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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 (DCC or Division), will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed rules on August 19, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. at the Riffe Center, 77 S. High Street, 19th Floor, Room 1960, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The DCC proposes to adopt new rules:

- 1301:18-3-14: Cannabis Entity Record Keeping
- 1301:18-3-18: Business to Business Transfers cannabis packaged for direct customer sale
- 1301:18-4-02: Authorized Cannabis Forms & Methods of Administration
- 1301:18-4-05: Limitations on THC Content for Cannabis Intended for Direct Customer Sale
- 1301:18-4-08: Limitations on Cannabis Products
- 1301:18-4-22: Advertising
- 1301:18-5-04: Cultivation Area Expansion

Ohio voters approved an initiated statute in November 2023 to legalize the possession and use of marijuana by individuals aged 21 and over, the sale of marijuana by state-licensed dispensaries to those individuals, and to create the Division of Cannabis Control within the Ohio Department of Commerce. Therefore, the DCC is restructuring the rules under Chapter 3796 that regulate medical marijuana under a new Chapter 1301:18 to regulate both medical and non-medical cannabis.

The purpose of the above rules is to establish a record keeping requirements, cultivator and processor facility and operating requirements, limitations on cannabis products destined for direct customer sale, including THC content limitations and advertising, and requirements for cultivation area expansion requests.

The DCC proposes to rescind: 3796:6-3-12: Dispensing Error Reporting

These rule rescinded is proposed as part of the restructuring of rules under Chapter 3796 that regulate medical marijuana under a new Chapter 1301:18 to regulate both medical and non-medical cannabis.

The proposed rules may be accessed on the Register of Ohio (www.registerofohio.state.oh.us) or on the DCC website (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 or to Ohio Division of Cannabis Control, 77 South High Street, 20th 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 August 19, 2025. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.