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	provisions	of the liquor co	ontrol, he	emp, and	20
	adult-use n	narijuana laws an	nd to levy	y taxes on	21
	marijuana.				22

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 9.79, 519.21, 928.01, 928.03, 23 3376.07, 3796.01, 3796.02, 3796.03, 3796.05, 3796.06, 3796.07, 24 3796.09, 3796.10, 3796.12, 3796.13, 3796.14, 3796.15, 3796.17, 25 3796.18, 3796.19, 3796.20, 3796.21, 3796.22, 3796.23, 3796.24, 26 3796.27, 3796.28, 3796.29, 3796.30, 3796.31, 4735.18, 4796.25, 27 5502.01, 5502.13, 5502.14, 5713.30, 5739.21, and 5739.99 be 2.8 amended and sections 2953.321, 3796.04, 3796.062, 3796.221, 29 3796.32, 3796.33, 3796.99, and 5739.27 of the Revised Code be 30 enacted to read as follows: 31 Sec. 9.79. (A) As used in this section: 32 (1) "License" means an authorization evidenced by a 33 license, certificate, registration, permit, card, or other 34 authority that is issued or conferred by a licensing authority 35 to an individual by which the individual has or claims the 36 privilege to engage in a profession, occupation, or occupational 37 activity over which the licensing authority has jurisdiction. 38 "License" does not include a registration under section 101.72, 39 101.92, or 121.62 of the Revised Code. 40 (2) "Licensing authority" means a state agency that issues 41 licenses under Title XLVII or any other provision of the Revised 42 Code to practice an occupation or profession. 43 44 (3) "Offense of violence" has the same meaning as in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code. 45 (4) "Sexually oriented offense" has the same meaning as in 46 section 2950.01 of the Revised Code. 47 (5) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 1.60 48 of the Revised Code. 49 (6) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as 50 in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. 51

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(7) "Post-release control sanction" has the same meaning as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Fiduciary duty" means a duty to act for someone
else's benefit, while subordinating one's personal interest to
that of the other person.

(B) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code 57 to the contrary, subject to division (L) of this section, for 58 each type of license issued or conferred by a licensing 59 authority, the licensing authority shall establish within one 60 hundred eighty days after April 12, 2021, a list of specific 61 criminal offenses for which a conviction, judicial finding of 62 quilt, or plea of quilty may disqualify an individual from 63 obtaining an initial license. The licensing authority shall make 64 the list available to the public on the licensing authority's 65 web site pursuant to division (C) of section 9.78 of the Revised 66 Code. The licensing authority, in adopting the list, shall do 67 both of the following: 68

(a) Identify each disqualifying offense by name or by the Revised Code section number that creates the offense;

(b) Include in the list only criminal offenses that aredirectly related to the duties and responsibilities of thelicensed occupation.73

(2) The licensing authority may include in the list
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established under division (B) (1) of this section an existing or
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former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or
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the United States that is substantially equivalent to any
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section or offense included in the list adopted under division
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(B) (1) of this section.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) or (D) of

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this section and subject to division (L) of this section, a81licensing authority shall not refuse to issue an initial license82to an individual based on any of the following:83

(a) Solely or in part on a conviction of, judicial finding84of guilt of, or plea of guilty to an offense;85

(b) A criminal charge that does not result in a86conviction, judicial finding of guilt, or plea of guilty;87

(c) A nonspecific qualification such as "moral turpitude"
or lack of "moral character";

(d) A disqualifying offense included in the listestablished under division (B) of this section, if considerationof that offense occurs after the time periods permitted indivision (D) of this section.

(2) If the individual was convicted of, found guilty
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pursuant to a judicial finding of guilt of, or pleaded guilty to
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a disqualifying offense included in the list established under
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division (B) of this section for the license for which the
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individual applied, the licensing authority may take the
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conviction, judicial finding of guilt, or plea of guilty into
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consideration in accordance with division (D) of this section.

(D) (1) A licensing authority that may, under division (C) 101 (2) of this section, consider a conviction of, judicial finding 102 of guilt of, or plea of guilty to an offense in determining 103 whether to refuse to issue an initial license to an individual 104 shall consider all of the following factors and shall use a 105 preponderance of the evidence standard in evaluating those 106 factors to determine whether the conviction, judicial finding of 107 quilt, or plea of quilty disqualifies the individual from 108 receiving the license: 109

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applicable period:

(a) The nature and seriousness of the offense for which 110 the individual was convicted, found guilty pursuant to a 111 judicial finding of guilt, or pleaded guilty; 112 (b) The passage of time since the individual committed the 113 offense; 114 (c) The relationship of the offense to the ability, 115 capacity, and fitness required to perform the duties and 116 discharge the responsibilities of the occupation; 117 (d) Any evidence of mitigating rehabilitation or treatment 118 undertaken by the individual, including whether the individual 119 has been issued a certificate of qualification for employment 120 under section 2953.25 of the Revised Code or a certificate of 121 achievement and employability under section 2961.22 of the 122 Revised Code; 123 (e) Whether the denial of a license is reasonably 124 necessary to ensure public safety. 125 (2) A licensing authority may take a disqualifying offense 126 included in the list established under division (B) of this 127 section into account only during the following time periods: 128 (a) For a conviction of, judicial finding of guilt of, or 129 plea of guilty to a disqualifying offense that does not involve 130 a breach of fiduciary duty and that is not an offense of 131 violence or a sexually oriented offense, whichever of the 132 following is later, provided the individual was not convicted 133 of, found guilty pursuant to a judicial finding of guilt of, and 134

(i) Five years from the date of conviction, judicialfinding of guilt, or plea of guilty;138

did not enter a plea of guilty to any other offense during the

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(ii) Five years from the date of the release from	139
incarceration;	140
(iii) The time period specified in division (D)(3) of this	141
section.	142
(b) For a conviction of, judicial finding of guilt of, or	143
plea of guilty to a disqualifying offense that involves a breach	144
of fiduciary duty and that is not an offense of violence or a	145
sexually oriented offense, whichever of the following is later,	146
provided the individual was not convicted of, found guilty	147
pursuant to a judicial finding of guilt of, and did not enter a	148
plea of guilty to any other offense during the applicable	149
period:	150
(i) Ten years from the date of conviction, judicial	151
finding of guilt, or plea of guilty;	152
(ii) Ten years from the date of the release from	153
incarceration;	154
(iii) The time period specified in division (D)(4) of this	155
section.	156
(c) For a conviction of, judicial finding of guilt of, or	157
plea of guilty to a disqualifying offense that is an offense of	158
violence or a sexually oriented offense, any time.	159
(3) If an individual is subject to a community control	160
sanction, parole, or post-release control sanction based on a	161
conviction of, judicial finding of quilt of, or plea of quilty	162
to a disqualifying offense included in the list established	163
under division (B) of this section that is not an offense of	164
violence or a sexually oriented offense, a licensing authority	165
may take the offense into account during the following time	166
periods:	167

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(a) If the community control sanction, parole, or postrelease control sanction was for a term of less than five years,
the period of the community control sanction, parole, or postrelease control sanction plus the number of years after the date
of final discharge of the community control sanction, parole, or
post-release control sanction necessary to equal five years;

(b) If the community control sanction, parole, or postrelease control sanction was for a term of five years or more,
the period of the community control sanction, parole, or postrelease control sanction.

(4) If an individual is subject to a community control 178 sanction, parole, or post-release control sanction based on a 179 conviction of, judicial finding of guilt of, or plea of guilty 180 to a disqualifying offense included in the list established 181 under division (B) of this section that involved a breach of 182 fiduciary duty and that is not an offense of violence or a 183 sexually oriented offense, a licensing authority may take the 184 offense into account during the following time periods: 185

(a) If the community control sanction, parole, or postrelease control sanction was for a term of less than ten years,
for the period of the community control sanction, parole, or
post-release control sanction plus the number of years after the
date of final discharge of the community control sanction,
parole, or post-release control sanction necessary to equal ten
years;

(b) If the community control sanction, parole, or post-193release control sanction was for a term of ten years or more,194the period of the community control sanction, parole, or post-195release control sanction.196

(E) If a licensing authority refuses to issue an initial	197
license to an individual pursuant to division (D) of this	198
section, the licensing authority shall notify the individual in	199
writing of all of the following:	200
(1) The grounds and reasons for the refusal, including an	201
explanation of the licensing authority's application of the	202
factors under division (D) of this section to the evidence the	203
licensing authority used to reach the decision;	204
(2) The individual's right to a hearing regarding the	205
licensing authority's decision under section 119.06 of the	206
Revised Code;	207
(3) The earliest date the individual may reapply for a	208
license;	209
(4) Notice that evidence of rehabilitation may be	210
considered on reapplication.	211
(F) In an administrative hearing or civil action reviewing	212
a licensing authority's refusal under divisions (B) to (K) of	213
this section to issue an initial license to an individual, the	214
licensing authority has the burden of proof on the question of	215
whether the individual's conviction of, judicial finding of	216
guilt of, or plea of guilty to an offense directly relates to	217
the licensed occupation.	218
(G) A licensing authority that is authorized by law to	219
limit or otherwise place restrictions on a license may do so to	220
comply with the terms and conditions of a community control	221
sanction, post-release control sanction, or an intervention plan	222
established in accordance with section 2951.041 of the Revised	223
Code.	224

(H) Each licensing authority shall adopt any rules that it 225

determines are necessary to implement divisions (B) to (F) of 226 this section. 227 (I) Divisions (B) to (K) of this section do not apply to 228 any of the following: 229 (1) Any position for which appointment requires compliance 230 with section 109.77 of the Revised Code or in which an 231 individual may satisfy the requirements for appointment or 232 233 election by complying with that section; (2) Any position for which federal law requires 234 disqualification from licensure or employment based on a 235 conviction of, judicial finding of guilt of, or plea of guilty 236 to an offense; 237 (3) Community-based long-term care services certificates 238 and community-based long-term care services contracts or grants 239 issued under section 173.381 of the Revised Code; 240 (4) Certifications of a provider to provide community-241 based long-term care services under section 173.391 of the 242 Revised Code; 243 (5) Certificates of authority to a health insuring 244 corporation issued under section 1751.05 of the Revised Code; 245 246 (6) Licenses to operate a home or residential care facility issued under section 3721.07 of the Revised Code; 247 (7) Certificates of authority to make contracts of 248 indemnity issued under section 3931.10 of the Revised Code; 249 (8) Supported living certificates issued under section 250 5123.161 of the Revised Code; 251 (9) Certificates to administer medications and perform 252

Code;

(10) Licenses issued by the division of marijuana control 255 256 under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code. (J) Nothing in divisions (B) to (K) of this section 2.57 prohibits a licensing authority from considering either of the 258 following when making a determination whether to issue a license 259 to an individual: 260 261 (1) Past disciplinary action taken by the licensing authority against the individual; 262 (2) Past disciplinary action taken against the individual 263 by an authority in another state that issues a license that is 264 substantially similar to the license for which the individual 265 applies. 266 (K) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to 267 the contrary, if a licensing authority issues a license to an 268 individual after considering a conviction of, judicial finding 269 of guilt of, or plea of guilty to an offense under division (D) 270 of this section, the licensing authority shall not refuse to 271 renew the individual's license based on that conviction, 272 judicial finding of guilt, or plea of guilty. 273 (L) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code 274 to the contrary, subject to division (G) of this section, during 275 the period commencing on the effective date of this amendment 276 April 4, 2023, and ending on the date that is two years after 277 the effective date of this amendment April 4, 2025, no licensing 278 authority shall refuse to issue a license to a person, limit or 279

otherwise place restrictions on a person's license, or suspend

or revoke a person's license under any provision of the Revised

health-related activities under section 5123.45 of the Revised

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Code that takes effect on or after the effective date of this282amendment and prior to the date that is two years after the283effective date of this amendment and that requires or authorizes284such a refusal, limitation, restriction, suspension, or285revocation as a result of the person's conviction of, judicial286finding of guilt of, or plea of guilty to an offense.287

(2) Divisions (B) to (F), and (H) to (K), of this section 288 do not apply with respect to any provision of the Revised Code 289 that takes effect on or after the effective date of this 290 291 amendment and prior to the date that is two years after the effective date of this amendment and that requires or authorizes 292 a licensing authority to refuse to issue a license to a person, 293 to limit or otherwise place restrictions on a person's license, 294 or to suspend or revoke a person's license as a result of the 295 person's conviction of, judicial finding of guilt of, or plea of 296 guilty to an offense. 297

Sec. 519.21. (A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions 298 (B) and (D) of this section, sections 519.02 to 519.25 of the 299 Revised Code confer no power on any township zoning commission, 300 board of township trustees, or board of zoning appeals to 301 prohibit the use of any land for agricultural purposes or the 302 construction or use of buildings or structures incident to the 303 use for agricultural purposes of the land on which such 304 buildings or structures are located, including buildings or 305 structures that are used primarily for vinting and selling wine 306 and that are located on land any part of which is used for 307 viticulture, and no zoning certificate shall be required for any 308 such building or structure. 309

(B) A township zoning resolution, or an amendment to such310resolution, may in any platted subdivision approved under311

section 711.05, 711.09, or 711.10 of the Revised Code, or in any 312 area consisting of fifteen or more lots approved under section 313 711.131 of the Revised Code that are contiguous to one another, 314 or some of which are contiguous to one another and adjacent to 315 one side of a dedicated public road, and the balance of which 316 are contiguous to one another and adjacent to the opposite side 317 of the same dedicated public road regulate: 318

(1) Agriculture on lots of one acre or less; 319

(2) Buildings or structures incident to the use of land
for agricultural purposes on lots greater than one acre but not
greater than five acres by: set back building lines; height; and
size;
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(3) Dairying and animal and poultry husbandry on lots 324 greater than one acre but not greater than five acres when at 325 least thirty-five per cent of the lots in the subdivision are 326 developed with at least one building, structure, or improvement 327 that is subject to real property taxation or that is subject to 328 the tax on manufactured and mobile homes under section 4503.06 329 of the Revised Code. After thirty-five per cent of the lots are 330 so developed, dairying and animal and poultry husbandry shall be 331 considered nonconforming use of land and buildings or structures 332 pursuant to section 519.19 of the Revised Code. 333

Division (B) of this section confers no power on any 334 township zoning commission, board of township trustees, or board 335 of zoning appeals to regulate agriculture, buildings or 336 structures, and dairying and animal and poultry husbandry on 337 lots greater than five acres. 338

(C) Such sections confer no power on any township zoning339commission, board of township trustees, or board of zoning340

appeals to prohibit in a district zoned for agricultural, 341 industrial, residential, or commercial uses, the use of any land 342 for: 343

(1) A farm market where fifty per cent or more of the 344 gross income received from the market is derived from produce 345 raised on farms owned or operated by the market operator in a 346 normal crop year. However, a board of township trustees, as 347 provided in section 519.02 of the Revised Code, may regulate 348 such factors pertaining to farm markets as size of the 349 350 structure, size of parking areas that may be required, set back building lines, and egress or ingress, where such regulation is 351 necessary to protect the public health and safety. 352

(2) Biodiesel production, biomass energy production, or 353 electric or heat energy production if the land on which the 354 production facility is located qualifies as land devoted 355 exclusively to agricultural use under sections 5713.30 to 356 5713.37 of the Revised Code for real property tax purposes. As 357 used in division (C)(2) of this section, "biodiesel," "biomass 358 energy," and "electric or heat energy" have the same meanings as 359 in section 5713.30 of the Revised Code. 360

(3) Biologically derived methane gas production if the 361 land on which the production facility is located qualifies as 362 land devoted exclusively to agricultural use under sections 363 5713.30 to 5713.37 of the Revised Code for real property tax 364 purposes and if the facility that produces the biologically 365 derived methane gas does not produce more than seventeen million 366 sixty thousand seven hundred ten British thermal units, five 367 megawatts, or both. 368

(4) Agritourism. However, a board of township trustees, asgrovided in section 519.02 of the Revised Code, may regulate370

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such factors pertaining to agritourism, except farm markets as371described in division (C)(1) of this section, as size of a372structure used primarily for agritourism, size of parking areas373that may be required, setback building lines for structures used374primarily for agritourism, and egress or ingress where such375regulation is necessary to protect public health and safety.376

Nothing in division (C) (4) of this section confers power377on a township zoning commission, board of township trustees, or378board of zoning appeals to require any parking area to be379improved in any manner, including requirements governing380drainage, parking area base, parking area paving, or any other381improvement.382

Nothing in division (C)(4) of this section confers power on a township zoning commission, board of township trustees, or board of zoning appeals to prohibit the use of any land or the construction or use of buildings or structures that are used primarily for vinting and selling wine that are located on land any part of which is used for viticulture as provided in division (A) of this section.

(D) Nothing in this section prohibits a township zoning
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commission, board of township trustees, or board of zoning
appeals from regulating the location of medical marijuana
cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries or from
prohibiting such cultivators, processors, or dispensaries from
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being located in the unincorporated territory of the township.

(D) (1) (E) (1)As used in division (C) (3) of this section,396"biologically derived methane gas" has the same meaning as in397section 5713.30 of the Revised Code.398

