



ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS AND CANNABIS EVENTS: HB132 / SB 215:

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Revisions to On-Site Consumption Establishment Model: Edibles

- Changes are proposed to address MCA's viability concerns with current on-site consumption model.
- Creates an edibles-only on-site consumption model for adults (21 years of age).
 - Prohibits all smoking and vaping of cannabis products
 - Cannot allow an individual who is visibly impaired to consume cannabis.
- Allows businesses to operate as Food Service Facilities.
 - This allows them to serve regular food as well as edible cannabis products.
- Potential traffic safety issues created by edible-only model
 - Delayed onset of intoxication and increased duration of intoxication.
 - Process for making water-soluble edible products that decrease onset times, but not clear to what extent.
 - More research is needed to better understand these products.

Packaging and Processing

- Allows on-site consumption establishments to repack multi-serving cannabis products into single serving products.
- Allows on-site consumption establishments to create single serving edible cannabis products to sell at their business.
 - Beverages, hot sauces, infused butter or oils to be served along side regular food.

New Prohibitions and Local Control

- Cannot allow individuals to consume cannabis or cannabis products brought in from outside;
- Cannot allow individuals to remove cannabis products from the premises; and
- Cannot sell or distribute cannabis edible products containing more than a single serving of cannabis (up to 10 mg THC/serving)
- Local jurisdictions can ban these businesses in their community.
 - If they permit these businesses, they can use their zoning authority and regulate the hours of operation.

Cannabis Events

- Would allow a person to secure a registration from the MCA to host an event where cannabis edibles and cannabinoid beverages can be consumed by adults (21 years of age).
 - Cannot allow an individual who is visibly impaired to consume cannabis.
- To secure a registration
 - Must be permitted by local government (local government can ban these events)
 - Provide MCA with
 - General information about the event
 - Time, date, location, and duration of the event
 - At least 60-day notice before the event
 - Any other information MCA requests
 - \$500 fee per day of event
- MCA must post event information on their website.
- Registrations are valid for up to 4 days and no more than 48 hours.
- Licensed cannabis businesses (dispensaries, processors, . . .) cannot secure cannabis event permits.

Types of Events

Cannabis event registration holder are allowed to

1. Host a bring your own cannabis edibles event.
2. Sell cannabinoid beverages to adult event attendees
 - "Cannabinoid beverage" is a single serving cannabis infused beverage limited to 5mg THC/serving.
 - Subject to all testing, labeling, and packaging standards for cannabis edibles
 - Non-cannabis entities (i.e., Camden Yards, M&T Bank Stadium, etc.) could host event.
3. Host an event with cannabis vendors (processors, dispensaries, . . .)
 - Can only sell edible products.
 - The entire event must be age restricted to 21 and prohibit the sale of alcohol **or** all cannabis activities must be segregated to an age restricted/alcohol free area of a larger event.
 - Cannabis businesses must secure a vendor permit from MCA at least 30 days before the event.

Questions

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