infused products
- 26 or marihuana only to a provisioning center.
- 27 (2) A processor license authorizes the processor to transfer

- 1 marihuana only by means of a secure transporter.
- 2 (3) To be eligible for a processor license, the applicant and
- 3 each investor in the processor must not have an interest in a
- 4 secure transporter or safety compliance facility.
- 5 (4) A processor shall comply with all of the following:
- 6 (a) Until December 31, 2021, have, or have as an active
- 7 employee an individual who has, a minimum of 2 years' experience as
- 8 a registered primary caregiver.
- **9** (b) While holding a license as a processor, not be a
- 10 registered primary caregiver and not employ an individual who is
- 11 simultaneously a registered primary caregiver.
- 12 (c) Enter all transactions, current inventory, and other
- 13 information into the statewide monitoring system as required in
- 14 this act, rules, and the marihuana tracking act.
- 15 Sec. 503. (1) A secure transporter license authorizes the
- 16 licensee to store and transport marihuana and money associated with
- 17 the purchase or sale of marihuana between marihuana facilities for
- 18 a fee upon request of a person with legal custody of that marihuana
- 19 or money. It does not authorize transport to a registered
- 20 qualifying patient or registered primary caregiver.
- 21 (2) To be eligible for a secure transporter license, the
- 22 applicant and each investor with an interest in the secure
- 23 transporter must not have an interest in a grower, processor,
- 24 provisioning center, or safety compliance facility and must not be
- 25 a registered qualifying patient or a registered primary caregiver.
- 26 (3) A secure transporter shall enter all transactions, current
- 27 inventory, and other information into the statewide monitoring

- 1 system as required in this act, rules, and the marihuana tracking
- 2 act.
- 3 (4) A secure transporter shall comply with all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (a) Each driver transporting marihuana must have a chauffeur's
- 6 license issued by this state.
- 7 (b) Each employee who has custody of marihuana or money that
- 8 is related to a marihuana transaction shall not have been convicted
- 9 of or released from incarceration for a felony under the laws of
- 10 this state, any other state, or the United States within the past 5
- 11 years or have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving a
- 12 controlled substance within the past 5 years.
- 13 (c) Each vehicle shall be operated with a 2-person crew with
- 14 at least 1 individual remaining with the vehicle at all times
- 15 during the transportation of marihuana.
- 16 (d) A route plan and manifest shall be entered into the
- 17 statewide monitoring system, and a copy shall be carried in the
- 18 transporting vehicle and presented to a law enforcement officer
- 19 upon request.
- (e) The marihuana shall be transported in 1 or more sealed
- 21 containers and not be accessible while in transit.
- 22 (f) A secure transporting vehicle shall not bear markings or
- 23 other indication that it is carrying marihuana or a marihuana-
- 24 infused product.
- 25 (5) A secure transporter is subject to administrative
- 26 inspection by a law enforcement officer at any point during the
- 27 transportation of marihuana to determine compliance with this act.

- 1 Sec. 504. (1) A provisioning center license authorizes the
- 2 purchase or transfer of marihuana only from a grower or processor
- 3 and sale or transfer to only a registered qualifying patient or
- 4 registered primary caregiver. All transfers of marihuana to a
- 5 provisioning center from a separate marihuana facility shall be by
- 6 means of a secure transporter.
- 7 (2) A provisioning center license authorizes the provisioning
- 8 center to transfer marihuana to or from a safety compliance
- 9 facility for testing by means of a secure transporter.
- 10 (3) To be eligible for a provisioning center license, the
- 11 applicant and each investor in the provisioning center must not
- 12 have an interest in a secure transporter or safety compliance
- 13 facility.
- 14 (4) A provisioning center shall comply with all of the
- 15 following:
- 16 (a) Sell or transfer marihuana to a registered qualifying
- 17 patient or registered primary caregiver only after it has been
- 18 tested and bears the label required for retail sale.
- 19 (b) Enter all transactions, current inventory, and other
- 20 information into the statewide monitoring system as required in
- 21 this act, rules, and the marihuana tracking act.
- (c) Before selling or transferring marihuana to a registered
- 23 qualifying patient or to a registered primary caregiver on behalf
- 24 of a registered qualifying patient, inquire of the statewide
- 25 monitoring system to determine whether the patient and, if
- 26 applicable, the caregiver hold a valid, current, unexpired, and
- 27 unrevoked registry identification card and that the sale or