(2) As used in division (C)(4) of this section,

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"agritourism" has the same meaning as in section 901.80 of the	400
Revised Code.	401
Sec. 928.01. As used in this chapter:	402
(A) "Cannabidiol" means the cannabidiol compound $_{ au-}$	403
containing a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not-	404
more than three-tenths per cent, derived from hemp.	405
(B) "Cultivate" or "cultivating" means to plant, water,	406
grow, fertilize, till, or harvest a plant or crop. "Cultivating"	407
includes possessing or storing a plant or crop on a premises	408
where the plant or crop was cultivated until transported to the	409
first point of sale.	410
(C) "Hemp" means the plant Cannabis sativa L. and any part	411
of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives,	412
extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of	413
isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 _total_	414
tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than three-tenths	415
per cent on a dry weight basis.	416
(D) "Hemp cultivation license" means a license to	417
cultivate hemp issued under section 928.02 of the Revised Code.	418
(E) "Hemp processing license" means a license to process	419
hemp issued under section 928.02 of the Revised Code.	420
(F) "Hemp product" means any product , containing a delta-9	421
tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than three-tenths	422
per cent, that is made with hemp to which all of the following	423
apply:	424
(1) It has a total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of	425
not more than three-tenths per cent.	426
(2) It has not more than five-tenths milligrams of total	427

tetrahydrocannabinol per serving. 428 (3) It has not more than two milligrams of total 429 tetrahydrocannabinol per package. 430 - "Hemp product" 431 "Hemp product" includes cosmetics, personal care products, 432 dietary supplements or food intended for animal or human 433 consumption, cloth, cordage, fiber, fuel, paint, paper, 434 particleboard, and any other product containing one or more 435 cannabinoids derived from hemp, including cannabidiol. 436 (G) "Marihuana" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 437 of the Revised Code. 438 (H) "Medical marijuana" has the same meaning as in section 439 3796.01 of the Revised Code. 440 (I) "Process" or "processing" means converting hemp into a 441 hemp product. 442 (J) "Delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol" means the sum of the 443 percentage by weight of tetrahydrocannabinolic acid multiplied 444 by 0.877 plus the percentage by weight of delta-9 445 tetrahydrocannabinol. 446 (K) "University" means an institution of higher education 447 as defined in section 3345.12 of the Revised Code and a private 448 nonprofit institution with a certificate of authorization issued 449 pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code. 450 (L) "USDA" means the United States department of 451 agriculture. 452 (M) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" means naturally occurring or 453 synthetic equivalents, regardless of whether artificially or 454

naturally derived, of the substances contained in the plant, or	455
in the resinous extractives of cannabis, sp. or derivatives, and	456
their isomers with similar chemical structure to delta-1-cis or	457
trans tetrahydrocannabinol, and their optical isomers, salts and	458
salts of isomers. "Tetrahydrocannabinol" includes, but is not	459
limited to, delta-6-cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol, delta3,4-	460
cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol, 9-hexahydrocannabinol, and	461
delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol acetate. Since nomenclature of	462
these substances is not internationally standardized, compounds	463
of these structures, regardless of numerical designation of	464
atomic positions, are included.	465
"Tetrahydrocannabinol" does not include the following:	466
(1) Tetrahydrocannabinols approved by the United States	467
food and drug administration for marketing as a medication or	468
recognized by the United States food and drug administration as	469
generally recognized as safe;	470
(2) Cannabichromene (CBC);	471
(3) Cannabicyclol (CBL);	472
(4) Cannabidiol (CBD);	473
(5) Cannabidivarol (CBDV);	474
(6) Cannabielsoin (CBE);	475
(7) Cannabigerol (CBG);	476
(8) Cannabigerovarin (CBGV);	477
(9) Cannabinol (CBN);	478
(10) Cannabivarin (CBV).	479
(N) "Total tetrahydrocannabinol" means the sum, after the	480
application of any necessary conversion factor, of the	481

percentage by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol, including delta-9	482
tetrahydrocannabinol, and the percentage by weight of	483
tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.	484
Sec. 928.03. The director of agriculture, in consultation	485
with the governor and attorney general, shall adopt rules in	486
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing	487
standards and procedures for the regulation of hemp cultivation	488
and processing. The rules shall include all of the following:	489
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(A) The form of an application for a hemp cultivation	490
license and hemp processing license and the information required	491
to be included in each license application;	492
(B) The amount of an initial application fee that an	493
applicant shall submit along with an application for a hemp	494
cultivation license or a hemp processing license, and the amount	495
of an annual license fee that a licensee shall submit for a hemp	496
cultivation license or a hemp processing license. In adopting	497
rules under division (B) of this section, the director shall	498
ensure both of the following:	499
(1) That the amount of the application fee and annual	500
license fee does not exceed an amount sufficient to cover the	501
costs incurred by the department of agriculture to administer	502
and enforce this chapter;	503
(2) That there is one uniform application fee and one	504
uniform annual license fee that applies to all applicants for a	505
hemp cultivation license.	506
(C) Requirements and procedures concerning background	507
investigations of each applicant for a hemp cultivation license	508
and each applicant for a hemp processing license. The director	509
shall include both of the following in the rules adopted under	510

this division: 511 (1) A requirement that each applicant comply with sections 512 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code; 513 (2) Provisions that prohibit the director from issuing a 514 hemp cultivation license or hemp processing license to an 515 applicant that has not complied with those sections. 516 (D) Requirements regarding the experience, equipment, 517 facilities, or land necessary to obtain a hemp cultivation 518 license; 519 (E) Requirements and procedures regarding standards of 520 financial responsibility for each applicant for a hemp 521 processing license. 522 523 (F) Procedures and requirements for the issuance, renewal, denial, suspension, and revocation of a hemp cultivation license 524 and hemp processing license, including providing for a hearing 525 under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code with regard to such a 526 denial, suspension, or revocation; 527 (G) Grounds for the denial, suspension, and revocation of 528 a hemp cultivation license and of a hemp processing license, 529 including a requirement that the director revoke a hemp 530 cultivation license or hemp processing license, for a period of 531

ten years, of any person who pleads guilty to or is convicted of 532 a felony relating to a controlled substance; 533

(H) A requirement that the director shall not issue a hemp
cultivation license or hemp processing license to any person who
bas pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a felony relating to
a controlled substance in the ten years immediately prior to the
submission of the application for a license;

(I) A requirement that any person that materially 539 falsifies information in an application for a hemp cultivation 540 license or hemp processing license is ineligible to receive 541 either license; 542 (J) A practice for maintaining relevant information 543 regarding land on which hemp is cultivated by hemp cultivation 544 licensees, including a legal description of the land, in 545 accordance with applicable federal law; 546 547 (K) Requirements prohibiting a hemp cultivation licensee and a hemp processing licensee from cultivating or processing 548 marihuana; 549 (L) A procedure for testing, using post-decarboxylation or 550 other similarly reliable methods, delta-9 total 551 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration levels of plants and products 552 for purposes of determining compliance with this chapter and 553 554 rules adopted under it; (M) Requirements and procedures for the issuance, 555 administration, and enforcement of corrective action plans 556 issued under this chapter; 557 (N) A procedure for conducting annual inspections of, at a 558 minimum, a random sample of hemp cultivation license holders to 559

verify that plants are not being cultivated in violation of this 560 chapter or rules adopted under it; 561

(O) A procedure for conducting annual inspections of, at a
 minimum, a random sample of hemp processing license holders to
 verify that such license holders are not operating in violation
 of this chapter or rules adopted under it;

(P) A procedure for complying with enforcement procedures 566required under federal law; 567

following: 569 (1) Plants, whether growing or not, cultivated in 570 violation of this chapter or rules adopted under it; 571 (2) Products derived from plants cultivated in violation 572 of this chapter or rules adopted under it; 573 (3) Products produced in violation of this chapter or 574 rules adopted under it. 575 (R) Requirements and procedures governing the production, 576 storage, and disposal of hemp byproducts. 577 For the purposes of this chapter and notwithstanding any 578 provision of law to the contrary, "hemp product" includes a 579 byproduct, produced as a result of processing hemp, that 580 contains a delta-9 total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of 581 more than three-tenths per cent, provided that the byproduct is 582 produced, stored, and disposed of in accordance with rules 583 adopted under division (R) of this section. 584 (S) Procedures for sharing information regarding hemp 585 cultivation license holders with the secretary of the USDA; 586 (T) A setback distance requirement that specifies the 587 distance that a hemp cultivation license holder shall locate 588 hemp plants from a location where medical marijuana is being 589 cultivated. The requirement does not apply to a hemp cultivation 590 license holder with regard to a medical marijuana cultivator 591 that locates medical marijuana within the established setback 592 distance requirement after the hemp cultivation license holder 593 begins operation. 594

(Q) A procedure for the effective disposal of all of the

(U) Annual reporting requirements and procedures for hemp 595

cultivation license holders and hemp processing license holders;	596
(V) Recordkeeping and documentation maintenance	597
requirements and procedures for hemp cultivation license holders	598
and hemp processing license holders;	599
(W) Fees for the laboratory testing of plants and	600
products;	601
(X) Standards for the testing and , labeling, and	602
packaging of hemp and hemp products, which shall include the	603
child-resistant effectiveness standards described in 16 C.F.R.	604
<u>1700.15(b)</u> ;	605
(Y) Requirements prohibiting the processing of hemp in a	606
building used as a personal residence or on land that is zoned	607
for residential use;	608
(Z) Production standards and manufacturing practices for	609
processing hemp;	610
(AA) Procedures and requirements for the transportation	611
and storage of both hemp and hemp products;	612
(BB) Any other requirements or procedures necessary to	613
administer and enforce this chapter.	614
Sec. 2953.321. (A) As used in this section:	615
(1) "Expunge" means to destroy, delete, and erase a record	616
as appropriate for the record's physical or electronic form or	617
characteristic so that the record is permanently irretrievable.	618
(2) "Official records" and "prosecutor" have the same	619
meanings as in section 2953.31 of the Revised Code.	620
(B) If a person, prior to the effective date of this	621
section, was convicted of or has pleaded guilty to a violation	622

of division (C)(3) or (7) of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code	623
and the conduct that was the basis of the violation involved	624
possession of not more than fifteen grams of hashish and not	625
more than two and one-half ounces of marihuana other than	626
hashish, the person may file an application under this section	627
requesting an expungement of the record of conviction.	628
(C) Any person who is eligible under division (B) of this	629
section to file an application for expungement may apply to the	630
sentencing court for the expungement of the record of	631
conviction. The person may file the application at any time on	632
or after the effective date of this section. The application	633
shall do all of the following:	634
(1) Identify the applicant, the offense for which the	635
expungement is sought, the date of the conviction of or plea of	636
guilty to that offense, and the court in which the conviction	637
occurred or the plea of guilty was entered;	638
(2) Include evidence that the offense was a violation of	639
division (C)(3) or (7) of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code,	640
that the conviction or plea of guilty occurred prior to the	641
effective date of this section, and that the conduct that was	642
the basis of the violation involved possession of not more than	643
fifteen grams of hashish and not more than two and one-half	644
ounces of marihuana other than hashish;	645
(3) Include a request for expungement of the record of	646
conviction of that offense under this section.	647
(D) Upon the filing of an application under division (C)	648
of this section and the payment of the fee described in division	649
(H) of this section if applicable, the court shall set a date	650
for a hearing and shall notify the prosecutor for the case of	651

the hearing on the application. The prosecutor may object to the	652
granting of the application by filing an objection with the	653
court prior to the date set for the hearing. The prosecutor	654
shall specify in the objection the reasons for believing a	655
denial of the application is justified. The court shall direct	656
its regular probation officer, a state probation officer, or the	657
department of probation of the county in which the applicant	658
resides to make inquiries and written reports as the court	659
requires concerning the applicant. The court shall hold the	660
hearing scheduled under this division.	661
(E) At the hearing held under division (D) of this	662
section, the court shall do both of the following:	663
(1) Determine whether the applicant has, prior to the	664
effective date of this section, been convicted of or pleaded	665
guilty to a violation of division (C)(3) or (7) of section	666
2925.11 of the Revised Code and whether the conduct that was the	667
basis for the violation involved possession of not more than	668
fifteen grams of hashish and not more than two and one-half	669
ounces of marihuana other than hashish;	670
(2) If the prosecutor has filed an objection in accordance	671
with division (D) of this section, consider the reasons against	672
granting the application specified by the prosecutor in the	673
objection.	674
(F) The court shall order the expungement of all official	675
records pertaining to the case and the deletion of all index	676
references to the case and, if it does order the expungement,	677
shall send notice of the order to each public office or agency	678
that the court has reason to believe may have an official record	679
pertaining to the case if the court, after complying with	680
division (E) of this section, determines that the applicant,	681

prior to the effective date of this section, had been convicted	682
of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (C)(3) or (7) of	683
section 2925.11 of the Revised Code and that the conduct that	684
was the basis for the violation involved possession of not more	685
than fifteen grams of hashish and not more than two and one-half	686
ounces of marihuana other than hashish.	687
(G) The proceedings in the case that is the subject of an	688
order issued under division (F) of this section shall be	689
considered not to have occurred and the conviction or guilty	690
plea of the person who is the subject of the proceedings shall	691
be expunged. The record of the conviction shall not be used for	692
any purpose, including, but not limited to, a criminal records	693
check under section 109.572 of the Revised Code. The applicant	694
may, and the court shall, reply that no record exists with	695
respect to the applicant upon any inquiry into the matter.	696
(H) Upon the filing of an application under this section,	697
the applicant, unless indigent, shall pay a fee of fifty	698
dollars. The court shall pay thirty dollars of the fee into the	699
state treasury and shall pay twenty dollars of the fee into the	700
county general revenue fund.	701
Sec. 3376.07. A state institution of higher education,	702
private college, athletic association, conference, or other	703
group or organization with authority over intercollegiate	704
athletics may prohibit a student-athlete from entering into a	705
contract providing compensation to the student-athlete for use	706
of the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness if under the	707
contract the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness is	708
associated with any of the following:	709
(A) Any company that manufactures, markets, or sells, or	710

brand that is associated with, a controlled substance, marihuana 711

product, medical marijuana product, adult-use marijuana product, 712 alcoholic product, tobacco product, electronic smoking device, 713 vapor product, or product or device that consists of or contains 714 nicotine that can be ingested into the body; 715 (B) Any medical marijuana cultivator, processor, 716 laboratory, or retail dispensary licensed under Chapter 3796. of 717 the Revised Code or under the laws of another state; 718 719 (C) Any business engaged in the sale, rental, or exhibition for any form of consideration of adult entertainment 720 that is characterized by an emphasis on the exposure or display 721 of sexual activity; 722 (D) Any casino or entity that sponsors or promotes 723 724 gambling activities; (E) Any other category of companies, brands, or types of 725 contracts that are similar to those described in divisions (A) 726 to (D) of this section that the institution or college 727

communicates to the student-athlete before the student-athlete 728 enrolls at the institution or college. 729

Sec. 3796.01. (A) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Marijuana" means marihuana as defined in section3719.01 of the Revised Code.732

(2) "Medical marijuana" means marijuana that is
cultivated, processed, dispensed, tested, possessed, or used for
a medical purpose in accordance with this chapter. "Medical
marijuana" does not include adult-use marijuana or homegrown
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marijuana.

(3) "Academic medical center" has the same meaning as in738section 4731.297 of the Revised Code.739

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(4) "Drug database" means the database established and	740
maintained by the state board of pharmacy pursuant to section	741
4729.75 of the Revised Code.	742
(5) "Physician" means an individual authorized under	743
Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and	744
surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.	745
(6) "Qualifying medical condition" means any of the	746
following:	747
(a) Acquired immune deficiency syndrome;	748
(b) Alzheimer's disease;	749
(c) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;	750
(d) Cancer;	751
(e) Chronic traumatic encephalopathy;	752
(f) Crohn's disease;	753
(g) Epilepsy or another seizure disorder;	754
(h) Fibromyalgia;	755
(i) Glaucoma;	756
(j) Hepatitis C;	757
(k) Inflammatory bowel disease;	758
(1) Multiple sclerosis;	759
(m) Pain that is either of the following:	760
(i) Chronic and severe;	761
(ii) Intractable.	762
(n) Parkinson's disease;	763

(o) Positive status for HIV;	764
(p) Post-traumatic stress disorder;	765
(q) Sickle cell anemia;	766
(r) Spinal cord disease or injury;	767
(s) Tourette's syndrome;	768
(t) Traumatic brain injury;	769
(u) Ulcerative colitis;	770
(v) Any other disease or condition added by the state	771
medical board under section 4731.302 of the Revised Code.	772
(7) "State university" has the same meaning as in section	773
3345.011 of the Revised Code.	774
(8) "Adult-use consumer" means an individual who is at	775
least twenty-one years of age.	776
(9) "Adult-use marijuana" means marijuana that is	777
cultivated, processed, dispensed, or tested for, or possessed or	778
used by, an adult-use consumer, in accordance with this chapter.	779
"Adult-use marijuana" includes marijuana cultivated, processed,	780
dispensed, or tested for, or possessed or used by, an adult-use	781
consumer before the effective date of this amendment in	782
accordance with Chapter 3780. of the Revised Code, as that	783
chapter existed immediately prior to the effective date of this	784
amendment. "Adult-use marijuana" does not include medical	785
marijuana or homegrown marijuana.	786
(10) "Church" has the meaning defined in section 1710.01	787
of the Revised Code.	788
(11) "Public library" means a library provided for under_	789
Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code.	790

(12) "Public park" means a park established by the state	791
or a political subdivision of the state, including a county,	792
township, municipal corporation, or park district.	793
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(13) "Public playground" means a playground established by	794
the state or a political subdivision of the state, including a	795
county, township, municipal corporation, or park district.	796
(14) "School" means a child care center as defined under	797
section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, a preschool as defined	798
under section 2950.034 of the Revised Code, or a public or	799
nonpublic primary school or secondary school.	800
(15) "Public place" has the same meaning as in section	801
3794.01 of the Revised Code.	802
(16) "Ohio investigative unit" means the investigative	803
unit maintained by the department of public safety under section	804
5502.13 of the Revised Code.	805
(17) "Utemperson merijuana" mesna menjjuana sultivated	006
(17) "Homegrown marijuana" means marijuana cultivated,	806
grown, processed, or possessed by an adult-use consumer in	807
accordance with section 3796.04 of the Revised Code. "Homegrown	808
marijuana" includes marijuana cultivated, grown, processed, or	809
possessed before the effective date of this amendment under	810
former section 3780.28 of the Revised Code, as that section	811
existed immediately prior to the effective date of this	812
amendment. "Homegrown marijuana" does not include medical	813
marijuana or adult-use marijuana.	814
(18) "Provisional license" means a temporary license	815
issued to an applicant for a cultivator, processor, retail	816
dispensary, or laboratory license under this chapter or Chapter	817
3780. of the Revised Code, as that chapter existed immediately	818
before the effective date of this amendment, that establishes	819

the conditions that must be met before the provisional license	820
holder may engage in the activities authorized by section	821
3796.18, 3796.19, 3796.20, or 3796.21 of the Revised Code.	822
(19) "Certificate of operation" means a certificate issued	823
to the holder of a provisional license that authorizes the	824
recipient to engage in the activities authorized by section	825
3796.18, 3796.19, 3796.20, or 3796.21 of the Revised Code.	826
(20)(a) "Disqualifying offense" means, subject to	827
divisions (A)(20)(b) and (c) of this section, committing,	828
attempting to commit, or aiding and abetting another in	829
committing any of the following:	830
(i) Any offense set forth in Chapter 2925., 3719., or	831
4729. of the Revised Code, the violation of which constitutes a	832
felony or a misdemeanor of the first degree;	833
(ii) Any theft offense set forth under division (K) of	834
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, the violation of which	835
constitutes a felony;	836
(iii) Any violation for which a penalty is imposed under	837
section 3715.99 of the Revised Code;	838
(iv) A crime of moral turpitude as defined in section	839
4776.10 of the Revised Code;	840
(v) A violation of any former law of this state, any	841
existing or former law of another state, any existing or former	842
law applicable in a military court or Indian tribal court, or	843
any existing or former law of any nation other than the United	844
States that is or was substantially equivalent to any of the	845
offenses listed in divisions (A)(20)(a)(i) to (iv) of this	846
section.	847

(b) "Disqualifying offense" does not include a misdemeanor	848
offense respecting which an applicant for licensure or	849
employment is convicted of, or pleads guilty to, more than five	850
years before the date the application is submitted.	851
(c) "Disqualifying offense" does not include any	852
misdemeanor offense related to marijuana possession, marijuana	853
trafficking, illegal cultivation of marijuana, illegal use or	854
possession of drug paraphernalia or marijuana drug	855
paraphernalia, or other misdemeanor marijuana-related offenses.	856
(21) "Licensed cultivator" means the holder of a current,	857
valid license issued pursuant to this chapter or Chapter 3780.	858
of the Revised Code, as that chapter existed immediately before	859
the effective date of this amendment, to engage in the	860
activities authorized by section 3796.18 of the Revised Code.	861
(22) "Licensed processor" means the holder of a current,	862
valid license issued pursuant to this chapter or Chapter 3780.	863
of the Revised Code, as that chapter existed immediately before	864
the effective date of this amendment, to engage in the	865
activities authorized by section 3796.19 of the Revised Code.	866
(23) "Licensed dispensary" means the holder of a current,	867
valid license issued pursuant to this chapter or Chapter 3780.	868
of the Revised Code, as that chapter existed immediately before	869
the effective date of this amendment, to engage in the	870
activities authorized by section 3796.20 of the Revised Code.	871
(24) "Licensed laboratory" means the holder of a current,	872
valid license issued pursuant to this chapter or Chapter 3780.	873
of the Revised Code, as that chapter existed immediately before	874
the effective date of this amendment, to engage in the	875
activities authorized by section 3796.21 of the Revised Code.	876

