

How to Obtain a License to Operate a Medical Marijuana Business

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Three New Marijuana Laws

- 1. Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA)
- 2. Amended Michigan Medical Marijuana Act
- 3. Marijuana Tracking Act

Effective Dates

- Approved by Governor on September 21, 2016
- Effective on December 20, 2016

Amended Michigan Marijuana Act

Adds to the Definition of "Usable Marijuana" to now include "marijuana infused product."

- Topical Formulation
- Tincture
- Beverage
- Edible Substance

Similar Product Containing Usable Marijuana Intended for Human Consumption in a Manner Other Than Smoke Inhalation

Marijuana Tracking Act

Creates a Statewide Monitoring System to:

- Track Marijuana and Marijuana Product in Commercial Trade
- Monitor Compliance with Laws Authorizing MMJ Commercial Traffic
 - Identify Threats to Health from Particular Batches of MMJ

"Seed to Sale" Tracking of Marijuana

System Will Verify in Real Time Patient ID Cards & Transfer Limits

Creates Five (5) New Types of MMJ Licenses in Michigan

- 1. Grower
 - Class A: 1 to 500 Plants
 - Class B: 500 to 1000 Plants
 - Class C: 1,000 to 1,500 Plants
- 2. Processor (Extraction/Manufacturing)
- 3. Provisioning Center (Dispensary)
- 4. Secure Transportation
- 5. Safety Compliance Facility (Independent Testing Laboratory).

Medical Marijuana Licensing Board

5 members appointed by the Governor

No more than 3 can be members of the same political party

Term of 4 years

<u>Board's Duties</u>: The licensing, regulating and enforcing a regulatory system established for the growth, processing, testing and transportation of medical marijuana under the MMFLA.

Timing of Issuance of Applications:

- 360 Days from Effective Date
- December 2017

When Will Licenses be Issued:

Starting February/March, 2018

Number of Licenses: MMFLA denies the Board authority to establish any limit on the number or type of licenses that may be granted. This authority, however, is left to municipalities.

How & When to Start the Process:

Now!

Location, Location

Local Municipality <u>MUST</u> Have an Ordinance to Enable Specific Use!!!

Ordinance + Zoning

Ordinance: Can Adopt Ordinance Allowing Some, All or None of MMJ Facilities.

Zoning:

- Grow: Industrial / Agricultural / Unzoned
- Dispensary/Manufacturing: Not Specified in MMFLA

CAUTION!!!!

When Looking For Property in Areas Yet to Adopt an Ordinance

- Schools
- Day Care Centers
- Public Parks
- Church/Liquor Stores
- Zoned Exclusively for Residential Use
- 500 Feet (Warren)
- 1,000 Feet (Detroit & Illinois)