- 1 transfer will not exceed the daily purchasing limit established by
- 2 the medical marihuana licensing board under this act.
- 3 (d) Not allow the sale, consumption, or use of alcohol or
- 4 tobacco products on the premises.
- 5 (e) Not allow a physician to conduct a medical examination or
- 6 issue a medical certification document on the premises for the
- 7 purpose of obtaining a registry identification card.
- 8 Sec. 505. (1) In addition to transfer and testing authorized
- 9 in section 203, a safety compliance facility license authorizes the
- 10 facility to receive marihuana from, test marihuana for, and return
- 11 marihuana to only a marihuana facility.
- 12 (2) A safety compliance facility must be accredited by an
- 13 entity approved by the board by 1 year after the date the license
- 14 is issued or have previously provided drug testing services to this
- 15 state or this state's court system and be a vendor in good standing
- 16 in regard to those services. The board may grant a variance from
- 17 this requirement upon a finding that the variance is necessary to
- 18 protect and preserve the public health, safety, or welfare.
- 19 (3) To be eligible for a safety compliance facility license,
- 20 the applicant and each investor with any interest in the safety
- 21 compliance facility must not have an interest in a grower, secure
- 22 transporter, processor, or provisioning center.
- 23 (4) A safety compliance facility shall comply with all of the
- 24 following:
- 25 (a) Perform tests to certify that marihuana is reasonably free
- 26 of chemical residues such as fungicides and insecticides.
- 27 (b) Use validated test methods to determine

- 1 tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinol acid, cannabidiol, and
- 2 cannabidiol acid levels.
- 3 (c) Perform tests that determine whether marihuana complies
- 4 with the standards the board establishes for microbial and
- 5 mycotoxin contents.
- 6 (d) Perform other tests necessary to determine compliance with
- 7 any other good manufacturing practices as prescribed in rules.
- 8 (e) Enter all transactions, current inventory, and other
- 9 information into the statewide monitoring system as required in
- 10 this act, rules, and the marihuana tracking act.
- 11 (f) Have a secured laboratory space that cannot be accessed by
- 12 the general public.
- 13 (g) Retain and employ at least 1 staff member with a relevant
- 14 advanced degree in a medical or laboratory science.
- 15 PART 6. TAXES AND FEES
- 16 Sec. 601. (1) A tax is imposed on each provisioning center at
- 17 the rate of 3% of the provisioning center's gross retail receipts.
- 18 By 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter, a provisioning
- 19 center shall remit the tax for the preceding calendar quarter to
- 20 the department of treasury accompanied by a form prescribed by the
- 21 department of treasury that shows the gross quarterly retail income
- 22 of the provisioning center and the amount of tax due, and shall
- 23 submit a copy of the form to the department. If a law authorizing
- 24 the recreational or nonmedical use of marihuana in this state is
- enacted, this section does not apply beginning 90 days after the
- 26 effective date of that law.
- 27 (2) The taxes imposed under this section shall be administered

- 1 by the department of treasury in accordance with 1941 PA 122, MCL
- 2 205.1 to 205.31, and this act. In case of conflict between the
- 3 provisions of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.1 to 205.31, and this act, the
- 4 provisions of this act prevail.
- 5 Sec. 602. (1) The medical marihuana excise fund is created in
- 6 the state treasury.
- 7 (2) Except for the application fee under section 401, the
- 8 regulatory assessment under section 603, and any local licensing
- 9 fees, all money collected under section 601 and all other fees,
- 10 fines, and charges, imposed under this act shall be deposited in
- 11 the medical marihuana excise fund. The state treasurer shall direct
- 12 the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the
- 13 fund interest and earnings from fund investments.
- 14 (3) Money in the medical marihuana excise fund at the close of
- 15 the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the
- 16 general fund.
- 17 (4) The state treasurer shall be the administrator of the
- 18 medical marihuana excise fund for auditing purposes.
- 19 (5) The money in the medical marihuana excise fund shall be
- 20 allocated, upon appropriation, as follows:
- 21 (a) 25% to municipalities in which a marihuana facility is
- 22 located, allocated in proportion to the number of marihuana
- 23 facilities within the municipality.
- 24 (b) 30% to counties in which a marihuana facility is located,
- 25 allocated in proportion to the number of marihuana facilities
- 26 within the county.
- 27 (c) 5% to counties in which a marihuana facility is located,