(25) "License holder" means the holder of a current, valid	877
license issued under this chapter or Chapter 3780. of the	878
Revised Code, as that chapter existed immediately before the	879
effective date of this amendment.	880
(B) As used in the Revised Code, the "division of cannabis	881
control" means the division of marijuana control and the	882
"superintendent of cannabis control" means the superintendent of	883
marijuana control. Whenever the division of cannabis control or	884
the superintendent of cannabis control is referred to or	885
designated in any statute, rule, contract, grant, or other	886
document, the reference or designation shall be deemed to refer	887
to the division of marijuana control or the superintendent of	888
marijuana control, as indicated by context.	889
(C) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of Chapter	890
3719. of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under it, for	891
purposes of this chapter, medical marijuana is a schedule II	892
controlled substance.	893
concrotted subscance.	095
Sec. 3796.02. There is hereby established a division of	894
marijuana control in the department of commerce <u>under the</u>	895
supervision and direction of the superintendent of marijuana	896
control as established under section 121.04 of the Revised Code.	897
The medical marijuana control program is hereby established in	898
the division of marijuana control. The division shall provide	899
for the licensure of medical marijuana cultivators, processors,	900
retail dispensaries, and laboratories that test medical	901
marijuana. The division shall also provide for the registration	902
of patients and their caregivers. The division shall administer	903
the medical marijuana control program.	904
Sec. 3796.03. (A) The division of marijuana control shall	905

adopt rules establishing standards and procedures for the

medical-marijuana control program.	907
All rules adopted under this section shall be adopted in	908
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	909
(B) The rules shall do all of the following:	910
(1) Establish application procedures and fees for licenses	911
it issues under this chapter licensure;	912
(2) Specify both of the following:	913
(a) The conditions that must be met to be eligible for	914
licensure;	915
(b) In accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code,	916
the criminal offenses for which an applicant will be	917
disqualified from licensure pursuant to that section.	918
(3) Establish, in accordance with section 3796.05 of the	919
Revised Code, the number of cultivator licenses and retail	920
dispensary licenses that will be permitted at any one time;	921
(4) Establish a license renewal schedule, renewal	922
procedures, and renewal fees;	923
(5) Specify reasons for which a license may be suspended,	924
including without prior hearing, revoked, or not be renewed or	925
issued and the reasons for which a civil penalty may be imposed	926
on a license holder;	927
(6) Establish standards under which a license suspension	928
may be lifted;	929
(7) Establish procedures for registration of medical	930
marijuana patients and caregivers and requirements that must be	931
met to be eligible for registration;	932
(8) Establish training requirements for employees of	933

retail_licensed_dispensaries;

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(9) Specify if a cultivator, processor, retail dispensary,	935
or laboratory that is licensed under this chapter and that	936
existed at a location before a school, church, public library,	937
public playground, or public park became established within five	938
hundred feet of the cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or	939
laboratory, may remain in operation or shall relocate or have	940
its license revoked by the division;	941
(10) Specify, by form and tetrahydrocannabinol content, a	942
maximum ninety-day supply of medical marijuana that may be	943
possessed;	944
(11)(10) Specify the paraphernalia or other accessories	945
that may be used in the administration to a registered patient	946
of medical marijuana, adult-use marijuana, and homegrown	
marijuana;	948
$\frac{(12)}{(11)}$ Establish procedures for the issuance of patient	949
or caregiver identification cards;	950
(13)(12) Specify the forms of or methods of using adult-	951
use marijuana and medical marijuana that are attractive to	952
children;	953
(14) Specify both of the following:	954
(a) Subject to division (B)(14)(b) of this section, the	955
criminal offenses for which a person will be disqualified from	956
employment with a license holder;	957
(b) Which of the criminal offenses specified pursuant to	958
division (B)(14)(a) of this section will not disqualify a person	959
from employment with a license holder if the person was	960
convicted of or pleaded guilty to the offense more than five-	961

years before the date the employment begins. 962 (13) Establish a program to assist medical marijuana 963 patients who are veterans or indigent in obtaining medical 964 marijuana in accordance with this chapter; 965 (16) (14) Establish, in accordance with section 3796.05 of 966 the Revised Code, standards and procedures for the testing of 967 968 medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana by a licensed laboratory licensed under this chapter; 969 (15) Establish standards and procedures for online and 970 mobile ordering and delivery of medical marijuana and adult-use 971 marijuana by a licensed dispensary or an agent of a licensed 972 dispensary to an adult-use consumer or registered medical 973 marijuana patient or caregiver, as applicable. 974 (C) In addition to the rules described in division (B) of 975 this section, the division may adopt any other rules it 976 considers necessary for the program's administration and the 977 implementation and enforcement of this chapter. 978 (D) When adopting rules under this section, the division 979 shall consider standards and procedures that have been found to 980 be best practices relative to the use and regulation of medical 981 marijuana, adult-use marijuana, and homegrown marijuana. 982 Sec. 3796.04. (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting 983 provision of the Revised Code, an adult-use consumer may do all 984 of the following: 985 (1) Cultivate, grow, and possess homegrown marijuana 986 plants at the adult-use consumer's primary residence, if all of 987 the following apply: 988

(a) Not more than six homegrown marijuana plants are 989

cultivated or grown by each adult-use consumer;	990
(b) Not more than twelve homegrown marijuana plants are	991
cultivated or grown at a single residence;	992
(c) Cultivation or growing of homegrown marijuana takes	993
place only within a secured closet, room, greenhouse, or other	994
enclosed area in or on the grounds of the residence that	995
prevents access by individuals under twenty-one years of age,	996
and which is not visible by normal unaided vision from a public	997
space;	998
(d) Cultivation or growing of homegrown marijuana does not	999
take place at a residence that is any of the following:	1000
(i) A type A family child care home or type B family child	1001
care home, as those terms are defined in section 5104.01 of the	1002
Revised Code;	1003
(ii) A halfway house, community transitional housing	1004
facility, community residential center, or other similar	1005
facility licensed by the division of parole and community	1006
services under section 2967.14 of the Revised Code;	1007
(iii) A residential premises occupied pursuant to a rental	1008
agreement that prohibits the activities otherwise authorized by	1009
this section.	1010
(2) Process homegrown marijuana by manual or mechanical	1011
means.	1012
(3) Store homegrown marijuana and adult-use marijuana at	1013
the adult-use consumer's primary residence.	1014
(4) Use homegrown marijuana grown, cultivated, and	1015
processed at the adult-use consumer's primary residence;	1016

(5) Possess any paraphernalia or accessories that may be	1017
used in the administration of adult-use marijuana or homegrown	1018
marijuana.	1019
(B) No person shall give, sell, or transfer homegrown	1020
marijuana to any other person, with or without remuneration.	1021
(C) This section does not authorize any person to:	1022
(1) Cultivate, grow, or process homegrown marijuana except	1023
at the person's primary residence;	1024
(2) Use, cultivate, process, transfer, or transport adult-	1025
use marijuana or homegrown marijuana before reaching twenty-one	1026
years of age;	1027
(3) Process homegrown by hydrocarbon-based extraction;	1028
(4) Sell, or profit from, homegrown marijuana;	1029
(5) Cultivate, grow, or possess homegrown marijuana on	1030
behalf of another person.	1031
(D) The total amount of homegrown marijuana and adult-use	1032
marijuana possessed by an adult-use consumer shall not exceed:	1033
(1) Two and one-half ounces of plant material, excluding	1034
any seeds, live plants, or clones being cultivated, grown, or	1035
processed in accordance with this section;	1036
(2) Fifteen grams of extract.	1037
(E) Subject to divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this	1038
section, an adult-use consumer shall not be subject to arrest or	1039
criminal prosecution for cultivating, growing, possessing,	1040
processing, storing, or using homegrown marijuana, or possessing	1041
paraphernalia or accessories that may be used in the	1042
administration of adult-use or homegrown marijuana, in	1043

accordance with division (A) of this section. An adult-use	1044
consumer shall not be subject to arrest or criminal prosecution	1045
for a violation of division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section	1046
unless the number of homegrown marijuana plants the adult-use	1047
consumer cultivates, grows, or possesses is more than double the	1048
number of homegrown marijuana plants allowed under those	1049
divisions.	1050
(F) This section does not authorize an adult-use consumer	1051
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to operate a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, watercraft,	
or aircraft while under the influence of marijuana.	1053
Sec. 3796.05. (A) When establishing the number of	1054
cultivator licenses that will be permitted at any one time, the	1055
division of marijuana control shall consider both <u>all</u> of the	1056
following:	1057
(1) The population of this state;	1058
(2) The number of patients seeking to use medical	1059
marijuana;	1060
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(3) The number of adult-use consumers seeking to use	1061
adult-use marijuana.	1062
(B) When establishing the number of retail dispensary	1063
licenses that will (B)(1) Not more than three hundred fifty	1064
licensed dispensaries shall be permitted to operate in this	1065
state at any one time, the division shall consider all of the	1066
following:	1067
(1) The population of this state;	1068
(2) The number of patients seeking to use medical	1069
marijuana;	1070
(2) The geographic distribution of dispersary sites is as	1071
(3) The geographic distribution of dispensary sites in an-	1071

effort to ensure patient access to medical marijuana.	1072
(2)(a) The division may revoke a dispensary license for	1073
failure to secure a certificate of operation within eighteen	1074
months after issuance of a provisional license.	1075
(b) The holder of a provisional license may apply to the	1076
division for not more than two six-month extensions of the	1077
deadline prescribed by division (B)(2)(a) of this section. The	1078
division shall approve the extension if the provisional license	1079
holder demonstrates that the provisional license holder has made	1080
a good-faith effort to become operational.	1081
(3) When issuing retail dispensary licenses, the division	1082
of marijuana control shall ensure that the geographic	1083
distribution of dispensary sites does not result in the	1084
oversaturation of any geographic area.	1085
(4) The division shall not, on or after the effective date	1086
of this amendment, issue a retail dispensary license for, or	1087
approve the relocation of a licensed retail dispensary to, a	1088
location or facility:	1089
(a) That is within one-half mile of another licensed	1090
dispensary;	1091
(b) For which a permit has been issued under Chapter 4303.	1092
of the Revised Code to sell beer and intoxicating liquor, as	1093
those terms are defined in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code.	1094
(C) When establishing standards and procedures for the	1095
testing of medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana, the	1096
division shall do all of the following:	1097
(1) Specify when testing must be conducted;	1098
(2) Determine the minimum amount of medical marijuana or	1099

adult-use marijuana that must be tested; 1100 (3) Specify the manner in which testing is to be conducted 1101 in an effort to ensure uniformity of medical marijuana products 1102 processed for and dispensed to patients and adult-use marijuana 1103 1104 products; (4) Specify the manner in which test results are provided. 1105 Sec. 3796.06. (A) Only the following forms of medical 1106 marijuana may be dispensed under this chapter: 1107 1108 (1) Oils; (2) Tinctures; 1109 (3) Plant material; 1110 (4) Edibles; 1111 (5) Patches; 1112 (6) Any other form approved by the division of marijuana 1113 control under section 3796.061 of the Revised Code. 1114 (B) Only the following forms of adult-use marijuana may be 1115 dispensed under this chapter: 1116 (1) Any form in which medical marijuana may be dispensed; 1117 1118 (2) Extracts; 1119 (3) Drops; 1120 (4) Lozenges; 1121 (5) Smoking or combustible products; (6) Vaporization products; 1122 (7) Beverages; 1123

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(8) Pills;	1124
(9) Capsules;	1125
(10) Suppositories;	1126
(11) Oral pouches;	1127
(12) Oral strips;	1128
(13) Oral and topical sprays;	1129
(14) Salves;	1130
(15) Lotions or similar cosmetic products;	1131
(16) Inhalers;	1132
(17) Seeds;	1133
(18) Live plants;	1134
(19) Clones;	1135
(20) Pre-rolled products.	1136
(C) With respect to the methods of using medical	1137
marijuana, adult-use marijuana, and homegrown marijuana, all of	1138
the following apply:	1139
(1) The smoking or combustion of medical marijuana is	1140
prohibited.	1141
(2) The smoking, combustion, and vaporization of adult-use	1142
marijuana and homegrown marijuana, and the vaporization of	1143
medical marijuana, is permitted only on privately owned real	1144
property that is used primarily for residential or agricultural	1145
purposes, including any dwellings, facilities, improvements, and	1146
appurtenances on such real property.	1147
(3) No person shall smoke, combust, or vaporize marijuana	1148

in any of the following:	1149
(a) A type A family child care home or type B family child	1150
care home, as those terms are defined in section 5104.01 of the	1151
Revised Code;	1152
(b) A halfway house, community transitional housing	1153
facility, community residential center, or other similar	1154
facility licensed by the division of parole and community	1155
services under section 2967.14 of the Revised Code;	1156
(c) A residential premises occupied pursuant to a rental	1157
agreement that prohibits smoking, combustion, or vaporization of	1158
marijuana;	1159
(d) A public place or place of employment, as those terms	1160
are defined in section 3794.01 of the Revised Code.	1161
(3) The division may approve additional methods of using	1162
medical marijuana, other than smoking or combustion, under	1163
section 3796.061 of the Revised Code.	1164
(C) <u>(</u>D)(1) A ny form or method <u>of using adult-use marijuana</u>	1165
or medical marijuana that is considered attractive to children,	1166
as specified in rules adopted by the division, is prohibited.	1167
(2) Adult-use marijuana and medical marijuana shall not be	1168
dispensed or sold in a form or shape that bears the likeness or	1169
contains the characteristics of a realistic or fictional human,	1170
animal, or fruit, including artistic, caricature, or cartoon	1171
renderings.	1172
(D) With respect to tetrahydrocannabinol content, all of	1173
the following apply:	1174
(1) Plant material shall have a (E)(1) The	1175
tetrahydrocannabinol content of medical marijuana dispensed or	1176

sold to patients or caregivers shall not more than thirty-five	1177
exceed:	1178
(a) Thirty-five per cent for plant material;	1179
(b) Seventy per cent for extracts.	1180
(2) Extracts shall have a <u>The</u>tetrahydrocannabinol content	1181
of adult-use marijuana dispensed or sold to adult-use consumers	1182
shall not more than seventy exceed:	1183
(a) Thirty-five per cent for plant material;	1184
(b) Seventy per cent for extracts.	1185
(F) No person shall knowingly give, sell, or distribute	1186
adult-use marijuana or homegrown marijuana to a person under	1187
twenty-one years of age.	1188
(G) No person under the age of twenty one shall knowingly	1189
purchase, use, or possess adult-use marijuana or homegrown	1190
marijuana.	1191
Sec. 3796.062. (A) No person shall transport marijuana	1192
other than adult-use marijuana, medical marijuana, or homegrown	1193
marijuana in a motor vehicle.	1194
(B) No person shall transport adult-use marijuana or	1195
medical marijuana in a motor vehicle unless either or both of	1196
the following apply:	1197
(1) The adult-use marijuana or medical marijuana is in the	1198
original, unopened packaging in which it was dispensed or sold;	1199
(2) The adult-use marijuana or medical marijuana is stored	1200
in the trunk of the motor vehicle or, if the motor vehicle does	1201
not have a trunk, behind the last upright seat of the motor	1202
vehicle or in an area not normally occupied by the driver or	1203

passengers and not easily accessible by the driver.

(C) No person shall transport homegrown marijuana in a

motor vehicle unless the homegrown marijuana is stored in the 1206 trunk of the motor vehicle or, if the motor vehicle does not 1207 have a trunk, behind the last upright seat of the motor vehicle 1208 or in an area not normally occupied by the driver or passengers 1209 and not easily accessible by the driver. 1210 (D) No person shall transport marijuana paraphernalia in a 1211 1212 motor vehicle unless either or both of the following apply: (1) The marijuana paraphernalia is in the original, 1213 unopened packaging in which it was dispensed or sold; 1214 (2) The marijuana paraphernalia is stored in the trunk of 1215 the motor vehicle or, if the motor vehicle does not have a 1216 trunk, behind the last upright seat of the motor vehicle or in 1217 an area not normally occupied by the driver or passengers and 1218 not easily accessible by the driver. 1219 Sec. 3796.07. The department of commerce division of 1220 marijuana control shall establish and maintain an electronic 1221 database to monitor medical marijuana from its seed source 1222 through its cultivation, processing, testing, and dispensing. 1223 The department division may contract with a separate entity to 1224 establish and maintain all or any part of the electronic 1225 database on behalf of the department. 1226 The electronic database shall allow for information 1227 regarding medical marijuana to be updated instantaneously. Any 1228 cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory licensed 1229 under this chapter A license holder shall submit to the 1230 department division any information the department division 1231

determines is necessary for maintaining the electronic database.

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Information reported or collected under this section,	1233
including all data contained in the electronic database, is	1234
confidential and is not a public record for the purposes of	1235
section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The department division and	1236
any entity under contract with the department division shall not	1237
make public any information reported to or collected by the	1238
department division under this division section that identifies	1239
or would tend to identify any specific patient. Information or	1240
data that does not identify a specific patient may be released	1241
in summary, statistical, or aggregate form.	1242
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Sec. 3796.09. (A) An entity that seeks to cultivate-or-	1243
process -medical marijuana. or to conduct laboratory testing of	1244
medical marijuana <u>and adult-use marijuana</u> shall file an	1245
application for licensure with the department <u>division</u> of	1246
commercemarijuana control. The entity shall file an application	1247
for each location from which it seeks to operate. Each	1248
application shall be submitted in accordance with rules adopted	1249
under section 3796.03 of the Revised Code.	1250
(B) The division shall evaluate and prioritize	1251
applications for licensure under this section according to the	1252
applicant's eligibility, suitability, and ability to operate.	1253
<u>(C)</u> The department division shall not issue a license to	1254
an applicant if <u>unless</u> all of the following conditions	1255
eligibility requirements are met:	1256
(1) The report of the criminal records check conducted	1257
pursuant to section 3796.12 of the Revised Code with respect to	1258
the application demonstrates that the person subject to the	1259
criminal records check requirement has not been convicted of or	1260
pleaded guilty to any of the a_disqualifying offenses specified	1261
in rules adopted under section 9.79 and division (B)(2)(b) of	1262

of this state.

section 3796.03 of the Revised Code offense. 1263 (2) The-If the application is for a cultivator or 1264 processor license, the applicant demonstrates that it does not 1265 none of its current or prospective owners, officers, board 1266 members, administrators, employees, agents, or affiliates who 1267 may significantly influence or control the applicant's 1268 activities have an ownership or investment interest in or 1269 compensation arrangement with any either of the following: 1270 (a) A licensed laboratory licensed under this chapter; 1271 (b) An applicant for a license to conduct laboratory 1272 1273 testing. (3) The If the application is for a cultivator or 1274 processor license, the applicant demonstrates that it does not 1275 none of its current or prospective owners, officers, board 1276 members, administrators, employees, agents, or affiliates who 1277 may significantly influence or control the applicant's 1278 activities share any corporate officers or employees with any 1279 either of the following: 1280 (a) A licensed laboratory licensed under this chapter; 1281 (b) An applicant for a license to conduct laboratory 1282 testing. 1283 (4) The applicant demonstrates that it will not be located 1284 within five hundred feet of a school, church, public library, 1285 public playground, or public park. 1286 (5) The information provided to the department division 1287 pursuant to section 3796.11 of the Revised Code demonstrates 1288 that the applicant is in compliance with the applicable tax laws 1289

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(6) The applicant demonstrates sufficient liquid capital	1291
and ability to meet financial responsibility requirements;	1292
(7) The applicant demonstrates that the municipal	1293
corporation or township in which it will be located has not	1293
passed a moratorium or taken any other action that would	1295
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prohibit the applicant from operating there;	1290
(8) The application does not contain false, misleading, or	1297
deceptive information and does not omit material information;	1298
(9) The applicant pays any fee required by the division;	1299
(10) The applicant meets all other licensure eligibility	1300
conditions established in rules adopted under section 3796.03 of	1301
the Revised Code.	1302
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(C) (D) If the number of eligible applicants exceed the	1303
number of available licenses, the division shall use an	1304
impartial and evidence-based process to rank the eligible	1305
applicants. The ranking process shall take into account all of	1306
the following:	1307
(1) The applicant's business plan;	1308
(2) The applicant's operations plan;	1309
(3) The applicant's security plan;	1310
(4) The applicant's financial plan;	1311
(5) The applicant's principal place of business;	1312
(6) The proposed location of the cultivation, processing,	1313
or laboratory facility;	1314
(7) The applicant's plan for generating job and economic	1315
development in this state;	1316

