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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Cannabis Control, will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed rules on April 23, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at the Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, 19th Floor, Room 1932, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The DCC proposes to adopt new rules:

- 1301:18-2-03 Cannabis Social Equity & Jobs Program
- 1301:18-2-04 Additional Cannabis Operator License
- 1301:18-2-06 10(B) Dispensaries

The purpose of the new rules is to establish advance notification requirements for a non-medical cannabis application period for participants in the Cannabis Social Equity & Jobs Program, to require the Division to review the number of cannabis operator licenses biannually, and to establish the new dispensary application requirements for current medical marijuana cultivators and dispensaries as specified in the statute. The rule outlines the application and licensing process for these licenses, including a determination of the entities eligible to apply, a drawing, and a site selection process.

The proposed rules may be accessed on the Register of Ohio ([www.registerofohio.state.oh.us](http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us)) or on the DCC website ([www.com.ohio.gov/cannabiscontrol](http://www.com.ohio.gov/cannabiscontrol)). The full text of the proposed rules is also available at the office of the Division of Cannabis Control in printed form.

At the public hearing, any person affected by the proposed actions may appear and be heard in person, by the person's attorney, or both, may present the person's position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the proposed rule or amendments, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

Any person who wishes to present his or her position, arguments or contentions in writing may do so by electronic mail to [DCCRules@com.ohio.gov](mailto:DCCRules@com.ohio.gov) or to Ohio Division of Cannabis Control, 77 South High Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, OH 43215. Written comments may also be submitted at the hearing. All written comments must be submitted to the Division no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2024. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.