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A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR EDUCATION-RELATED MARIJUANA OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Under current law, when an employee or manager of a retail business applies for an occupational license, the person must be a Colorado resident on the date of his or her application. The bill gives the state licensing authority the ability to create an exemption to the residency requirement for a person applying for an occupational license for participation in a marijuana-based workforce development or education program.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.3-401, amend 3 (1) introductory portion and (1)(d) as follows: 4 12-43.3-401. Classes of licenses. (1) For the purpose of 5 regulating the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of medical 6 marijuana, the state licensing authority in its discretion, upon application 7 in the prescribed form made to it, may issue and grant to the applicant a 8 license from any of the following classes, subject to the provisions and 9 restrictions provided by this article ARTICLE 43.3: 10 (d) Occupational licenses and registrations for owners, managers, 11 operators, employees, contractors, and other support staff employed by, 12 working in, or having access to restricted areas of the licensed premises, 13 as determined by the state licensing authority. THE STATE LICENSING 14 AUTHORITY MAY EXEMPT FOR UP TO ONE YEAR BASED ON THE LENGTH OF 15 THE PROGRAM THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 12-43.3-310(6) 16 FOR A PERSON APPLYING FOR AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FOR 17 PARTICIPATION IN A MARIJUANA-BASED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OR 18 EDUCATION PROGRAM. The state licensing authority may take any action 19 with respect to a registration pursuant to this article ARTICLE 43.3 as it 20 may with respect to a license pursuant to this article ARTICLE 43.3, in 21 accordance with the procedures established pursuant to this article 22 ARTICLE 43.3. 23 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43.4-401, amend 24 (1) introductory portion and (1)(e) as follows: Classes of licenses. (1) For the purpose of 25 12-43.4-401.

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regulating the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, and testing of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products, the state licensing authority in its discretion, upon receipt of an application in the prescribed form, may issue and grant to the applicant a license from any of the following classes, subject to the provisions and restrictions provided by this article ARTICLE 43.4:

(e) Occupational licenses and registrations for owners, managers, operators, employees, contractors, and other support staff employed by, working in, or having access to restricted areas of the licensed premises, as determined by the state licensing authority. The STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY EXEMPT FOR UP TO ONE YEAR BASED ON THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 12-43.4-309 (5) FOR A PERSON APPLYING FOR AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FOR PARTICIPATION IN A MARIJUANA-BASED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OR EDUCATION PROGRAM. The state licensing authority may take any action with respect to a registration pursuant to this article ARTICLE 43.4 as it may with respect to a license pursuant to this article ARTICLE 43.4, in accordance with the procedures established pursuant to this article ARTICLE 43.4.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

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- November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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