(8) The applicant's environmental plan;	1317
(9) Employment practices, including any plans to inform,	1318
hire, or educate residents of the state, veterans, disabled	1319
persons, women, or minorities;	1320
(10) The criminal records of all persons subject to the	1321
criminal records check requirement;	1321
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(11) The civil and administrative history of the applicant	1323
and persons associated with the applicant;	1324
(12) Any other eligibility, suitability, or operations-	1325
based determination specified in this chapter or rules adopted	1326
by the division thereunder.	1327
(E)(1) If the division uses a lottery system to issue	1328
licenses under this section, the applicants shall be grouped	1329
into the following distinct categories:	1330
(a) Highly exceeds;	1331
(b) Exceeds;	1332
(c) Meets;	1333
(d) Does not meet.	1334
(2) The division shall group the applicants such that the	1335
number of applicants in each of the highly exceeds, exceeds, and	1336
meets categories is roughly equal, unless doing so is not	1337
possible while conforming to an impartial and evidence-based	1338
process. Applicants that do not meet the eligibility	1339
requirements prescribed by division (C) of this section shall be	1340
placed in the does not meet category.	1341
(3) In conducting the lottery, the division shall give	1342
applicants in the exceeds category double odds of being selected	1343

as compared to applicants in the meets category. The division	1344
shall give applicants in the highly exceeds category double the	1345
odds of being selected as compared to applicants in the exceeds	1346
category. An applicant grouped in the does not meet category is	1347
ineligible for licensure.	1348
(F) The department division shall issue not less than	1349
fifteen per cent of cultivator, processor, or laboratory	1350
licenses to entities that are owned and controlled by United	1351
States citizens who are residents of this state and are members	1352
of one of the following economically disadvantaged groups:	1353
Blacks or African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics or	1354
Latinos, and Asians. If no applications or an insufficient	1355
number of applications are submitted by such entities that meet	1356
the conditions set forth in division (B) of this section, the	1357
licenses shall be issued according to usual procedures.	1358
As used in this division, "owned and controlled" means	1359
that at least fifty-one per cent of the business, including	1360
corporate stock if a corporation, is owned by persons who belong	1361
to one or more of the groups set forth in this division, and	1362
that those owners have control over the management and day-to-	1363
day operations of the business and an interest in the capital,	1364
assets, and profits and losses of the business proportionate to	1365
their percentage of ownership.	1366
(D) (G) A license expires according to the renewal	1367
schedule established in rules adopted under section 3796.03 of	1368
the Revised Code and may be renewed in accordance with the	1369

procedures established in those rules. Applications for renewal1370are not subject to the evaluation, prioritization, ranking, and1371lottery provisions in divisions (B), (D), and (E) of this1372section. The division shall not deny an application for renewal1373

facility in proximity to other license holders. 1375 (H) A provisional license issued under this section is not 1376 1377 transferable. Sec. 3796.10. (A) An entity that seeks to dispense at 1378 retail medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana shall file an 1379 application for licensure with the division of marijuana 1380 control. The entity shall file an application for each location 1381 from which it seeks to operate. Each application shall be 1382 submitted in accordance with rules adopted under section 3796.03 1383 of the Revised Code. 1384 (B) The division shall evaluate and prioritize 1385 applications for licensure under this section according to the 1386 applicant's eligibility, suitability, and ability to operate. 1387 (C) The division shall not issue a license to an applicant 1388 if-unless all of the following conditions are met: 1389 (1) The report of the criminal records check conducted 1390 pursuant to section 3796.12 of the Revised Code with respect to 1391 the application demonstrates that the person subject to the 1392 criminal records check requirement has not been convicted of or 1393 pleaded quilty to any of the a disqualifying offenses specified 1394 in rules adopted under section 9.79 and division (B)(2)(b) of 1395 section 3796.03 of the Revised Codeoffense. 1396 (2) The applicant demonstrates that it does not none of 1397 its current or prospective owners, officers, board members, 1398 administrators, employees, agents, or affiliates who may 1399 significantly influence or control the applicant's activities 1400 have an ownership or investment interest in or compensation 1401 arrangement with any either of the following: 1402

based solely on the location of the applicant's existing

(a) A licensed laboratory licensed under this chapter; 1403 (b) An applicant for a license to conduct laboratory 1404 testing. 1405 (3) The applicant demonstrates that it does not none of 1406 its current or prospective owners, officers, board members, 1407 administrators, employees, agents, or affiliates who may 1408 significantly influence or control the applicant's activities 1409 share any corporate officers or employees with any either of the 1410 1411 following: (a) A licensed laboratory licensed under this chapter; 1412 1413 (b) An applicant for a license to conduct laboratory testing. 1414 (4) The applicant demonstrates that it will not be located 1415 within five hundred feet of a school, church, public library, 1416 public playground, or public park. 1417 (5) The applicant demonstrates that the proposed location 1418 or facility is not either of the following: 1419 (a) Located within one-half mile of another licensed 1420 1421 dispensary; (b) Issued a permit under Chapter 4303. of the Revised 1422 Code to sell beer and intoxicating liquor, as those terms are 1423 defined in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code. 1424 (6) The information provided to the division pursuant to 1425 section 3796.11 of the Revised Code demonstrates that the 1426 applicant is in compliance with the applicable tax laws of this 1427 state. 1428 (6) (7) The applicant demonstrates sufficient liquid 1429

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corporation or township in which it will be located has not	1433
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prohibit the applicant from operating there;	1435
(9) The application does not contain false, misleading, or	1436
deceptive information and does not omit material information;	1437
(10) The applicant pays any fee required by the division;	1438
(11) The applicant meets all other licensure eligibility	1439
conditions established in rules adopted under section 3796.03 of	1440
the Revised Code.	1441
(C) (D) If the number of eligible applicants exceed the	1442
number of available licenses, the division shall use an	1443
impartial and evidence-based process to rank the eligible	1444
applicants. The ranking process shall take into account all of	1445
the following:	1446
(1) The applicant's business plan;	1447
(2) The applicant's operations plan;	1448
(3) The applicant's security plan;	1449
(4) The applicant's financial plan;	1450
(5) The applicant's principal place of business;	1451
(6) The proposed location of the cultivation, processing,	1452
or laboratory facility;	1453
(7) The applicant's plan for generating job and economic	1454
development in this state;	1455

(8) The applicant's environmental plan;	1456
(9) Employment practices, including any plans to inform,	1457
hire, or educate residents of the state, veterans, disabled	1458
persons, women, or minorities;	1459
(10) The criminal records of all persons subject to the	1460
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criminal records check requirement;	1401
(11) The civil and administrative history of the applicant	1462
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(12) Any other eligibility, suitability, or operations-	1464
based determination specified in this chapter or rules adopted	1465
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(E) (1) If the division uses a lottery system to issue	1467
licenses under this section, the applicants shall be grouped	1468
into the following distinct categories:	1469
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(2) The division shall group the applicants such that the	1474
number of applicants in each of the highly exceeds, exceeds, and	1475
meets categories is roughly equal, unless doing so is not	1476
possible while conforming to an impartial and evidence-based	1477
process. Applicants that do not meet the eligibility	1478
requirements prescribed by division (C) of this section shall be	1479
placed in the does not meet category.	1480
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applicants in the exceeds category double the odds of being	1482

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division shall give applicants in the highly exceeds category	1484
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the exceeds category. An applicant grouped in the does not meet	1486
category is ineligible for licensure.	1487
(F) The division shall issue not less than fifteen per	1488
cent of retail dispensary licenses to entities that are owned	1489
and controlled by United States citizens who are residents of	1490
this state and are members of one of the following economically	1491
disadvantaged groups: Blacks or African Americans, American	1492
Indians, Hispanics or Latinos, and Asians. If no applications or	1493
an insufficient number of applications are submitted by such	1494
entities that meet the conditions set forth in division (B) of	1495
this section, the licenses shall be issued according to usual	1496
procedures.	1497

As used in this division, "owned and controlled" means 1498 that at least fifty-one per cent of the business, including 1499 corporate stock if a corporation, is owned by persons who belong 1500 to one or more of the groups set forth in this division, and 1501 that those owners have control over the management and day-to-1502 day operations of the business and an interest in the capital, 1503 assets, and profits and losses of the business proportionate to 1504 their percentage of ownership. 1505

(D) (G) A license expires according to the renewal1506schedule established in rules adopted under section 3796.03 of1507the Revised Code and may be renewed in accordance with the1508procedures established in those rules. Applications for renewal1509are not subject to the evaluation, prioritization, ranking, and1510lottery provisions in divisions (B), (D), and (E) of this1511section. The division shall not deny an application for renewal1512

based solely on the location of the applicant's existing	1513
dispensary facility in proximity to other license holders.	1514
(H) A provisional license issued under this section is not	1515
transferable.	1516
Sec. 3796.12. (A) As used in this section, "criminal	1517
records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the	1518
Revised Code.	1519
(B)(1) As part of the application process for a license	1520
issued under this chapter, the division of marijuana control	1521
shall require each of the following to complete a criminal	1522
records check:	1523
(a) An administrator or other person responsible for the	1524
daily operation of the entity seeking the license;	1525
(b) An owner or prospective owner, officer or prospective	1526
officer, or board member or prospective board member of the	1527
entity seeking the license.	1528
(2) If a person subject to the criminal records check	1529
requirement does not present proof of having been a resident of	1530
this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the	1531
date the criminal records check is requested or provide evidence	1532
that within that five-year period the superintendent of the	1533
bureau of criminal identification and investigation has	1534
requested information about the person from the federal bureau	1535
of investigation in a criminal records check, the division shall	1536
request that the person obtain through the superintendent a	1537
criminal records request from the federal bureau of	1538
investigation as part of the criminal records check of the	1539
person. Even if a person presents proof of having been a	1540
resident of this state for the five-year period, the division	1541

may request that the person obtain information through the 1542 superintendent from the federal bureau of investigation in the 1543 criminal records check. 1544

(C) The division shall provide the following to eachperson who is subject to the criminal records check requirement:1546

(1) Information about accessing, completing, and
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forwarding to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal
identification and investigation the form prescribed pursuant to
division (C) (1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the
standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions
prescribed pursuant to division (C) (2) of that section;

(2) Written notification that the person is to instruct
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the superintendent to submit the completed report of the
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criminal records check directly to the division.

(D) Each person who is subject to the criminal records
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check requirement shall pay to the bureau of criminal
identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to
division (C) (3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for the
criminal records check conducted of the person.

(E) The report of any criminal records check conducted by
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the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in
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accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant
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to a request made under this section is not a public record for
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the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not
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be made available to any person other than the following:

(1) The person who is the subject of the criminal recordscheck or the person's representative;1568

(2) The members and staff of the division; 1569

(3) A court, hearing officer, or other necessaryindividual involved in a case dealing with either of thefollowing:

(a) A license denial resulting from the criminal records1573check;1574

(b) A civil or criminal action regarding the medical1575marijuana control program or any violation of this chapter.1576

(F) The division shall deny a license if, after receiving
the information and notification required by this section, a
person subject to the criminal records check requirement fails
to do either of the following:

(2) Instruct the superintendent to submit the completedreport of the criminal records check directly to the division.1587

Sec. 3796.13. (A) Each person seeking employment with an 1588 entity licensed under this chapter a license holder shall comply 1589 with sections 4776.01 to 4776.04 of the Revised Code. Except as 1590 provided in division (B) of this section, such an entity shall 1591 not employ the person unless the person has submitted a criminal 1592 records check under those sections. The license holder shall not 1593 employ the person unless the report of the resulting criminal 1594 records check shall demonstrate demonstrates that the person has 1595 not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the 1596 disqualifying offenses specified in rules adopted under division 1597 (B) (14) (a) of section 3796.03 of the Revised Code if the person 1598

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is seeking employment with an entity licensed by the division of 1599 marijuana control under this chapter offense. 1600 (B) An entity is not prohibited by division (A) of this 1601 section from employing a person if the disqualifying offense the 1602 person was convicted of or pleaded guilty to is one of the-1603 offenses specified in rules adopted under division (B) (14) (b) of 1604 section 3796.03 of the Revised Code and the person was convicted 1605 of or pleaded quilty to the offense more than five years before 1606 the date the employment begins. 1607 Sec. 3796.14. (A) The division of marijuana control may do 1608 any of the following for any reason specified in rules adopted 1609 under section 3796.03 of the Revised Code: 1610 (1) Suspend, suspend without prior hearing, revoke, or 1611 refuse to renew a license or registration it issued under this 1612 chapter or a license or a registration the state board of 1613 1614 pharmacy issued prior to the transfer of regulatory authority over the medical marijuana control program to the 1615 divisionChapter 3780. of the Revised Code, as that chapter 1616 existed immediately before the effective date of this amendment; 1617 (2) Refuse to issue a license; 1618 (3) Impose on a license holder a civil penalty in an 1619 amount to be determined by the division. 1620 (4) With respect to a suspension of a retail dispensary 1621 license without prior hearing, the division may utilize a 1622 telephone conference call to review the allegations and take a 1623 vote. The division shall suspend a dispensary license without 1624 prior hearing only if it finds clear and convincing evidence 1625 that continued distribution of medical marijuana and adult-use 1626 marijuana by the license holder presents a danger of immediate 1627

and serious harm to others. The suspension shall remain in1628effect, unless lifted by the division, until the division issues1629its final adjudication order. If the division does not issue the1630order within ninety days after the adjudication hearing, the1631suspension shall be lifted on the ninety-first day following the1632hearing.1633

The division's actions under division (A) of this section 1634 shall be taken in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 1635 Code. 1636

(B) The Subject to division (E) of this section, the
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division and the Ohio investigative unit may inspect all of the
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following for any reason specified in rules adopted under
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section 3796.03 of the Revised Code without prior notice to the
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applicant or license holder:

(1) The premises of <u>a license holder or an applicant for</u>
licensure or holder of a current, valid cultivator, processor,
retail dispensary, or laboratory license issued under this
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chapter;

(2) All records maintained pursuant to this chapter by a 1646license holder of a current license. 1647

(C) Whenever it appears to the division, from its files, 1648 upon complaint, or otherwise, or to the Ohio investigative unit, 1649 from an inspection or investigation authorized by this section, 1650 that any person or entity has engaged in, is engaged in, or is 1651 about to engage in any practice declared to be illegal or 1652 prohibited by this chapter or the rules adopted under this 1653 chapter, or when the division believes it to be in the best 1654 interest of the public, adult-use consumers, or medical 1655 marijuana patients, the division may do any of the following: 1656

(1) Investigate the person or entity as authorized 1657 pursuant to this chapter or the rules adopted under this 1658 chapter; 1659 (2) Issue subpoenas to any person or entity for the 1660 purpose of compelling either of the following: 1661 (a) The attendance and testimony of witnesses; 1662 (b) The production of books, accounts, papers, records, or 1663 documents. 1664 (D) If a person or entity fails to comply with any order 1665 of the division or the unit or a subpoena issued by the division 1666 or the unit pursuant to this section, a judge of the court of 1667 common pleas of the county in which the person resides or the 1668 entity may be served, on application of the division or the 1669 unit, shall compel obedience by attachment proceedings as for 1670 contempt, as in the case of disobedience with respect to the 1671 requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal 1672 to testify in such court. 1673 (E) The Ohio investigative unit shall not inspect or 1674 investigate the premises of any person under this section unless 1675 one or both of the following apply: 1676 (1) The person inspected or investigated is a license 1677 1678 holder. (2) The unit is invited by local law enforcement having 1679 jurisdiction over the person inspected or investigated. 1680 Sec. 3796.15. (A) The division of marijuana control and 1681 the Ohio investigative unit shall enforce this chapter, or cause 1682 it to be enforced. If Subject to division (E) of section 3796.14 1683

of the Revised Code, if the division or the unit has information

that this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter has1685been violated, it shall investigate the matter and take any1686action as it considers appropriate.1687

(B) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require
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 the division to enforce minor violations if the division
 determines that the public interest is adequately served by a
 notice or warning to the alleged offender.

(C)-If the division suspends, revokes, or refuses to renew 1692 any license or registration issued under this chapter or Chapter 1693 3780. of the Revised Code, as that chapter existed immediately 1694 before the effective date of this amendment, and determines that 1695 there is clear and convincing evidence of a danger of immediate 1696 and serious harm to any person, the division may place under 1697 seal all medical marijuana, adult-use marijuana, and homegrown 1698 marijuana owned by or in the possession, custody, or control of 1699 the affected license holder or registrant. Except as provided in 1700 this division, the division of marijuana control shall not 1701 dispose of the medical marijuana, adult-use marijuana, or 1702 homegrown marijuana sealed under this division until the license 1703 holder or registrant exhausts all of the holder's or 1704 registrant's appeal rights under Chapter 119. of the Revised 1705 Code. The court involved in such an appeal may order the 1706 division, during the pendency of the appeal, to sell medical 1707 marijuana or adult-use marijuana that is perishable. The 1708 division shall deposit the proceeds of the sale with the court. 1709

Sec. 3796.17. The division of marijuana control shall1710establish a toll-free telephone line to respond to inquiries1711from adult-use consumers, medical marijuana patients,1712caregivers, and health professionals regarding adverse reactions1713to medical marijuana and to provide information about available1714

behalf of the division.

of the following:

services and assistance. The division may contract with a 1715 separate entity to establish and maintain the telephone line on 1716 1717 Sec. 3796.18. (A) (A) (1) Notwithstanding any conflicting 1718 provision of the Revised Code and except as provided in division 1719 (B) of this section, a licensed cultivator, including the holder 1720 of a current, valid cultivator license issued under this chapter 1721 before the effective date of this amendment, may do either any 1722 1723 (1) (a) Cultivate medical marijuana and adult-use 1724 1725 (2) (b) Deliver or sell medical marijuana and adult-use 1726 marijuana to one or more licensed processors other license 1727 1728 (c) Acquire seeds, clones, plants, and other genetic 1729

material.

holders;

marijuana;

(2) A licensed cultivator engaging in the activities 1731 authorized by this chapter shall do so respecting both medical 1732 1733 marijuana and adult-use marijuana.