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- 1 allocated in proportion to the number of marihuana facilities
- 2 within the county. Money allocated under this subdivision shall be
- 3 used exclusively to support the county sheriffs and shall be in
- 4 addition to and not in replacement of any other funding received by
- 5 the county sheriffs.
- 6 (d) 30% to this state for the following:
- 7 (i) Until September 30, <<2017>>, for deposit in the general fund
- 8 of the state treasury.
- 9 (ii) Beginning October 1, $\langle\langle 2017\rangle\rangle$, for deposit in the first
- 10 responder presumed coverage fund created in section 405 of the
- 11 worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL
- **12** 418.405.
- 13 (e) 5% to the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards
- 14 for training local law enforcement officers.
- 15 (f) 5% to the department of state police.
- 16 Sec. 603. (1) A regulatory assessment is imposed on certain
- 17 licensees as provided in this section. All of the following shall
- 18 be included in establishing the total amount of the regulatory
- 19 assessment established under this section:
- 20 (a) The department's costs to implement, administer, and
- 21 enforce this act, except for the costs to process and investigate
- 22 applications for licenses supported with the application fee
- 23 described in section 401.
- 24 (b) Expenses of medical-marihuana-related legal services
- 25 provided to the department by the department of attorney general.
- 26 (c) Expenses of medical-marihuana-related services provided to
- 27 the department by the department of state police.

- 1 (d) Expenses of medical-marihuana-related services provided by
- 2 the department of treasury.
- 3 (e) \$500,000.00 to be allocated to the department for
- 4 expenditures of the department for licensing substance use disorder
- 5 programs.
- 6 (f) An amount equal to 5% of the sum of the amounts provided
- 7 for under subdivisions (a) to (d) to be allocated to the department
- 8 of health and human services for substance-abuse-related
- 9 expenditures including, but not limited to, substance use disorder
- 10 prevention, education, and treatment programs.
- 11 (q) Expenses related to the standardized field sobriety tests
- 12 administered in enforcing the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300,
- **13** MCL 257.1 to 257.923.
- 14 (h) An amount sufficient to provide for the administrative
- 15 costs of the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards.
- 16 (2) The regulatory assessment is in addition to the
- 17 application fee described in section 401, the tax described in
- 18 section 601, and any local licensing fees.
- 19 (3) The regulatory assessment shall be collected annually from
- 20 licensed growers, processors, provisioning centers, and secure
- 21 transporters. The regulatory assessment for a class A grower
- license shall not exceed \$10,000.00.
- 23 (4) Beginning in the first year marihuana facilities are
- 24 authorized to operate in this state, and annually thereafter, the
- 25 department, in consultation with the board, shall establish the
- 26 total regulatory assessment at an amount that is estimated to be
- 27 sufficient to cover the actual costs and support the expenditures

- 1 listed in subsection (1).
- 2 (5) On or before the date the licensee begins operating and
- 3 annually thereafter, each grower, processor, provisioning center,
- 4 and secure transporter shall pay to the state treasurer an amount
- 5 determined by the department to reasonably reflect the licensee's
- 6 share of the total regulatory assessment established under
- 7 subsection (4).
- 8 Sec. 604. (1) The marihuana regulatory fund is created in the
- 9 state treasury.
- 10 (2) The application fee collected under section 401 and the
- 11 regulatory assessment collected under section 603 shall be
- 12 deposited in the marihuana regulatory fund. The state treasurer
- 13 shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall
- 14 credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.
- 15 (3) Money in the marihuana regulatory fund at the close of the
- 16 fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the
- 17 general fund.
- 18 (4) The department shall be the administrator of the marihuana
- 19 regulatory fund for auditing purposes.
- 20 (5) Except as provided in section 603(1)(d) and (e), the
- 21 department shall expend money from the marihuana regulatory fund,
- 22 upon appropriation, only for implementing, administering, and
- 23 enforcing this act.
- Sec. 605. The department may use any money appropriated to it
- 25 from the marihuana registry fund created in section 6 of the
- 26 Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426, for the
- 27 purpose of funding the operations of the department and the board

