Amendment No. AM_136_0273

H. B. No. 160 As Introduced

_ moved to amend as follows:

In line 700, after " <u>treasury</u> " insert ", with half of that amount	1
credited to the attorney general reimbursement fund created by section	2
109.11 of the Revised Code,"	3
In line 1303, delete "(D) If the number of eligible applicants	4
exceed the"	5
Delete lines 1304 through 1348	6
In line 1349, delete " <u>(F)</u> "; strike through "The"; delete " <u>division</u> ";	7
strike through "shall issue not less than"	8
Strike through lines 1350 through 1366	9
In line 1367, reinsert "(D)" and insert "If the number of eligible	10
applicants exceed the number of available licenses, the division shall use	11
an impartial and evidence-based process to rank the eligible applicants.	12
The ranking process shall take into account all of the following:	13
(1) The applicant's business plan;	14
(2) The applicant's operations plan;	15

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(3) The applicant's security plan;	16
(4) The applicant's financial plan;	17
(5) The applicant's principal place of business;	18
(6) The proposed location of the cultivation, processing,	19
or laboratory facility;	20
(7) The applicant's plan for generating job and economic	21
development in this state;	22
(8) The applicant's environmental plan;	23
(9) Employment practices, including any plans to inform,	24
hire, or educate residents of the state, veterans, disabled	25
persons, women, or minorities;	26
(10) The criminal records of all persons subject to the	27
criminal records check requirement;	28
(11) The civil and administrative history of the applicant	29
and persons associated with the applicant;	30
(12) Any other eligibility, suitability, or operations-	31
based determination specified in this chapter or rules adopted	32
by the division thereunder.	33
(E)(1) If the division uses a lottery system to issue	34
licenses under this section, the applicants shall be grouped	35
into the following distinct categories:	36
(a) Highly exceeds;	37
(b) Exceeds;	38
(c) Meets;	39
(d) Does not meet.	40

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number of applicants in each of the highly exceeds, exceeds, and	42
meets categories is roughly equal, unless doing so is not	43
possible while conforming to an impartial and evidence-based	44
process. Applicants that do not meet the eligibility	45
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placed in the does not meet category.	47
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ineligible for licensure."; delete "(G)" and insert:	54
" <u>(F)</u> "	55
In line 1376, delete " <u>(H)</u> " and insert " <u>(G)</u> "	56
In line 1442, delete "(D) If the number of eligible applicants	57
exceed the"	58
Delete lines 1443 through 1487	59
In line 1488, delete " <u>(F)</u> "; strike through "The division shall issue	60
not less than fifteen per"	61
Strike through lines 1489 through 1505	62
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category is ineligible for licensure."; delete "(G)" and insert:	107
"(F)"	108
 In line 1515, delete " <u>(H)</u> " and insert " <u>(G)</u> "	109
In line 3297, delete " <u>that have not prohibited or limited</u> "	110
Delete lines 3298 and 3299	111
In line 3300, delete " <u>this act, before March 1, 2025</u> " and insert " <u>ir</u>	<u>112</u>
which is located, as of June 30, 2025, and at all times since, at least	113
one licensed dispensary, including a dispensary location for which the	114
holder has obtained a provisional license but that has not yet obtained a	_ 115

The motion was _____ agreed to.

certificate of operation"

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SYNOPSIS	117
Expungement fees credited to attorney general fund	118
R.C. 2953.321	119
Requires half of the \$30 portion of the marijuana	120
expungement application fee that is paid into the State Treasury	121
to be credited to the Attorney General Reimbursement Fund.	122
Licenses for members of disadvantaged groups	123
R.C. 3796.09 and 3796.10	124
Repeals provisions in current law that require 15% of	125
medical marijuana cultivator, processor, laboratory, and retail	126
dispensary licenses to be issued to U.S citizens who are members	127
of certain economically disadvantaged groups. Implementation of	128
the provisions was enjoined by Pharmacann Ohio v. Ohio	129
Department of Commerce, Case No. 17 CV 10962 (C.P. Franklin Co.	130
Nov. 15, 2018) and Pure Ohio Wellness v. State of Ohio Board of	131
Pharmacy, Case No. CVH 20190197 (C.P. Madison Co. Nov. 4, 2019).	132
Tax allocation to dispensary-hosting localities	133
R.C. 5739.27(G)	134
Modifies how a five-year earmark of 20% of adult-use	135
marijuana excise tax to municipalities and townships is	136
apportioned. Instead of allowing subdivisions that have not	137
prohibited or limited adult-use dispensaries as of March 30,	138
2025, to be eligible for a distribution, limits eligibility for	139
subdivisions that, as of June 30, 2025, and at all times during	140
those five years, have at least one licensed or provisionally	141
licensed dispensary.	142