(B) A licensed cultivator license holder shall not 1734 cultivate medical marijuana or adult-use marijuana for personal, 1735 family, or household use or on any public land, including a 1736 state park as defined in section 154.01 of the Revised Code. 1737

(C) A licensed cultivator shall identify, package, and 1738 label all medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana products in 1739 accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted thereunder 1740 before delivering or selling the products to a licensed 1741 processor or licensed dispensary. 1742

(D) The division of marijuana control shall issue the 1743 following types of cultivation licenses: 1744 (1) A level I cultivator license that authorizes the 1745 license holder to operate a cultivation area specified by the 1746 division, not to exceed one hundred thousand square feet; 1747 (2) A level II cultivator license that authorizes the 1748 license holder to operate a cultivation area specified by the 1749 division, not to exceed fifteen thousand square feet. 1750 (E) A licensed cultivator may request and receive one or 1751 more expansions to the cultivator's cultivation area, subject to 1752 the approval of the division, so long as the resulting total 1753 cultivation area, including all expansions, does not exceed the 1754 applicable maximum cultivation area prescribed by division (D) 1755 of this section. 1756 Sec. 3796.19. (A) (1) Notwithstanding any conflicting 1757 provision of the Revised Code, a licensed processor, including 1758 the holder of a current, valid processor license issued under 1759 this chapter before the effective date of this amendment, may do 1760 any of the following: 1761 (1) (a) Obtain medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana 1762 from one or more licensed cultivators other license holders; 1763 (2) (b) Subject to division (B) of this section, process 1764 medical marijuana obtained from one or more licensed cultivators 1765 and adult-use marijuana into a form described in section 3796.06 1766 of the Revised Code; 1767 (3) (c) Deliver, transfer, or sell processed medical 1768 marijuana and adult-use marijuana to one or more licensed retail 1769 dispensaries other license holders. 1770

(2) A licensed processor engaging in the activities	1771
authorized by this chapter shall do so respecting both medical	1772
marijuana and adult-use marijuana.	1773
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(B) When processing medical marijuana, a <u>A</u> licensed	
processor shall do both all of the following before delivering	1775
or selling medical marijuana or adult-use marijuana to a	1776
licensed retail dispensary:	1777
(1) Package the medical marijuana or adult-use marijuana	1778
in accordance with child-resistant effectiveness standards	1779
described in 16 C.F.R. 1700.15(b) on September 8, 2016;	1780
(2) Label the medical marijuana packaging with the	1781
product's tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol content;	1782
(3) Comply with any packaging or labeling requirements	1783
established in rules adopted by the division of marijuana	1784
control under section sections 3796.03 and 3796.32 of the	1785
Revised Code.	1786
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Sec. 3796.20. (A) (1) Notwithstanding any conflicting	
provision of the Revised Code, <u>a licensed dispensary, including</u>	1788
the holder of a current, valid retail dispensary license issued	1789
under this chapter, or previously issued by the state board of	1790
pharmacy, before the effective date of this amendment, may do	1791
both_any_of the following:	1792
(1) (a) Obtain medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana	1793
from one or more processorsother license holders;	1794
(2) <u>(</u>b) Dispense or sell medical marijuana in accordance	1795
with division (B) of this section <u>;</u>	1796
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(c) Dispense or sell adult-use marijuana in accordance	1797
with division (C) of this section;	1798

(d) Sell paraphernalia that may be used in the	1799
administration of adult-use marijuana or medical marijuana as	1800
specified in rules adopted under section 3796.03 of the Revised	1801
Code;	1802
(e) Provide delivery of adult-use marijuana and medical	1803
marijuana in accordance with the rules adopted under section	1804
3796.03 of the Revised Code.	1805
(2) A licensed dispensary engaged in the activities	1806
authorized by this chapter shall do so respecting both medical	1807
marijuana and adult-use marijuana.	1808
(B) When dispensing or selling medical marijuana, a	1809
licensed retail dispensary shall do all of the following:	1810
(1) Dispense or sell only upon a showing of a current,	1811
valid, government-issued identification card and in accordance	1812
with a written recommendation issued by a physician holding a	1813
certificate to recommend issued by the state medical board under	1814
section 4731.30 of the Revised Code;	1815
(2) Report to the drug database the information required	1816
by section 4729.771 of the Revised Code;	1817
(3) Label the package containing medical marijuana with	1818
the following information:	1819
(a) The name and address of the licensed processor and	1820
retail dispensary;	1821
(b) The name of the patient and caregiver, if any;	1822
(c) The name of the physician who recommended treatment	1823
with medical marijuana;	1824
(d) The directions for use, if any, as recommended by the	1825

physician; 1826 (e) The date on which the medical marijuana was dispensed; 1827 (f) The quantity, strength, kind, or form of medical 1828 marijuana contained in the package. 1829 (4) Maintain an adequate supply of medical marijuana 1830 products to meet typical patient demand for those products. 1831 (C) When dispensing or selling adult-use marijuana, a 1832 licensed retail dispensary shall do all of the following: 1833 (1) Dispense or sell adult-use marijuana only to adult-use 1834 consumers who present a current, valid, government-issued 1835 identification card demonstrating proof that the adult-use 1836 consumer is twenty-one years of age or older; 1837 (2) Dispense or sell not more than the amount of adult-use 1838 marijuana that may be legally possessed by an adult-use consumer 1839 under section 3796.221 of the Revised Code to the same adult-use 1840 consumer in the same day; 1841 (3) Ensure that the label of the package containing adult-1842 use marijuana contains all of the following information, in 1843 accordance with rules adopted by the division of cannabis 1844 control: 1845 (a) The name and address of the licensed processor and 1846 retail dispensary; 1847 (b) A statement that the use of adult-use marijuana by 1848 individuals under twenty-one years of age is both harmful and 1849 illegal; 1850 (c) The quantity, strength, kind, or form of adult-use 1851 marijuana contained in the package. 1852

(D) When operating a licensed retail dispensary, both <u>all</u>	1853
of the following apply:	1854
(1) A licensed dispensary shall use only employees who	1855
have met the training requirements established in rules adopted	1856
under section 3796.03 of the Revised Code.	1857
(2) A licensed dispensary shall not make public any	1858
information it collects that identifies or would tend to	1859
identify any specific medical marijuana patient or adult-use	1860
consumer.	1861
(3) A dispensary shall prominently display both of the	1862
following:	1863
(a) A statement that the use of adult-use or homegrown	1864
marijuana by individuals under twenty-one years of age is both	1865
harmful and illegal;	1866
(b) Information about the addictive qualities of marijuana	1867
and the potential negative health consequences associated with	1868
<u>its use.</u>	1869
Sec. 3796.21. (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting	1870
provision of the Revised Code, a licensed laboratory, including	1871
the holder of a current, valid laboratory license issued under	1872
this chapter may before the effective date of this amendment,	
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shall do both of the following:	1873 1874
<u>shall</u> do both of the following: (1) Obtain medical marijuana <u>and adult-use marijuana</u> from	
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(1) Obtain medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana from	1874 1875
(1) Obtain medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana from one or more <u>licensed</u> cultivators, <u>licensed</u> processors, and	1874 1875 1876
(1) Obtain medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana from one or more <u>licensed</u> cultivators, <u>licensed</u> processors, and retail_ <u>licensed</u> dispensaries- <u>licensed</u> under this chapter;	1874 1875 1876 1877

(B) When testing medical marijuana or adult-use marijuana,	1881
a licensed laboratory shall do both of the following:	1882
(1) Test the marijuana for potency, homogeneity, and	1883
contamination;	1884
(2) Prepare a report of the test results.	1885
Sec. 3796.22. (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting	1886
provision of the Revised Code, a patient registered under this	1887
chapter who obtains medical marijuana from a retail_licensed_	1888
dispensary licensed under <u>in accordance</u> with t his chapter may do	1889
both_all_of the following:	1890
(1) Use medical marijuana;	1891
(2) Possess medical marijuana, subject to division (B) of	1892
this section;	1893
(3) Possess any paraphernalia or accessories that may be	1894
used in the administration of medical marijuana, as specified in	1895
rules adopted under section 3796.03 of the Revised Code.	1896
(B) The amount of medical marijuana possessed by a	1897
registered patient shall not exceed a ninety-day supply, as	1898
specified in rules adopted under section 3796.03 of the Revised	1899
Code.	1900
(C) A registered patient shall not be subject to arrest or	1901
criminal prosecution for doing any <u>e</u>ither of the following in	1902
accordance with this chapter:	1903
(1) Obtaining, using, or possessing medical marijuana;	1904
(2) Possessing any paraphernalia or accessories that may	1905
be used in the administration of medical marijuana, as specified	1906
in rules adopted under section 3796.03 of the Revised Code.	1907

(D) This section does not authorize a registered patient 1908 to operate a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, watercraft, 1909 or aircraft while under the influence of medical marijuana. 1910 Sec. 3796.221. (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting 1911 provision of the Revised Code, an adult-use consumer who obtains 1912 adult-use marijuana from a licensed dispensary may do all of the 1913 following: 1914 (1) Use adult-use marijuana; 1915 (2) Possess adult-use marijuana, subject to division (B) 1916 of this section; 1917 (3) Possess any paraphernalia or accessories that may be 1918 used in the administration of adult-use marijuana as specified 1919 in rules adopted under section 3796.03 of the Revised Code. 1920 (B) The amount of adult-use marijuana possessed by an 1921 adult-use consumer shall not exceed: 1922 (1) Two and one-half ounces of plant material; 1923 (2) Fifteen grams of extract. 1924 (C) Subject to division (B) of this section, an adult-use 1925 consumer is not subject to arrest or criminal prosecution for 1926 engaging in any of the activities described in division (A) of 1927 this section. 1928 (D) This section does not authorize an adult-use consumer 1929 to operate a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, watercraft, 1930 or aircraft while under the influence of marijuana. 1931 Sec. 3796.23. (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting 1932 provision of the Revised Code, a caregiver registered under this 1933 chapter who obtains medical marijuana from a retail-licensed 1934

dispensary licensed under this chapter may do both any of the 1935 following: 1936 (1) Possess medical marijuana on behalf of a registered 1937 patient under the careqiver's care, subject to division (B) of 1938 this section; 1939 (2) Assist a registered patient under the caregiver's care 1940 in the use or administration of medical marijuana; 1941 (3) Possess any paraphernalia or accessories specified in 1942 rules adopted under section 3796.03 of the Revised Code. 1943 (B) The amount of medical marijuana possessed by a 1944 registered caregiver on behalf of a registered patient shall not 1945 exceed a ninety-day supply, as specified in rules adopted under 1946 section 3796.03 of the Revised Code. If a caregiver provides 1947 care to more than one registered patient, the caregiver shall 1948 maintain separate inventories of medical marijuana for each 1949 patient. 1950 (C) A registered caregiver shall not be subject to arrest 1951 or criminal prosecution for doing any of following in accordance 1952 with this chapter: 1953 (1) Obtaining or possessing medical marijuana on behalf of 1954 1955 a registered patient;

(2) Assisting a registered patient in the use oradministration of medical marijuana;1957

(3) Possessing any paraphernalia or accessories specified1958in rules adopted under section 3796.03 of the Revised Code.1959

(D) This section does not permit a registered caregiver to 1960personally use medical marijuana, unless the caregiver is also a 1961registered patient. 1962

Sec. 3796.24. (A) The holder of a license, as defined in	1963
section 4776.01 of the Revised Code, is not subject to	1964
professional disciplinary action solely for engaging in	1965
professional or occupational activities related to medical	1966
marijuana <u>or adult-use marijuana</u> .	1967
(B) Unless there is clear and convincing evidence that a	1968
child is unsafe, the use, possession, or administration of	1969
medical marijuana, adult-use marijuana, or homegrown marijuana	1970
in accordance with this chapter shall not be the sole or primary	1971
basis for any of the following:	1972
(1) An adjudication under section 2151.28 of the Revised	1973
Code determining that a child is an abused, neglected, or	1974
dependent child;	1975
(2) An allocation of parental rights and responsibilities	1976
under section 3109.04 of the Revised Code;	1977
(3) A parenting time order under section 3109.051 or	1978
3109.12 of the Revised Code.	1979
(C) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the	1980
Revised Code, the use or possession of medical marijuana, adult-	1981
use marijuana, or homegrown marijuana in accordance with this	1982
chapter shall not be used as a reason for disqualifying a	1983
patient from medical care or from including a patient on a	1984
transplant waiting list.	1985
(D) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the	1986
Revised Code, the use, possession, administration, cultivation,	1987
processing, testing, or dispensing of medical marijuana, adult-	1988
use marijuana, or homegrown marijuana in accordance with this	1989

chapter shall not be used as the sole or primary reason for

taking action under any criminal or civil statute in the

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forfeiture or seizure of any property or asset.

(E) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the 1993 Revised Code, a person's status as a registered patient or 1994 caregiver engaging in activity authorized by this chapter is not 1995 a sufficient basis for conducting a field sobriety test on the 1996 person or for suspending the person's driver's license. To 1997 conduct any field sobriety test, a law enforcement officer must 1998 have an independent, factual basis giving reasonable suspicion 1999 that the person is operating a vehicle under the influence of 2000 marijuana or with a prohibited concentration of marijuana in the 2001 person's whole blood, blood serum, plasma, breath, or urine. 2002

(F) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the 2003 Revised Code, a person's status as a registered patient or 2004 caregiver, or a an adult-use consumer's engagement in activities 2005 authorized by this chapter, shall not be used as the sole or 2006 primary basis for rejecting the person as a tenant unless the 2007 rejection is required by federal law. This division does not 2008 prohibit a landlord from prohibiting the consumption of 2009 marijuana in a residential premises or common areas by smoking, 2010 2011 combustion, or vaporization, as long as such prohibition is included in the applicable lease agreement. 2012

(G) Except as otherwise provided in section 3796.28 of the 2013 Revised Code, the use or possession of medical marijuana, adult-2014 use marijuana, or homegrown marijuana in accordance with this 2015 chapter shall not be used as a reason for disqualifying an 2016 individual from a public benefit program administered by any 2017 state or local authority, or for otherwise denying an individual 2018 a public benefit administered by the state or any local 2019 2020 government.

(H) This chapter does not do any of the following:

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(1) Require a physician to recommend that a patient use 2022 medical marijuana to treat a qualifying medical condition; 2023 (2) Permit the use, possession, or administration of 2024 medical marijuana, adult-use marijuana, or homegrown marijuana 2025 other than as authorized by this chapter; 2026 (3) Permit the use, possession, or administration of 2027 2028 medical marijuana, adult-use marijuana, or homegrown marijuana on federal land located in this state; 2029 (4) Require any public place to accommodate a registered 2030 patient's use of medical marijuana or an adult-use consumer's 2031 use of adult-use marijuana or homegrown marijuana; 2032 (5) Prohibit Subject to section 3796.06 of the Revised 2033 Code, prohibit any public place from accommodating a registered 2034 patient's use of medical marijuana or an adult-use consumer's 2035 use of adult-use marijuana or homegrown marijuana, other than by 2036 smoking, combustion, or vaporization; 2037 (6) Restrict research related to marijuana conducted at a 2038 state university, academic medical center, or private research 2039 2040 and development organization as part of a research protocol approved by an institutional review board or equivalent entity. 2041 (I) It is the public policy of this state that contracts 2042 2043 related to license holders are enforceable. Sec. 3796.27. (A) As used in this section: 2044 (1) "Financial institution" means any of the following: 2045 (a) Any bank, trust company, savings and loan association, 2046 savings bank, or credit union or any affiliate, agent, or 2047 employee of a bank, trust company, savings and loan association, 2048 savings bank, or credit union; 2049 (b) Any money transmitter licensed under sections 1315.01
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to 1315.18 of the Revised Code or any affiliate, agent, or
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employee of such a licensee.
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(2) "Financial services" means services that a financial
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institution is authorized to provide under Title XI, sections
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1315.01 to 1315.18, or Chapter 1733. of the Revised Code, as
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applicable.

2057 (B) A financial institution that provides financial 2058 services to any cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory licensed under this chapter license holder shall be 2059 exempt from any criminal law of this state an element of which 2060 may be proven by substantiating that a person provides financial 2061 services to a person who possesses, delivers, or manufactures 2062 marijuana or marijuana derived products, including section 2063 2925.05 of the Revised Code and sections 2923.01 and 2923.03 of 2064 the Revised Code as those sections apply to violations of 2065 Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code, if the cultivator, processor, 2066 retail dispensary, or laboratory license holder is in compliance 2067 with this chapter and the applicable tax laws of this state. 2068

(C) (1) Notwithstanding section 149.43 of the Revised Code 2069 or any other public records law to the contrary, upon the 2070 request of a financial institution, the division of marijuana 2071 control shall provide to the financial institution all of the 2072 following information: 2073

(a) Whether a person with whom the financial institution 2074
 is seeking to do business is a cultivator, processor, retail 2075
 dispensary, or laboratory licensed under this chapterlicense 2076
 holder; 2077

(b) The name of any other business or individual

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affiliated with the person;

(c) An unredacted copy of the application for a license	2080
under this chapter or under Chapter 3780. of the Revised Code,	2081
as that chapter existed immediately before the effective date of	2082
this amendment, and any supporting documentation, that was	2083
submitted by the person;	2084
(d) If applicable, information relating to sales and	2085
volume of product sold by the person;	2086
(e) Whether the person is in compliance with this chapter;	2087
(f) Any past or pending violation by the person of this	2088
chapter or Chapter 3780. of the Revised Code, as that chapter	2089
existed immediately before the effective date of this amendment,	2090
and any penalty imposed on the person for such a violation.	2091
(2) The division may charge a financial institution a	2092
reasonable fee to cover the administrative cost of providing the	2093
information.	2094
(D) Information received by a financial institution under	2095
division (C) of this section is confidential. Except as	2096
otherwise permitted by other state law or federal law, a	2097
financial institution shall not make the information available	2098
to any person other than the customer to whom the information	2099
applies and any trustee, conservator, guardian, personal	2100
representative, or agent of that customer.	2101
Sec. 3796.28. (A) Nothing in this chapter does any of the	2102
following:	2103
(1) Requires an employer to permit or accommodate an	2104
employee's use, possession, or distribution of medical	2105

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(2) Prohibits an employer from refusing to hire,
discharging, disciplining, or otherwise taking an adverse
employment action against a person with respect to hire, tenure,
terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of that
person's use, possession, or distribution of medical marijuana;

(3) Prohibits an employer from establishing and enforcing
a drug testing policy, drug-free workplace policy, or zerotolerance drug policy;
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(4) Interferes with any federal restrictions on
employment, including the regulations adopted by the United
States department of transportation in Title 49 of the Code of
Federal Regulations, as amended;
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(5) Permits a person to commence a cause of action against 2119 an employer for refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining, 2120 discriminating, retaliating, or otherwise taking an adverse 2121 employment action against a person with respect to hire, tenure, 2122 terms, conditions, or privileges of employment related to 2123 medical_marijuana; 2124

(6) Affects the authority of the administrator of workers'
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compensation to grant rebates or discounts on premium rates to
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employers that participate in a drug-free workplace program
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established in accordance with rules adopted by the
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administrator under Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code.
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(B) A person who is discharged from employment because of 2130
that person's use of medical marijuana shall be considered to 2131
have been discharged for just cause for purposes of division (D) 2132
of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code and shall be ineligible 2133
to serve a waiting period or to be paid benefits for the 2134
duration of the individual's unemployment as described in 2135

division (D)(2) of that section if the person's use of medical2136marijuana was in violation of an employer's drug-free workplace2137policy, zero-tolerance policy, or other formal program or policy2138regulating the use of medical marijuana.2139

(C) It is not a violation of division (A), (D), or (E) of 2140 section 4112.02 of the Revised Code if an employer discharges, 2141 refuses to hire, or otherwise discriminates against a person 2142 2143 because of that person's use of medical marijuana if the person's use of medical marijuana is in violation of the 2144 employer's drug-free workplace policy, zero-tolerance policy, or 2145 other formal program or policy regulating the use of medical 2146 marijuana. 2147

Sec. 3796.29. The (A) Except as otherwise provided in 2148 division (B) of this section, the legislative authority of a 2149 municipal corporation may adopt an ordinance, or a board of 2150 township trustees may adopt an ordinance or a resolution, to 2151 prohibit, or limit the number of, licensed cultivators, licensed 2152 processors, or retail licensed dispensaries licensed under this 2153 chapter within the municipal corporation or within the 2154 unincorporated territory of the township, respectively. 2155

This section does not authorize the (B) The legislative2156authority of a municipal corporation or a board of township2157trustees to shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance or a2158resolution limiting that does any of the following:2159

(1) Prohibits or limits the operations of a license holder2160that received a provisional license or certificate of operation2161before the effective date of this amendment, except that a2162municipal corporation or township may enforce such an ordinance2163or such a resolution if it was adopted before the effective date2164of this amendment;2165

chapter, except as expressly permitted under division (A) of 2167 this section; 2168 (3) Prohibits or limits research related to marijuana 2169 conducted at a state university, academic medical center, or 2170 private research and development organization as part of a 2171 research protocol approved by an institutional review board or 2172 2173 equivalent entity. Sec. 3796.30. (A) Except as provided in division 2174 (B) divisions (C) and (D) of this section, no medical marijuana 2175 licensed cultivator, licensed processor, retail-licensed 2176 dispensary, or licensed laboratory that tests medical marijuana 2177 shall be located within five hundred feet of the boundaries of a 2178 parcel of real estate having situated on it a school, church, 2179 public library, public playground, or public park. 2180 (B) If the a request for relocation of a facility of a 2181 licensed cultivator, licensed processor, retail-licensed 2182 dispensary, or licensed laboratory licensed under this chapter 2183 results would result in the cultivator, processor, retail 2184 dispensary, or laboratory facility being located within five 2185 hundred feet of the boundaries of a parcel of real estate having 2186 situated on it a school, church, public library, public 2187 playground, or public park, the division of marijuana control 2188 shall revoke the license it previously issued to the cultivator, 2189 processor, retail dispensary, or laboratorydeny the request for 2190 relocation. 2191 (B) (C) This section does not require relocation or closure 2192 of a facility used by a licensed cultivator, licensed processor, 2193 licensed dispensary, or licensed laboratory, if that facility 2194