- 1 in the initial implementation and subsequent administration and
- 2 enforcement of this act.
- PART 7. REPORTS
- 4 Sec. 701. By 30 days after the end of each state fiscal year,
- 5 each licensee shall transmit to the board and to the municipality
- 6 financial statements of the licensee's total operations. The
- 7 financial statements shall be reviewed by a certified public
- 8 accountant in a manner and form prescribed by the board. The
- 9 certified public accountant must be licensed in this state under
- 10 article 7 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.720 to
- 11 339.736. The compensation for the certified public accountant shall
- 12 be paid directly by the licensee to the certified public
- 13 accountant.
- 14 Sec. 702. The board shall submit with the annual report to the
- 15 governor under section 302(k) and to the chairs of the legislative
- 16 committees that govern issues related to marihuana facilities a
- 17 report covering the previous year. The report shall include an
- 18 account of the board actions, its financial position, results of
- 19 operation under this act, and any recommendations for legislation
- 20 that the board considers advisable.
- 21 PART 8. MARIHUANA ADVISORY PANEL
- Sec. 801. (1) The marihuana advisory panel is created within
- 23 the department.
- 24 (2) The marihuana advisory panel shall consist of 17 members,
- 25 including the director of state police or his or her designee, the
- 26 director of this state's department of health and human services or
- 27 his or her designee, the director of the department of licensing

- 1 and regulatory affairs or his or her designee, the attorney general
- 2 or his or her designee, the director of the department of
- 3 agriculture and rural development or his or her designee, and the
- 4 following members appointed by the governor:
- 5 (a) One registered medical marihuana patient or medical
- 6 marihuana primary caregiver.
- 7 (b) One representative of growers.
- 8 (c) One representative of processors.
- 9 (d) One representative of provisioning centers.
- 10 (e) One representative of safety compliance facilities.
- 11 (f) One representative of townships.
- 12 (g) One representative of cities and villages.
- (h) One representative of counties.
- 14 (i) One representative of sheriffs.
- 15 (j) One representative of local police.
- 16 (k) One physician licensed under article 15 of the public
- 17 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.
- (l) One representative of a secure transporter.
- 19 (3) The members first appointed to the panel shall be
- 20 appointed within 3 months after the effective date of this act and
- 21 shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Appointed members of
- 22 the panel shall serve for terms of 3 years or until a successor is
- 23 appointed, whichever is later.
- 24 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the advisory panel, the governor
- 25 shall make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner
- 26 as the original appointment.
- 27 (5) The first meeting of the panel shall be called by the

- 1 director of the department or his or her designee within 1 month
- 2 after the advisory panel is appointed. At the first meeting, the
- 3 panel shall elect from among its members a chairperson and any
- 4 other officers it considers necessary or appropriate. After the
- 5 first meeting, the panel shall meet at least 2 times each year, or
- 6 more frequently at the call of the chairperson.
- 7 (6) A majority of the members of the panel constitute a quorum
- 8 for the transaction of business. A majority of the members present
- 9 and serving are required for official action of the panel.
- 10 (7) The business that the panel performs shall be conducted at
- 11 a public meeting held in compliance with the open meetings act,
- 12 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.
- 13 (8) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
- 14 retained by the panel in the performance of an official function is
- 15 subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231
- **16** to 15.246.
- 17 (9) Members of the panel shall serve without compensation.
- 18 However, members of the panel may be reimbursed for their actual
- 19 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
- 20 official duties as members of the panel.
- 21 (10) The panel may make recommendations to the board
- 22 concerning promulgation of rules and, as requested by the board or
- 23 the department, the administration, implementation, and enforcement
- 24 of this act and the marihuana tracking act.
- 25 (11) State departments and agencies shall cooperate with the
- 26 panel and, upon request, provide it with meeting space and other
- 27 necessary resources to assist it in the performance of its duties.

- 1 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
- 2 date it is enacted into law.
- 3 Enacting section 2. The legislature finds that the necessity
- 4 for access to safe sources of marihuana for medical use and the
- 5 immediate need for growers, processors, secure transporters,
- 6 provisioning centers, and safety compliance facilities to operate
- 7 under clear requirements establish the need to promulgate emergency
- 8 rules to preserve the public health, safety, or welfare.
- 9 Enacting section 3. This act does not take effect unless House
- 10 Bill No. 4827 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.