(2) Prohibits or limits any activity authorized under this

Licensed dispensary, or licensed laboratory, if that facility2194has a certificate of operation at the time a school, church,2195

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public library, public playground, or public park relocates, or	2196
is established, on a parcel of real estate, the boundaries of	2197
which are within five hundred feet of that operational facility.	2198
(D) This section does not apply to research related to	2199
marijuana conducted at a state university, academic medical	2200
center, or private research and development organization as part	2201
of a research protocol approved by an institutional review board	2202
or equivalent entity.	2203
(C) As used in this section and sections 3796.03 and	2204
3796.12 of the Revised Code:	2205
"Church" has the meaning defined in section 1710.01 of the	2206
Revised Code.	2207
"Public library" means a library provided for under-	2208
Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code.	2209
"Public park" means a park established by the state or a	2210
political subdivision of the state including a county, township,	2211
municipal corporation, or park district.	2212
"Public playground" means a playground established by the	2213
state or a political subdivision of the state including a	2214
county, township, municipal corporation, or park district.	2215
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"School" means a child care center as defined under-	2216
section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, a preschool as defined	2217
under section 2950.034 of the Revised Code, or a public or	2218
nonpublic primary school or secondary school.	2219
Sec. 3796.31. Except as otherwise authorized in the	2220
Revised Code, no political subdivision shall levy do either of	2221
the following:	2222
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(A) Levy any tax or fee on cultivators, processors, or	2223

dispensaries license holders that is based on those the license 2224 holder's businesses' gross receipts or that is the same as or 2225 similar to any tax or fee imposed by the state; 2226 (B) Levy any tax, fee, or charge on license holders or 2227 license holders' property that is not generally charged on other 2228 2229 businesses. Sec. 3796.32. (A) The division of marijuana control may 2230 adopt rules regulating the advertisement of adult-use marijuana 2231 and medical marijuana to prevent advertisements that are false, 2232 misleading, targeted to minors, promote excessive use, promote 2233 illegal activity, are obscene or indecent, contain depictions of 2234 marijuana use, or promote marijuana as an intoxicant. 2235

(B) Any rules the division adopts regulating the2236advertisement of adult-use marijuana shall be at least as2237stringent as the most stringent federal or state laws or rules2238governing the advertisement of tobacco or alcohol.2239

(C) The division may, at any time, conduct an audit of an2240applicant's or license holder's published advertisements to2241ensure that the applicant or license holder complies with this2242chapter and associated rules.2243

(D) Adult-use marijuana or medical marijuana shall not be2244packaged, advertised, or otherwise marketed using any graphic,2245picture, or drawing that bears any resemblance to a cartoon2246character, or any fictional character or popular culture figure2247whose target audience is children or youth.2248

(E) If the division determines that a person has violated2249this section or any rule adopted in accordance with this2250section, the division may require the person to stop using the2251advertisement or proceed with any enforcement action it deems2252

necessary or proper, as outlined in this chapter and associated 2253 2254 rules. Sec. 3796.33. (A) As used in this section, "equivalent 2255 license" means: 2256 (1) In the case of an adult-use cultivator, a cultivator 2257 license of the same level issued under section 3796.09 of the 2258 2259 Revised Code to engage in the activities authorized by section 3796.18 of the Revised Code; 2260 (2) In the case of an adult-use processor, a processor 2261 license issued under section 3796.09 of the Revised Code to 2262 engage in the activities authorized by section 3796.19 of the 2263 Revised Code; 2264 (3) In the case of an adult-use dispensary, a retail 2265 dispensary license issued under section 3796.10 of the Revised 2266 Code to engage in the activities authorized by section 3796.20 2267 of the Revised Code; 2268 (4) In the case of an adult-use testing laboratory, a 2269 laboratory license issued under section 3796.09 of the Revised 2270 Code to engage in the activities authorized by section 3796.21 2271 of the Revised Code. 2272 (B) A license issued under Chapter 3780. of the Revised 2273 Code, as that chapter existed immediately before the effective 2274 date of this section, shall be treated, for all purposes, as the 2275 equivalent license under this chapter. 2276 (C) The holder of a license described in division (B) of 2277 this section is subject to all procedures, requirements, and 2278 penalties that apply to the holder of the equivalent license 2279 2280 under this chapter.

(D) If a license described in division (B) of this section	2281
is held by the same person and used at the same location as an	2282
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equivalent license under this chapter, the division of marijuana	
control shall merge the licenses and treat them as the same	2284
license for all purposes, including expiration and renewal.	2285
Sec. 3796.99. (A)(1) Whoever violates division (C)(2) of	2286
section 3796.06 of the Revised Code as an operator of the	2287
vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, watercraft, or aircraft	2288
is subject to section 1547.11, 4511.19, or 4561.15 of the	2289
Revised Code, as applicable.	2290
(2) Whoever violates division (C)(2) of section 3796.06 of	2291
the Revised Code as a passenger of the vehicle, streetcar,	2292
trackless trolley, watercraft, or aircraft shall be sentenced as	2293
follows:	2293
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(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2)(b),	2295
(c), (d), or (e) of this section, the offender is guilty of a	2296
misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the	2297
offender to a mandatory jail term of three consecutive days. The	2298
court may impose a jail term in addition to the three-day	2299
mandatory jail term. However, in no case shall the cumulative	2300
jail term imposed for the offense exceed six months. In	2301
addition, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not	2302
less than three hundred seventy-five and not more than one	2303
thousand seventy-five dollars. The court shall impose a class	2304
seven suspension of the offender's license, permit, or	2305
privileges from the range specified in division (A)(7) of	2306
section 4510.02 of the Revised Code.	2307
(b) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2)(c),	2308
(d), or (e) of this section, an offender who, within ten years	2309
of the offense, previously has been convicted of or pleaded	2310

guilty to one violation of division (C)(2) of section 3796.06 of	2311
the Revised Code as a passenger of a vehicle, streetcar,	2312
trackless trolley, watercraft, or aircraft is guilty of a	2313
misdemeanor of the first degree. The court shall sentence the	2314
offender to a mandatory jail term of ten consecutive days. The	2315
court may impose a jail term in addition to the ten-day	2316
mandatory jail term. However, in no case shall the cumulative	2317
jail term imposed for the offense exceed six months. In	2318
addition, notwithstanding the fines set forth in Chapter 2929.	2319
of the Revised Code, the court shall impose upon the offender a	2320
fine of not less than five hundred twenty-five and not more than	2321
one thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars. The court shall	2322
impose a class six suspension of the offender's license, permit,	2323
or privileges from the range specified in division (A)(6) of	2324
section 4510.02 of the Revised Code.	2325
(c) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2)(d) or	2326
(e) of this section, an offender who, within ten years of the	2327
offense, previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to	2328
two violations of division (C)(2) of section 3796.06 of the	2329
Revised Code as a passenger of a vehicle, streetcar, trackless	2320
trolley, watercraft, or aircraft is guilty of a misdemeanor of	2331
the first degree. The court shall sentence the offender to a	2331
mandatory jail term of thirty consecutive days. The court may	2332
impose a jail term in addition to the thirty-day mandatory jail	2333
term. Notwithstanding the jail terms set forth in sections	2334
2929.21 to 2929.28 of the Revised Code, the additional jail term	2335
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shall not exceed one year, and the cumulative jail term imposed	2337
for the offense shall not exceed one year. In addition,	
notwithstanding the fines set forth in Chapter 2929. of the	2339
Revised Code, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of	2340
not less than eight hundred fifty and not more than two thousand	2341

seven hundred fifty dollars. The court shall impose a class five	2342
suspension of the offender's license, permit, or privileges from	2343
the range specified in division (A)(5) of section 4510.02 of the	2344
Revised Code.	2345
(d) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2)(e) of	2346
this section, an offender who, within ten years of the offense,	2347
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three	2348
violations of division (C)(2) of section 3796.06 of the Revised	2349
Code as a passenger of a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley,	2350
watercraft, or aircraft is guilty of a felony of the fourth	2351
degree. Notwithstanding the prison terms set forth in Chapter	2352
2929. of the Revised Code, the court shall sentence the offender	2353
to a mandatory prison term of one, two, three, four, or five	2354
years. Additionally, notwithstanding section 2929.18 of the	2355
Revised Code, the court shall impose a fine of not less than one	2356
thousand three hundred fifty nor more than ten thousand five	2357
hundred dollars. The court shall impose a class four suspension	2358
of the offender's license, permit, or privileges from the range	2359
specified in division (A)(4) of section 4510.02 of the Revised	2360
Code.	2361
(e) An offender who previously has been convicted of or	2362
pleaded guilty to a felony violation of division (C)(2) of	2363
section 3796.06 of the Revised Code as a passenger of a vehicle,	2364
streetcar, trackless trolley, watercraft, or aircraft,	2365
regardless of when the violation and the conviction or guilty	2366
plea occurred, is guilty of a felony of the third degree.	2367
Notwithstanding the prison terms set forth in Chapter 2929. of	2368
the Revised Code, the court shall sentence the offender to a	2369
mandatory prison term of one, two, three, four, or five years.	2370
Additionally, notwithstanding section 2929.18 of the Revised	2371
Code, the court shall impose a fine of not less than one	2372

thousand three hundred fifty nor more than ten thousand five	2373
hundred dollars. The court shall impose a class three suspension	2374
of the offender's license, permit, or privileges from the range	2375
specified in division (A)(3) of section 4510.02 of the Revised	2376
Code.	2377
(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) of this	2378
section, whoever violates division (C)(2) or (3) of section	2379
3796.06 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.	2380
(C)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (C)(1)(b) of this	2381
section, whoever violates division (F) of section 3796.06 of the	2382
Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.	2383
(b) An offender who has previously been convicted of, or	2384
pleaded guilty to, a violation of division (F) of section	2385
3796.06 of the Revised Code, is guilty of a felony of the fifth	2386
degree.	2387
(2) The division of marijuana control shall immediately	2388
revoke the license of any license holder under this chapter who	2389
is found guilty of, or who pleads guilty or no contest to,	2390
violating division (F) of section 3796.06 of the Revised Code.	2391
(D) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) of	2392
section 3796.04 of the Revised Code, whoever violates division	2393
(B) of section 3796.221 or division (A)(1) or (D) of section	2394
3796.04 of the Revised Code is guilty of possession of marijuana	2395
under section 2925.11 of the Revised Code.	2396
(E) Whoever engages in any of the activities described in	2397
section 3796.18, 3796.19, 3796.20, or 3796.21 of the Revised	2398
Code without the proper license is guilty of trafficking in	2399
marijuana under section 2925.03 of the Revised Code or illegal	2400
cultivation of marijuana under section 2925.04 of the Revised	2401

Code. 2402 (F) Whoever violates division (C)(2) of section 3796.20 of 2403 the Revised Code is guilty of trafficking in marijuana under 2404 section 2925.03 of the Revised Code. 2405 (G)(1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (G)(2) to 2406 (4) of this section, whoever violates division (G) of section 2407 3796.06 of the Revised Code by knowingly showing or giving false 2408 information concerning the individual's name, age, or other 2409 identification for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise 2410 obtaining adult-use marijuana from an adult-use dispensary 2411 licensed under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 2412 first degree. 2413 (2) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (G)(3) and 2414 (4) of this section, whoever violates division (G) of section 2415 3796.06 of the Revised Code by knowingly presenting to an adult-2416 use dispensary licensed under this chapter a false, fictitious, 2417 or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's 2418 license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license 2419 2420 issued by any state that has been altered, is quilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and, notwithstanding division 2421 (A) (2) of section 2929.28 of the Revised Code, shall be fined 2422 not less than two hundred fifty dollars and not more than one 2423 thousand dollars. 2424 (3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(4) of 2425 this section, an offender who has previously been convicted of 2426 or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (G) of section 2427 3796.06 of the Revised Code by knowingly presenting to an adult-2428 use dispensary licensed under this chapter a false, fictitious, 2429 or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's 2430

license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license

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issued by any state that has been altered, is guilty of a	2432
misdemeanor of the first degree and, notwithstanding division	2433
(A) (2) of section 2929.28 of the Revised Code, shall be fined	2434
not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand	2435
dollars.	2436
(b)(i) The court also may impose a class seven suspension	2437
of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or	2438
permit, or nonresident operating privilege, from the range	2439
specified in division (A)(7) of section 4510.02 of the Revised	2440
Code.	2441
(ii) The court, in lieu of suspending the offender's	2442
temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or	2443
driver's license, instead may order the offender to perform a	2444
determinate number of hours of community service, with the court	2445
determining the actual number of hours and the nature of the	2446
community service the offender shall perform.	2447
(4)(a) An offender who has previously been convicted of or	2448
pleaded guilty to two or more violations of division (G) of	2449
section 3796.06 of the Revised Code by knowingly presenting to	2450
an adult-use dispensary licensed under this chapter a false,	2451
fictitious, or altered identification card, a false or	2452
fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or	2453
a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, is	2454
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and, notwithstanding	2455
division (A)(2) of section 2929.28 of the Revised Code, shall be	2456
fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one	2457
thousand dollars.	2458
(b)(i) The court also may impose a class six suspension of	2459
the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit	2460
or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in	2461

division (A)(6) of section 4510.02 of the Revised Code, and the	2462
court may order that the suspension or denial remain in effect	2463
until the offender attains the age of twenty-one years.	2464
(ii) The court, in lieu of suspending the offender's	2465
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temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or	2466
driver's license, instead may order the offender to perform a	2467
determinate number of hours of community service, with the court	2468
determining the actual number of hours and the nature of the	2469
community service the offender shall perform.	2470
(5) The financial sanctions required by divisions (G)(2)	2471
to (4) of this section are in lieu of the financial sanctions	2472
described in division (A)(2) of section 2929.28 of the Revised	2473
Code but are in addition to any other sanctions or penalties	2474
that may apply to the offender, including other financial	2475
sanctions under that section or a jail term under section	2476
2929.24 of the Revised Code.	2477
(H)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (H)(2) of	2478
this section, whoever violates division (G) of section 3796.06	2479
of the Revised Code by knowingly soliciting another person to	2480
purchase adult-use marijuana from an adult-use dispensary	2481
licensed under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the	2482
fourth degree.	2483
(2) An offender who has previously been convicted of or	2484
pleaded guilty to a violation of division (G) of section 3796.06	2485
of the Revised Code by knowingly soliciting another individual	2486
to purchase adult-use marijuana from an adult-use dispensary	2487
licensed under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the	2488
second degree.	2489
(I) Whoever violates division (A), (B), or (C) of section	2490

3796.062 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.	2491
(J) Whoever violates division (D) of section 3796.062 of	2492
the Revised Code is guilty of illegal use or possession of	2493
marijuana drug paraphernalia under section 2925.141 of the	2494
Revised Code.	2495
Sec. 4735.18. (A) Subject to section 4735.32 of the	2496
Revised Code, the superintendent of real estate, upon the	2497
superintendent's own motion, may investigate the conduct of any	2498
licensee. Subject to division (E) of this section and section	2499
4735.32 of the Revised Code, the Ohio real estate commission	2500
shall impose disciplinary sanctions upon any licensee who,	2501
whether or not acting in the licensee's capacity as a real	2502
estate broker or salesperson, or in handling the licensee's own	2503
property, is found to have been convicted of a felony or a crime	2504
of moral turpitude, and may impose disciplinary sanctions upon	2505
any licensee who, in the licensee's capacity as a real estate	2506
broker or salesperson, or in handling the licensee's own	2507
property, is found guilty of:	2508
(1) Knowingly making any misrepresentation;	2509
(2) Making any false promises with intent to influence,	2510
persuade, or induce;	2511
(3) A continued course of misrepresentation or the making	2512
of false promises through agents, salespersons, advertising, or	2513
otherwise;	2514
(4) Acting for more than one party in a transaction except	2515
as permitted by and in compliance with section 4735.71 of the	2516
Revised Code;	2517
(5) Failure within a reasonable time to account for or to	2518
remit any money coming into the licensee's possession which	2519

salesperson;

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belongs to others;	2520
(6) Dishonest or illegal dealing, gross negligence,	2521
incompetency, or misconduct;	2522
(7)(a) By final adjudication by a court, a violation of	2523
any municipal or federal civil rights law relevant to the	2524
protection of purchasers or sellers of real estate or, by final	2525
adjudication by a court, any unlawful discriminatory practice	2526
pertaining to the purchase or sale of real estate prohibited by	2527
Chapter 4112. of the Revised Code, provided that such violation	2528
arose out of a situation wherein parties were engaged in bona	2529
fide efforts to purchase, sell, or lease real estate, in the	2530
licensee's practice as a licensed real estate broker or	2531

2533 (b) A second or subsequent violation of any unlawful discriminatory practice pertaining to the purchase or sale of 2534 real estate prohibited by Chapter 4112. of the Revised Code or 2535 any second or subsequent violation of municipal or federal civil 2536 2537 rights laws relevant to purchasing or selling real estate whether or not there has been a final adjudication by a court, 2538 provided that such violation arose out of a situation wherein 2539 parties were engaged in bona fide efforts to purchase, sell, or 2540 lease real estate. For any second offense under this division, 2541 the commission shall suspend for a minimum of two months or 2542 revoke the license of the broker or salesperson. For any 2543 subsequent offense, the commission shall revoke the license of 2544 2545 the broker or salesperson.

(8) Procuring a license under this chapter, for thelicensee or any salesperson by fraud, misrepresentation, or2547deceit;2548

(9) Having violated or failed to comply with any provision
of sections 4735.51 to 4735.74 of the Revised Code or having
willfully disregarded or violated any other provisions of this
chapter;

(10) As a real estate broker, having demanded, without 2553 reasonable cause, other than from a broker licensed under this 2554 chapter, a commission to which the licensee is not entitled, or, 2555 as a real estate salesperson, having demanded, without 2556 reasonable cause, a commission to which the licensee is not 2557 entitled; 2558

(11) Except as permitted under section 4735.20 of the 2559 Revised Code, having paid commissions or fees to, or divided 2560 commissions or fees with, anyone not licensed as a real estate 2561 broker or salesperson under this chapter or anyone not operating 2562 as an out-of-state commercial real estate broker or salesperson 2563 under section 4735.022 of the Revised Code; 2564

(12) Having falsely represented membership in any real 2565
estate professional association of which the licensee is not a 2566
member; 2567

(13) Having accepted, given, or charged any undisclosed 2568 commission, rebate, or direct profit on expenditures made for a 2569 principal; 2570

(14) Having offered anything of value other than the 2571 consideration recited in the sales contract as an inducement to 2572 a person to enter into a contract for the purchase or sale of 2573 real estate or having offered real estate or the improvements on 2574 real estate as a prize in a lottery or scheme of chance; 2575

(15) Having acted in the dual capacity of real estatebroker and undisclosed principal, or real estate salesperson and2577

undisclosed principal, in any transaction;	2578
(16) Having guaranteed, authorized, or permitted any	2579
person to guarantee future profits which may result from the	2580
resale of real property;	2581

(17) Having advertised or placed a sign on any property 2582
offering it for sale or for rent without the consent of the 2583
owner or the owner's authorized agent; 2584

(18) Having induced any party to a contract of sale or
lease to break such contract for the purpose of substituting in
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lieu of it a new contract with another principal;
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2588 (19) Having negotiated the sale, exchange, or lease of any real property directly with a seller, purchaser, lessor, or 2589 tenant knowing that such seller, purchaser, lessor, or tenant is 2590 represented by another broker under a written exclusive agency 2591 agreement, exclusive right to sell or lease listing agreement, 2592 or exclusive purchaser agency agreement with respect to such 2593 property except as provided for in section 4735.75 of the 2594 Revised Code: 2595

(20) Having offered real property for sale or for lease 2596 without the knowledge and consent of the owner or the owner's 2597 authorized agent, or on any terms other than those authorized by 2598 the owner or the owner's authorized agent; 2599

(21) Having published advertising, whether printed, radio,
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display, or of any other nature, which was misleading or
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inaccurate in any material particular, or in any way having
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misrepresented any properties, terms, values, policies, or
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services of the business conducted;
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(22) Having knowingly withheld from or inserted in anystatement of account or invoice any statement that made it2606

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inaccurate in any material particular;

(23) Having published or circulated unjustified or 2608 unwarranted threats of legal proceedings which tended to or had 2609 the effect of harassing competitors or intimidating their 2610 customers; 2611

(24) Having failed to keep complete and accurate records 2612 of all transactions for a period of three years from the date of 2613 the transaction, such records to include copies of listing 2614 2615 forms, earnest money receipts, offers to purchase and acceptances of them, records of receipts and disbursements of 2616 all funds received by the licensee as broker and incident to the 2617 licensee's transactions as such, and records required pursuant 2618 to divisions (C)(4) and (5) of section 4735.20 of the Revised 2619 Code, and any other instruments or papers related to the 2620 performance of any of the acts set forth in the definition of a 2621 real estate broker; 2622

(25) Failure of a real estate broker or salesperson to
furnish all parties involved in a real estate transaction true
copies of all listings and other agreements to which they are a
party, at the time each party signs them;
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(26) Failure to maintain at all times a special or trust 2627 bank account in a depository of a state or federally chartered 2628 institution located in this state. The account shall be 2629 noninterest-bearing, separate and distinct from any personal or 2630 other account of the broker, and, except as provided in division 2631 (A) (27) of this section, shall be used for the deposit and 2632 maintenance of all escrow funds, security deposits, and other 2633 moneys received by the broker in a fiduciary capacity. The name, 2634 account number, if any, and location of the depository wherein 2635 such special or trust account is maintained shall be submitted 2636 in writing to the superintendent. Checks drawn on such special 2637
or trust bank accounts are deemed to meet the conditions imposed 2638
by section 1349.21 of the Revised Code. Funds deposited in the 2639
trust or special account in connection with a purchase agreement 2640
shall be maintained in accordance with section 4735.24 of the 2641
Revised Code. 2642

(27) Failure to maintain at all times a special or trust 2643 bank account in a depository of a state or federally chartered 2644 institution in this state, to be used exclusively for the 2645 deposit and maintenance of all rents, security deposits, escrow 2646 2647 funds, and other moneys received by the broker in a fiduciary capacity in the course of managing real property. This account 2648 shall be separate and distinct from any other account maintained 2649 by the broker. The name, account number, and location of the 2650 depository shall be submitted in writing to the superintendent. 2651 This account may earn interest, which shall be paid to the 2652 property owners on a pro rata basis. 2653

Division (A)(27) of this section does not apply to brokers2654who are not engaged in the management of real property on behalf2655of real property owners.2656

(28) Having failed to put definite expiration dates in all2657written agency agreements to which the broker is a party;2658

(29) Having an unsatisfied final judgment or lien in any
court of record against the licensee arising out of the
licensee's conduct as a licensed broker or salesperson;
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(30) Failing to render promptly upon demand a full and
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complete statement of the expenditures by the broker or
salesperson of funds advanced by or on behalf of a party to a
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real estate transaction to the broker or salesperson for the
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conjunction with the real estate transaction; 2667 (31) Failure within a reasonable time, after the receipt 2668 of the commission by the broker, to render an accounting to and 2669 pay a real estate salesperson the salesperson's earned share of 2670 it: 2671 (32) Performing any service for another constituting the 2672 practice of law, as determined by any court of law; 2673 (33) Having been adjudicated incompetent by a court, as 2674 provided in section 5122.301 of the Revised Code. A license 2675 revoked or suspended under this division shall be reactivated 2676 upon proof to the commission of the removal of the disability. 2677 (34) Having authorized or permitted a person to act as an 2678 agent in the capacity of a real estate broker, or a real estate 2679 salesperson, who was not then licensed as a real estate broker 2680 or real estate salesperson under this chapter or who was not 2681 then operating as an out-of-state commercial real estate broker 2682 or salesperson under section 4735.022 of the Revised Code; 2683 (35) Having knowingly inserted or participated in 2684 inserting any materially inaccurate term in a document, 2685 including naming a false consideration; 2686

purpose of performing duties as a licensee under this chapter in

(36) Having failed to inform the licensee's client of the 2687 existence of an offer or counteroffer or having failed to 2688 present an offer or counteroffer in a timely manner, unless 2689 otherwise instructed by the client, provided the instruction of 2690 the client does not conflict with any state or federal law; 2691

(37) Having failed to comply with section 4735.24 of the 2692
Revised Code; 2693

(38) Having acted as a broker without authority, impeded 2694 the ability of a principal broker to perform any of the duties 2695 described in section 4735.081 of the Revised Code, or impeded 2696 the ability a management level licensee to perform the 2697 licensee's duties; 2698

(39) Entering into a right-to-list home sale agreement. 2699

(B) Whenever the commission, pursuant to section 4735.051 2700
of the Revised Code, imposes disciplinary sanctions for any 2701
violation of this section, the commission also may impose such 2702
sanctions upon the broker with whom the salesperson is 2703
affiliated if the commission finds that the broker had knowledge 2704
of the salesperson's actions that violated this section. 2705

(C) The commission shall, pursuant to section 4735.051 of 2706 the Revised Code, impose disciplinary sanctions upon any foreign 2707 real estate dealer or salesperson who, in that capacity or in 2708 handling the dealer's or salesperson's own property, is found 2709 guilty of any of the acts or omissions specified or comprehended 2710 in division (A) of this section insofar as the acts or omissions 2711 pertain to foreign real estate. If the commission imposes such 2712 sanctions upon a foreign real estate salesperson for a violation 2713 of this section, the commission also may suspend or revoke the 2714 license of the foreign real estate dealer with whom the 2715 salesperson is affiliated if the commission finds that the 2716 dealer had knowledge of the salesperson's actions that violated 2717 this section. 2718

(D) The commission may suspend, in whole or in part, the 2719imposition of the penalty of suspension of a license under this 2720section. 2721

(E) A person licensed under this chapter who represents a

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party to a transaction or a proposed transaction involving the 2723 sale, purchase, exchange, lease, or management of real property 2724 that is or will be used in the cultivation, processing, 2725 dispensing, or testing of medical marijuana or adult-use 2726 marijuana under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code, or who 2727 receives, holds, or disburses funds from a real estate brokerage 2728 trust account in connection with such a transaction, shall not 2729 be subject to disciplinary sanctions under this chapter solely 2730 because the licensed person engaged in activities permitted 2731 under this chapter and related to activities under Chapter 3796. 2732 of the Revised Code. 2733 Sec. 4796.25. This chapter does not apply to any of the 2734 2735 following: (A) Licenses issued under Chapter 3780. or 3796. of the 2736 Revised Code: 2737 (B) Licenses issued pursuant to rules prescribed under 2738 Section 5 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution; 2739 (C) Commercial fishing licenses issued under section 2740 1533.342 of the Revised Code; 2741 (D) Licenses issued under Chapter 4506. of the Revised 2742 Code; 2743 (E) Physician certificates to recommend treatment with 2744 medical marijuana issued under section 4731.30 of the Revised 2745 Code; 2746 (F) Money transmitter licenses issued under section 2747 1315.04 of the Revised Code; 2748 (G) Lottery sales agent licenses issued under section 2749 3770.05 of the Revised Code; 2750

(H) Licenses issued under Chapter 3905. of the Revised 2751 2752 Code; (I) Fantasy contest operator licenses issued under section 2753 3774.02 of the Revised Code; 2754 (J) Teledentistry permits issued under section 4715.43 of 2755 the Revised Code; 2756 (K) Physician training certificates issued under section 2757 4731.291 of the Revised Code; 2758 2759 (L) Podiatrist training certificates issued under section 4731.573 of the Revised Code; 2760 (M) Licenses issued under Chapter 4740. of the Revised 2761 Code; 2762 (N) Licenses issued by a political subdivision to an 2763 individual by which the individual has or claims the privilege 2764 to act as a tradesperson as defined in section 4740.01 of the 2765 Revised Code in the political subdivision's jurisdiction. 2766 Sec. 5502.01. (A) The department of public safety shall 2767 administer and enforce the laws relating to the registration, 2768 licensing, sale, and operation of motor vehicles and the laws 2769 pertaining to the licensing of drivers of motor vehicles. 2770 The department shall compile, analyze, and publish 2771 statistics relative to motor vehicle accidents and the causes of 2772 2773 them, prepare and conduct educational programs for the purpose of promoting safety in the operation of motor vehicles on the 2774 highways, and conduct research and studies for the purpose of 2775 promoting safety on the highways of this state. 2776 (B) The department shall administer the laws and rules 2777 relative to trauma and emergency medical services specified in 2778 Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code and any laws and rules2779relative to medical transportation services specified in Chapter27804766. of the Revised Code.2781

(C) The department shall administer and enforce the laws
contained in Chapters 4301. and 4303. of the Revised Code and
enforce the rules and orders of the liquor control commission
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pertaining to retail liquor permit holders.

(D) The department shall administer the laws governing the
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 state emergency management agency and shall enforce all
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 additional duties and responsibilities as prescribed in the
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 Revised Code related to emergency management services.
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(F) The department of public safety shall enforce
compliance with orders and rules of the public utilities
commission and applicable laws in accordance with Chapters
4905., 4921., and 4923. of the Revised Code regarding commercial
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motor vehicle transportation safety, economic, and hazardous
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materials requirements.

(G) Notwithstanding Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the
department of public safety may establish requirements for its
enforcement personnel, including its enforcement agents
described in section 5502.14 of the Revised Code, that include
standards of conduct, work rules and procedures, and criteria

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for eligibility as law enforcement personnel.

(H) The department shall administer, maintain, and operate 2809 the Ohio criminal justice network. The Ohio criminal justice 2810 network shall be a computer network that supports state and 2811 local criminal justice activities. The network shall be an 2812 electronic repository for various data, which may include arrest 2813 warrants, notices of persons wanted by law enforcement agencies, 2814 criminal records, prison inmate records, stolen vehicle records, 2815 vehicle operator's licenses, and vehicle registrations and 2816 titles. 2817

(I) The department shall coordinate all homeland security
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activities of all state agencies and shall be a liaison between
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state agencies and local entities for those activities and
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related purposes.

(J) The department shall administer and enforce the laws
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relative to private investigators and security service providers
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specified in Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code.
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(K) The department shall administer criminal justice 2825services in accordance with sections 5502.61 to 5502.66 of the 2826Revised Code. 2827

(L) The department shall administer the Ohio school safety
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 and crisis center and the Ohio mobile training team in
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 accordance with sections 5502.70 to 5502.703 of the Revised
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 Code.

(M) The department shall coordinate security measures and
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 operations, and may direct the department of administrative
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 services to implement any security measures and operations the
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 department of public safety requires, at the Vern Riffe Center
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 and the James A. Rhodes state office tower.

Notwithstanding section 125.28 of the Revised Code, the	2837
director of public safety may recover the costs of directing	2838
security measures and operations under this division by either	2839
issuing intrastate transfer voucher billings to the department	2840
of administrative services, which the department shall process	2841
to pay for the costs, or, upon the request of the director of	2842
administrative services, the director of budget and management	2843
may transfer cash in the requested amount from the building	2844
management fund created under section 125.28 of the Revised	2845
Code. Payments received or cash transfers made under this	2846
division for the costs of directing security measures and	2847
operations shall be deposited into the state treasury to the	2848
credit of the security, investigations, and policing fund	2849
created under section 4501.11 of the Revised Code.	2850

(N) The department shall assist the division of marijuana2851control in enforcing Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code, as2852provided in that chapter.2853

Sec. 5502.13. The department of public safety shall 2854 maintain an investigative unit in order to conduct 2855 investigations and other enforcement activity authorized by 2856 Chapters 3796., 4301., 4303., 5101., 5107., and 5108. and 2857 sections 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.14, 2907.09, 2913.46, 2917.11, 2858 2921.13, 2921.31, 2921.32, 2921.33, 2923.12, 2923.121, 2925.11, 2859 2925.13, 2927.02, and 4507.30 of the Revised Code. The director 2860 of public safety shall appoint the employees of the unit who are 2861 necessary, designate the activities to be performed by those 2862 employees, and prescribe their titles and duties. 2863

Sec. 5502.14. (A) As used in this section, "felony" has2864the same meaning as in section 109.511 of the Revised Code.2865

(B)(1) Any person who is employed by the department of 2866

public safety and designated by the director of public safety to 2867 enforce Title XLIII of the Revised Code $_{ au}$ and the rules adopted 2868 under it, Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code and the rules 2869 adopted under that chapter, and the laws and rules regulating 2870 the use of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits 2871 shall be known as an enforcement agent. The employment by the 2872 department of public safety and the designation by the director 2873 of public safety of a person as an enforcement agent shall be 2874 subject to division (D) of this section. An enforcement agent 2875 has the authority vested in peace officers pursuant to section 2876 2935.03 of the Revised Code to keep the peace, to enforce all of 2877 the following: 2878

(a) All applicable laws and rules on any retail liquor permit premises, or on any other premises of public or private property, where a violation of Title XLIII of the Revised Code or any rule adopted under it is occurring, and to enforce all ;

(b) All applicable laws and rules on persons and premises2883licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code and, if invited2884by local law enforcement having jurisdiction, on any other2885public or private property where a violation of Chapter 3796. or2886any rule adopted under that chapter is occurring;2887

(c) All laws and rules governing the use of supplemental 2888 nutrition assistance program benefits, women, infants, and 2889 children's coupons, electronically transferred benefits, or any 2890 other access device that is used alone or in conjunction with 2891 another access device to obtain payments, allotments, benefits, 2892 money, goods, or other things of value, or that can be used to 2893 initiate a transfer of funds, pursuant to the supplemental 2894 nutrition assistance program established under the Food and 2895 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) or any 2896

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supplemental food program administered by any department of this2897state pursuant to the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 Stat.2898885, 42 U.S.C.A. 1786. Enforcement agents, in enforcing2899compliance with the laws and rules described in this division,2900may keep the peace and make arrests for violations of those laws2901and rules.2902

(2) In addition to the authority conferred by division (B) 2903 (1) of this section, an enforcement agent also may execute 2904 search warrants and seize and take into custody any contraband, 2905 as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code, or any 2906 2907 property that is otherwise necessary for evidentiary purposes related to any violations of the laws or rules described in 2908 division (B)(1) of this section. An enforcement agent may enter 2909 public or private premises where activity alleged to violate the 2910 laws or rules described in division (B)(1) of this section is 2911 2912 occurring.

(3) Enforcement agents who are on, immediately adjacent 2913 to, or across from retail liquor permit premises or premises 2914 licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code and who are 2915 2916 performing investigative duties relating to that those premises, enforcement agents who are on premises that are not liquor 2917 permit premises or premises licensed under Chapter 3796. of the 2918 Revised Code but on which a violation of Title XLIII or Chapter 2919 3796. of the Revised Code or any rule adopted under it that 2920 title or chapter allegedly is occurring, and enforcement agents 2921 who view a suspected violation of Title XLIII or Chapter 3796. 2922 of the Revised Code, of a rule adopted under it that title or 2923 chapter, or of another law or rule described in division (B)(1) 2924 of this section have the authority to enforce the laws and rules 2925 described in division (B)(1) of this section, authority to 2926 enforce any section in Title XXIX of the Revised Code or any 2927

other section of the Revised Code listed in section 5502.13 of2928the Revised Code if they witness a violation of the section2929under any of the circumstances described in this division, and2930authority to make arrests for violations of the laws and rules2931described in division (B) (1) of this section and violations of2932any of those sections.2933

(4) The jurisdiction of an enforcement agent under
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division (B) of this section shall be concurrent with that of
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the peace officers of the county, township, or municipal
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corporation in which the violation occurs.

(C) Enforcement agents of the department of public safety 2938 who are engaged in the enforcement of the laws and rules 2939 described in division (B)(1) of this section may carry concealed 2940 weapons when conducting undercover investigations pursuant to 2941 their authority as law enforcement officers and while acting 2942 within the scope of their authority pursuant to this chapter. 2943

(D) (1) The department of public safety shall not employ,
and the director of public safety shall not designate, a person
as an enforcement agent on a permanent basis, on a temporary
basis, for a probationary term, or on other than a permanent
basis if the person previously has been convicted of or has
pleaded guilty to a felony.

(2) (a) The department of public safety shall terminate the
employment of a person who is designated as an enforcement agent
and who does either of the following:
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(i) Pleads guilty to a felony;

(ii) Pleads guilty to a misdemeanor pursuant to a 2954
negotiated plea agreement as provided in division (D) of section 2955
2929.43 of the Revised Code in which the enforcement agent 2956

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agrees to surrender the certificate awarded to that agent under 2957 section 109.77 of the Revised Code. 2958 (b) The department shall suspend the employment of a 2959 person who is designated as an enforcement agent if the person 2960 is convicted, after trial, of a felony. If the enforcement agent 2961 files an appeal from that conviction and the conviction is 2962 upheld by the highest court to which the appeal is taken or if 2963 no timely appeal is filed, the department shall terminate the 2964 employment of that agent. If the enforcement agent files an 2965 appeal that results in that agent's acquittal of the felony or 2966 conviction of a misdemeanor, or in the dismissal of the felony 2967 charge against the agent, the department shall reinstate the 2968 agent. An enforcement agent who is reinstated under division (D) 2969 (2) (b) of this section shall not receive any back pay unless the 2970 conviction of that agent of the felony was reversed on appeal, 2971 or the felony charge was dismissed, because the court found 2972 insufficient evidence to convict the agent of the felony. 2973 (3) Division (D) of this section does not apply regarding 2974

an offense that was committed prior to January 1, 1997. 2975

(4) The suspension or termination of the employment of a
person designated as an enforcement agent under division (D) (2)
of this section shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the
Revised Code.

 Sec. 5713.30. As used in sections 5713.31 to 5713.37 and
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 5715.01 of the Revised Code:
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(A) "Land devoted exclusively to agricultural use" means:

(1) Tracts, lots, or parcels of land totaling not less
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than ten acres to which, during the three calendar years prior
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to the year in which application is filed under section 5713.31
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of the Revised Code, and through the last day of May of such 2986 year, one or more of the following apply: 2987 (a) The tracts, lots, or parcels of land were devoted 2988 exclusively to commercial animal or poultry husbandry, 2989 aquaculture, algaculture meaning the farming of algae, 2990 apiculture, the cultivation of hemp by a person issued a hemp 2991 cultivation license under section 928.02 of the Revised Code, 2992 the production for a commercial purpose of timber, field crops, 2993 tobacco, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, ornamental trees, 2994 2995 sod, or flowers, or the growth of timber for a noncommercial purpose, if the land on which the timber is grown is contiguous 2996 to or part of a parcel of land under common ownership that is 2997 otherwise devoted exclusively to agricultural use. 2998

(b) The tracts, lots, or parcels of land were devoted 2999 exclusively to biodiesel production, biomass energy production, 3000 3001 electric or heat energy production, or biologically derived methane gas production if the land on which the production 3002 facility is located is contiguous to or part of a parcel of land 3003 under common ownership or leasehold that is otherwise devoted 3004 exclusively to agricultural use, provided that (i) at least 3005 fifty per cent of the feedstock used in the production is 3006 3007 agricultural feedstock, (ii) at least twenty per cent of the agricultural feedstock used in the production is derived from 3008 parcels of land under common ownership or leasehold, and (iii) 3009 none of the feedstock used in the production consists of human 3010 waste. As used in this division, "agricultural feedstock" means 3011 manure and food waste, and "human waste" includes sludge as 3012 defined in section 6111.01 of the Revised Code. 3013

(c) The tracts, lots, or parcels of land are eligible 3014 conservation land. 3015

(2) Tracts, lots, or parcels of land totaling less than 3016 ten acres that, during the three calendar years prior to the 3017 year in which application is filed under section 5713.31 of the 3018 Revised Code and through the last day of May of such year, were 3019 devoted exclusively to commercial animal or poultry husbandry, 3020 aquaculture, algaculture meaning the farming of algae, 3021 apiculture, the cultivation of hemp by a person issued a hemp 3022 cultivation license under section 928.02 of the Revised Code, 3023 the production for a commercial purpose of field crops, tobacco, 3024 fruits, vegetables, timber, nursery stock, ornamental trees, 3025 sod, or flowers where such activities produced an average yearly 3026 gross income of at least twenty-five hundred dollars during such 3027 three-year period or where there is evidence of an anticipated 3028 gross income of such amount from such activities during the tax 3029 year in which application is made, or were eligible conservation 3030 land; 3031

(3) Tracts, lots, or parcels of land, or portions thereof 3032 that, during the previous three consecutive calendar years have 3033 been designated as land devoted exclusively to agricultural use, 3034 but such land has been lying idle or fallow for up to one year 3035 and no action has occurred to such land that is either 3036 inconsistent with the return of it to agricultural production or 3037 converts the land devoted exclusively to agricultural use as 3038 defined in this section. Such land shall remain designated as 3039 land devoted exclusively to agricultural use provided that 3040 beyond one year, but less than three years, the landowner proves 3041 good cause as determined by the board of revision. 3042

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material being stored or deposited on such land pursuant to a 3047 contract between the land's owner and the department of natural 3048 resources or the United States army corps of engineers and no 3049 action has occurred to the land that is either inconsistent with 3050 the return of it to agricultural production or converts the land 3051 devoted exclusively to agricultural use. Such land shall remain 3052 3053 designated as land devoted exclusively to agricultural use until the last year in which dredged material is stored or deposited 3054 on the land pursuant to such a contract, but not to exceed five 3055 3056 years.

"Land devoted exclusively to agricultural use" includes 3057 tracts, lots, or parcels of land or portions thereof that are 3058 used for conservation practices, provided that the tracts, lots, 3059 or parcels of land or portions thereof comprise twenty-five per 3060 cent or less of the total of the tracts, lots, or parcels of 3061 land that satisfy the criteria established in division (A)(1), 3062 (2), (3), or (4) of this section together with the tracts, lots, 3063 or parcels of land or portions thereof that are used for 3064 conservation practices. 3065

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the3066contrary, the existence of agritourism on a tract, lot, or3067parcel of land that otherwise meets the definition of "land3068devoted exclusively to agricultural use" as defined in this3069division does not disqualify that tract, lot, or parcel from3070valuation under sections 5713.30 to 5713.37 and 5715.01 of the3071Revised Code.3072

A tract, lot, or parcel of land taxed under sections30735713.22 to 5713.26 of the Revised Code is not land devoted3074exclusively to agricultural use.3075

A tract, lot, parcel, or portion thereof on which medical 3076

marijuana or adult-use marijuana, as those terms are defined by 3077 section 3796.01 of the Revised Code, is cultivated or processed 3078 is not land devoted exclusively to agricultural use. 3079

(B) "Conversion of land devoted exclusively to 3080 agricultural use" means any of the following: 3081

(1) The failure of the owner of land devoted exclusively 3082 to agricultural use during the next preceding calendar year to 3083 file a renewal application under section 5713.31 of the Revised 3084 Code without good cause as determined by the board of revision; 3085

(2) The failure of the new owner of such land to file an 3086 initial application under that section without good cause as 3087 determined by the board of revision; 3088

(3) The failure of such land or portion thereof to qualify 3089 as land devoted exclusively to agricultural use for the current 3090 calendar year as requested by an application filed under such 3091 section: 3092

(4) The failure of the owner of the land described in 3093 division (A)(3) or (4) of this section to act on such land in a 3094 manner that is consistent with the return of the land to 3095 agricultural production after three years. 3096

The construction or installation of an energy facility, as 3097 defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code, on a portion of 3098 a tract, lot, or parcel of land devoted exclusively to 3099 agricultural use shall not cause the remaining portion of the 3100 tract, lot, or parcel to be regarded as a conversion of land 3101 devoted exclusively to agricultural use if the remaining portion 3102 of the tract, lot, or parcel continues to be devoted exclusively 3103 to agricultural use. 3104

(C) "Tax savings" means the difference between the dollar

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amount of real property taxes levied in any year on land valued3106and assessed in accordance with its current agricultural use3107value and the dollar amount of real property taxes that would3108have been levied upon such land if it had been valued and3109assessed for such year in accordance with Section 2 of Article3110XII, Ohio Constitution.3111

(D) "Owner" includes, but is not limited to, any person
 owning a fee simple, fee tail, or life estate or a buyer on a
 land installment contract.
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(E) "Conservation practices" are practices used to abate
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soil erosion as required in the management of the farming
operation, and include, but are not limited to, the
installation, construction, development, planting, or use of
grass waterways, terraces, diversions, filter strips, field
borders, windbreaks, riparian buffers, wetlands, ponds, and
cover crops for that purpose.
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(F) "Wetlands" has the same meaning as in section 6111.02 3122of the Revised Code. 3123

(G) "Biodiesel" means a mono-alkyl ester combustible
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liquid fuel that is derived from vegetable oils or animal fats
or any combination of those reagents and that meets the American
society for testing and materials specification D6751-03a for
biodiesel fuel (B100) blend stock distillate fuels.
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(H) "Biologically derived methane gas" means gas from the 3129
anaerobic digestion of organic materials, including animal waste 3130
and agricultural crops and residues. 3131

(I) "Biomass energy" means energy that is produced from
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 organic material derived from plants or animals and available on
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 a renewable basis, including, but not limited to, agricultural
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crops, tree crops, crop by-products, and residues.

(J) "Electric or heat energy" means electric or heat 3136 energy generated from manure, cornstalks, soybean waste, or 3137 other agricultural feedstocks. 3138

(K) "Dredged material" means material that is excavated or 3139 dredged from waters of this state. "Dredged material" does not 3140 include material resulting from normal farming, silviculture, 3141 3142 and ranching activities, such as plowing, cultivating, seeding, and harvesting, for production of food, fiber, and forest 3143 3144 products.

(L) "Agritourism" has the same meaning as in section 3145 901.80 of the Revised Code. 3146

(M) "Eligible conservation land" means either of the 3147 following: 3148

3149 (1) A tract, lot, or parcel devoted to and qualified for payments or other compensation under a land retirement or 3150 conservation program under an agreement with an agency of the 3151 federal government; 3152

(2) A tract, lot, or parcel that meets at least one of the 3153 conditions described in divisions (M)(2)(a) to (c) of this 3154 section and the condition described in division (M)(2)(d) of 3155 this section. 3156

(a) The land is subject to an agricultural water project 3157 or nature water project that receives funding from the H2Ohio 3158 fund created in section 126.60 of the Revised Code. 3159

(b) The land was subject to such a project during the 3160 immediately preceding calendar year. 3161

(c) The land is or was subject to such a project for the

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current or one of the two immediately preceding tax years and,3163for the current tax year, is subject to either a conservation3164easement held by the state or an agency of the state or a3165conservation easement held by any other person if such easement3166is a condition of a nature water project that is funded through3167the H2Ohio fund.3168

(d) For the tax year that includes or immediately precedes
the year in which the land became subject to the project
described in division (M) (2) (a), (b), or (c) of this section, as
applicable, the land qualified as land devoted exclusively to
agricultural use pursuant to other criteria in divisions (A) (1)
to (4) of this section.

As used in division (M)(2) of this section, "conservation easement" has the same meaning as in section 5301.67 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5739.21. (A) One hundred per cent of all money3178deposited into the state treasury under sections 5739.01 to31795739.31 of the Revised Code that is not required to be3180distributed as provided in section sections 5739.102 and -31815739.27 of the Revised Code or division (B) of this section3182shall be credited to the general revenue fund.3183

3184 (B) (1) In any case where any county or transit authority has levied a tax or taxes pursuant to section 5739.021, 3185 5739.023, or 5739.026 of the Revised Code, the tax commissioner 3186 shall, within forty-five days after the end of each month, 3187 determine and certify to the director of budget and management 3188 the amount of the proceeds of such tax or taxes received during 3189 that month from billings and assessments, or associated with tax 3190 returns or reports filed during that month, to be returned to 3191 the county or transit authority levying the tax or taxes. The 3192

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amount to be returned to each county and transit authority shall 3193 be a fraction of the aggregate amount of money collected with 3194 respect to each area in which one or more of such taxes are 3195 concurrently in effect with the tax levied by section 5739.02 of 3196 the Revised Code. The numerator of the fraction is the rate of 3197 the tax levied by the county or transit authority and the 3198 3199 denominator of the fraction is the aggregate rate of such taxes applicable to such area. The amount to be returned to each 3200 county or transit authority shall be reduced by the amount of 3201 any refunds of county or transit authority tax paid pursuant to 3202 section 5739.07 of the Revised Code during the same month, or 3203 transfers made pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 5703.052 3204 of the Revised Code. 3205

(2) On a periodic basis, using the best information 3206 available, the tax commissioner shall distribute any amount of a 3207 county or transit authority tax that cannot be distributed under 3208 division (B)(1) of this section. Through audit or other means, 3209 the commissioner shall attempt to obtain the information 3210 necessary to make the distribution as provided under that 3211 division and, on receipt of that information, shall make 3212 3213 adjustments to distributions previously made under this division. 3214

(3) Eight and thirty-three one-hundredths of one per cent 3215 of the revenue collected from the tax due under division (A) of 3216 section 5739.029 of the Revised Code shall be distributed to the 3217 county where the sale of the motor vehicle is sitused under 3218 section 5739.033 of the Revised Code. The amount to be so 3219 distributed to the county shall be apportioned on the basis of 3220 the rates of taxes the county levies pursuant to sections 3221 5739.021 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code, as applicable, and 3222 shall be credited to the funds of the county as provided in 3223

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divisions (A) and (B) of section 5739.211 of the Revised Code.	3224
(C) The aggregate amount to be returned to any county or	3225
transit authority shall be reduced by one per cent, which shall	3226
be certified directly to the credit of the local sales tax	3227
administrative fund, which is hereby created in the state	3228
treasury. For the purpose of determining the amount to be	3229
returned to a county and transit authority in which the rate of	3230
tax imposed by the transit authority has been reduced under	3231
section 5739.028 of the Revised Code, the tax commissioner shall	3232
use the respective rates of tax imposed by the county or transit	3233
authority that results from the change in the rates authorized	3234
under that section.	3235
(D) The director of budget and management shall transfer,	3236
from the same funds and in the same proportions specified in	3237
division (A) of this section, to the permissive tax distribution	3238
fund created by division (B)(1) of section 4301.423 of the	3239
Revised Code and to the local sales tax administrative fund, the	3240
amounts certified by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner	3241
shall then, on or before the twentieth day of the month in which	3242
such certification is made, provide for payment of such	3243
respective amounts to the county treasurer and to the fiscal	3244

amount transferred to the local sales tax administrative fund is 3246 for use by the tax commissioner in defraying costs incurred in 3247 administering such taxes levied by a county or transit 3248 authority. 3249 Sec. 5739.27. (A) Terms used in this section have the same 3250

meanings as in section 3796.01 of the Revised Code.

officer of the transit authority levying the tax or taxes. The

(B) For the	purpose of funding the needs of the state and	3252
local governments	that host adult-use marijuana dispensaries, an	3253

excise tax is levied on the retail sale of adult-use marijuana.	3254
The rate of the tax shall equal ten per cent of the price of	3255
adult-use marijuana and is in addition to other taxes levied	3256
under this chapter or Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code.	3257
(C) The tax shall be paid by the consumer to the vendor at	3258
the time of the sale, and the vendor shall report and remit the	3259
tax to the state in the same manner and at the same time the	3260
vendor reports and remits the tax levied under section 5739.02	3261
of the Revised Code. The return required by this division shall	3262
be filed on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner, which	3263
shall be separate from the return required to be filed under	3264
section 5739.12 of the Revised Code. A vendor with no sales of	3265
adult-use marijuana for a reporting period is not required to	3266
file this separate return. For all purposes of the Revised Code,	3267
the tax levied under this section shall be considered a tax	3268
levied under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code.	3269
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(D) For the same purpose as the tax levied under division	3270
(B) of this section, a tax is levied on a vendor that sells any	3271
marijuana other than adult-use marijuana or medical marijuana to	3272
a consumer. That tax equals ten per cent of the price of such	3273
marijuana, and the consumer and vendor are liable for any	3274
amounts, including tax, interest, and penalties, imposed under	3275
this section and chapter in the same manner as vendors subject	3276
to the tax imposed under division (B) of this section.	3277
(E) All amounts collected from a tax levied under this	3278
section shall be deposited into the marijuana receipts fund,	3279
which is created in the state treasury. Investment earnings of	3280
the marijuana receipts fund shall be credited to that fund.	3281
From the marijuana receipts fund, the director of budget	3282
and management shall transfer as needed to the tax refund fund	3283

amounts equal to the refunds attributable to the tax levied 3284 under this section and certified by the tax commissioner under 3285 section 5739.07 of the Revised Code. 3286 (F) After making any transfers required under divisions 3287 (E) and (G) of this section, the director of budget and 3288 management shall transfer amounts remaining in the marijuana 3289 receipts fund to the general revenue fund. 3290 (G) Beginning in fiscal year 2026, and for the following 3291 four fiscal years, the director of budget and management shall 3292 distribute twenty per cent of funds in the marijuana receipts 3293 fund, after making any transfers required under division (E) of 3294 this section, to the host community cannabis fund, which is 3295 created in the state treasury, for the benefit of municipal 3296 corporations or townships that have not prohibited or limited 3297 adult-use dispensaries under section 3780.25 of the Revised 3298 Code, as that section existed immediately before its repeal by 3299 this act, before March 1, 2025. Distributions to such municipal 3300 corporations and townships shall be based on the portion of the 3301 tax levied under division (B) of this section attributable to 3302 each municipal corporation or township. Municipal corporations 3303 and townships receiving funds under this division may use such 3304 3305 funds for any lawful purpose. Distributions under this division shall be made by the end 3306 of each month based on tax collections from the preceding month. 3307 The tax commissioner shall make data available to the director 3308 of the office of budget and management for this purpose and the 3309 director of budget and management shall provide for payment of 3310 those amounts to municipal corporations and townships as 3311 3312 required.

Sec. 5739.99. (A) Whoever violates section 5739.26 or

5739.29 of the Revised Code shall be fined not less than twenty-3314 five nor more than one hundred dollars for a first offense; for 3315 each subsequent offense such person shall, if a corporation, be 3316 fined not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred 3317 dollars, or if an individual, or a member of a partnership, 3318 firm, or association, be fined not less than twenty-five nor 3319 more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than sixty 3320 days, or both. 3321

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of section 5739.30 of
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the Revised Code shall be fined not less than one hundred nor
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more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than
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sixty days, or both.

(C) (1) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of section 5739.31 3326 of the Revised Code shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor 3327 more than one hundred dollars. If the offender previously has 3328 been convicted of a violation of division (A) (1) of section 3329 5739.31 of the Revised Code, the offender is guilty of a felony 3330 of the fourth degree. 3331

(2) Whoever violates division (A)(2) of section 5739.31 of 3332 the Revised Code shall be fined not less than one hundred 3333 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for 3334 not more than ten days, or both, for the first offense; for each 3335 subsequent offense, each such person shall be fined not less 3336 than one thousand dollars nor more than twenty-five hundred 3337 dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. The 3338 motor vehicles and goods of any person charged with violating 3339 division (A)(2) of section 5739.31 of the Revised Code may be 3340 impounded and held pending the disposition of the charge, and 3341 may be sold at auction by the county sheriff in the manner 3342 prescribed by law to satisfy any fine imposed by this division. 3343

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(D) Except as otherwise provided in this section, whoever
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violates sections 5739.01 to 5739.31 of the Revised Code, or any
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lawful rule promulgated by the department of taxation under
authority of such sections, shall be fined not less than twenty3351
five nor more than one hundred dollars.

(E) Whoever violates section 5739.12 of the Revised Code 3353 by failing to remit to the state the tax collected under section 3354 5739.02, 5739.021, 5739.023, or 5739.026, or 5739.27 of the 3355 Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree and 3356 shall suffer the loss of the person's vendor's license as 3357 required by section 5739.17 of the Revised Code. A person shall 3358 not be eligible for a vendor's license for two years following 3359 conviction. 3360

(F) Whoever violates division (E) of section 5739.17 of
the Revised Code is guilty of failure to display a transient
vendor's license, a minor misdemeanor. A sheriff or police
officer in a municipal corporation may enforce this division.
The prosecuting attorney of a county shall inform the tax
commissioner of any instance when a complaint is brought against
a transient vendor pursuant to this division.

(G) Whoever violates section 5739.103 of the Revised Code
shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than one
hundred dollars. If the offender previously has been convicted
of violating that section, the offender is guilty of a felony of
the fourth degree.

(H) The penalties provided in this section are in addition
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 to any penalties imposed by the tax commissioner under section
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 5739.133 of the Revised Code.
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Section 2. That existing sections 9.79, 519.21, 928.01,3376928.03, 3376.07, 3796.01, 3796.02, 3796.03, 3796.05, 3796.06,33773796.07, 3796.09, 3796.10, 3796.12, 3796.13, 3796.14, 3796.15,33783796.17, 3796.18, 3796.19, 3796.20, 3796.21, 3796.22, 3796.23,33793796.24, 3796.27, 3796.28, 3796.29, 3796.30, 3796.31, 4735.18,33804796.25, 5502.01, 5502.13, 5502.14, 5713.30, 5739.21, and33815739.99 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.3382

Section 3. That sections 3780.01, 3780.02, 3780.03,33833780.04, 3780.05, 3780.06, 3780.07, 3780.08, 3780.09, 3780.10,33843780.11, 3780.12, 3780.13, 3780.14, 3780.15, 3780.16, 3780.17,33853780.18, 3780.19, 3780.20, 3780.21, 3780.22, 3780.23, 3780.24,33863780.25, 3780.26, 3780.27, 3780.28, 3780.29, 3780.30, 3780.31,33873780.32, 3780.33, 3780.34, 3780.35, 3780.36, 3780.90, 3780.99,3388and 3796.021 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.3389

Section 4. (A) All rules adopted by the Division of 3390 Cannabis Control pursuant to Chapter 3780. of the Revised Code, 3391 as that chapter existed immediately before the effective date of 3392 this section, and that are not in conflict with the requirements 3393 of this act, continue in effect until repealed or amended by the 3394 Division of Marijuana Control. The Director of the Legislative 3395 Service Commission shall renumber rules adopted under Chapter 3396 3780. of the Revised Code to reflect the transfer of authority 3397 to Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code, as amended by this act. 3398

(B) Any rules that are pending before the Common Sense
Initiative or the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review on the
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effective date of this section that were proposed by the
Division of Cannabis Control under Chapter 3780. of the Revised
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Code, as that chapter existed immediately before the effective 3403 date of this section, shall be treated as having been proposed 3404 by the Division of Marijuana Control under Chapter 3796. of the 3405 Revised Code. 3406

(C) Notwithstanding any provision of section 121.95 of the 3407 Revised Code to the contrary, a regulatory restriction contained 3408 in a rule adopted by the Division of Marijuana Control in 3409 accordance with Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code, as amended by 3410 this act, during the period beginning on the effective date of 3411 this section and ending twelve months after that date is not 3412 subject to sections 121.95 to 121.953 of the Revised Code. 3413

Section 5. The General Assembly, applying the principle 3414 stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 3415 amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 3416 simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 3417 presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 3418 by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 3419 sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 3420 as presented in this act: 3421

Section 519.21 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B. 3422 523 and S.B. 75 of the 131st General Assembly. 3423

Section 5739.99 of the Revised Code as amended by both 3424 S.B. 143 and S.B. 200 of the 124th General Assembly. 3425