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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 109.572, 519.21, 4123.54, 4729.75, 1  
4729.80, 4729.81, 4729.82, 4729.83, 4729.84, 2  
4729.85, and 4729.86 and to enact sections 3  
3796.01, 3796.02, 3796.03, 3796.04, 3796.06, 4  
3796.07, 3796.10, 3796.11, 3796.12, 3796.13, 5  
3796.14, 3796.15, 3796.18, 3796.19, 3796.20, 6  
3796.21, 3796.22, 3796.23, 3796.24, 3796.26, 7  
3796.27, 3796.28, 3796.29, 3796.30, 4729.771, and 8  
4731.283 of the Revised Code to authorize the use 9  
of marijuana for medical purposes and to establish 10  
the Medical Marijuana Control Program. 11

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

**Section 1.** That sections 109.572, 519.21, 4123.54, 4729.75, 12  
4729.80, 4729.81, 4729.82, 4729.83, 4729.84, 4729.85, and 4729.86 13  
be amended and sections 3796.01, 3796.02, 3796.03, 3796.04, 14  
3796.06, 3796.07, 3796.10, 3796.11, 3796.12, 3796.13, 3796.14, 15  
3796.15, 3796.18, 3796.19, 3796.20, 3796.21, 3796.22, 3796.23, 16  
3796.24, 3796.26, 3796.27, 3796.28, 3796.29, 3796.30, 4729.771, 17  
and 4731.283 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 18

Sec. 109.572. (A)(1) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to 19  
section 121.08, 3301.32, 3301.541, or 3319.39 of the Revised Code, 20  
a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this 21  
section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the 22  
manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the 23  
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 24  
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner 25  
described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any 26  
information exists that indicates that the person who is the 27  
subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded 28  
guilty to any of the following: 29

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 30  
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 31  
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 32  
2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 33  
2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 34  
2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 35  
2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 36  
2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual 37  
penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised 38  
Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it 39  
existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of 40  
the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 41  
2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, 42  
had the violation been committed prior to that date, or a 43  
violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a 44  
minor drug possession offense; 45

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, 46  
any other state, or the United States that is substantially 47  
equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(1)(a) of 48  
this section; 49

(c) If the request is made pursuant to section 3319.39 of the Revised Code for an applicant who is a teacher, any offense specified in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(2) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3712.09 or 3721.121 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person who has applied for employment in a position for which a criminal records check is required by those sections. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code;

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(2)(a) of this section.

(3) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 173.27, 173.38, 173.381, 3701.881, 5164.34, 5164.341, 5164.342, 5123.081, or 5123.169 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of

fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in 82  
division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau 83  
of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a 84  
criminal records check of the person for whom the request is made. 85  
The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the 86  
manner described in division (B) of this section to determine 87  
whether any information exists that indicates that the person who 88  
is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of, 89  
has pleaded guilty to, or (except in the case of a request 90  
pursuant to section 5164.34, 5164.341, or 5164.342 of the Revised 91  
Code) has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of 92  
conviction for any of the following, regardless of the date of the 93  
conviction, the date of entry of the guilty plea, or (except in 94  
the case of a request pursuant to section 5164.34, 5164.341, or 95  
5164.342 of the Revised Code) the date the person was found 96  
eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction: 97

(a) A violation of section 959.13, 959.131, 2903.01, 2903.02, 98  
2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 99  
2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2903.341, 2905.01, 100  
2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2905.32, 2905.33, 2907.02, 101  
2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 102  
2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 103  
2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2907.33, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.04, 104  
2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 105  
2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.05, 2913.11, 2913.21, 106  
2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.40, 2913.41, 2913.42, 2913.43, 2913.44, 107  
2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 2913.48, 2913.49, 2913.51, 108  
2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2919.12, 2919.121, 2919.123, 109  
2919.22, 2919.23, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.11, 2921.12, 110  
2921.13, 2921.21, 2921.24, 2921.32, 2921.321, 2921.34, 2921.35, 111  
2921.36, 2921.51, 2923.12, 2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.13, 2923.161, 112  
2923.162, 2923.21, 2923.32, 2923.42, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 113  
2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.09, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.14, 114

2925.141, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24, 2925.36, 2925.55, 2925.56,	115
2927.12, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code;	116
(b) Felonious sexual penetration in violation of former	117
section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;	118
(c) A violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it	119
existed prior to July 1, 1996;	120
(d) A violation of section 2923.01, 2923.02, or 2923.03 of	121
the Revised Code when the underlying offense that is the object of	122
the conspiracy, attempt, or complicity is one of the offenses	123
listed in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (c) of this section;	124
(e) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance	125
or law of this state, any other state, or the United States that	126
is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in	127
divisions (A)(3)(a) to (d) of this section.	128
(4) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.86 of	129
the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division	130
(C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions	131
obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this	132
section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal	133
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records	134
check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to	135
determine whether any information exists that indicates that the	136
person who is the subject of the request previously has been	137
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:	138
(a) A violation of section 959.13, 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03,	139
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.15, 2903.16, 2903.21,	140
2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02,	141
2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09,	142
2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321,	143
2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24,	144
2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2913.49, 2917.01, 2917.02,	145

2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 146  
2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2927.12, or 3716.11 147  
of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised 148  
Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 149  
2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of 150  
section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 151  
1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, a 152  
violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a 153  
minor drug possession offense, two or more OVI or OVUAC violations 154  
committed within the three years immediately preceding the 155  
submission of the application or petition that is the basis of the 156  
request, or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former 157  
section 2907.12 of the Revised Code; 158

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, 159  
any other state, or the United States that is substantially 160  
equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(4)(a) of 161  
this section. 162

(5) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 5104.013 of 163  
the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division 164  
(C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions 165  
obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this 166  
section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 167  
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records 168  
check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to 169  
determine whether any information exists that indicates that the 170  
person who is the subject of the request has been convicted of or 171  
pleaded guilty to any of the following: 172

(a) A violation of section 2151.421, 2903.01, 2903.02, 173  
2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 174  
2903.22, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.32, 175  
2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 176  
2907.09, 2907.19, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.24, 2907.25, 177

2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 178  
2909.04, 2909.05, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2913.02, 179  
2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.041, 2913.05, 2913.06, 2913.11, 2913.21, 180  
2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.33, 2913.34, 2913.40, 2913.41, 2913.42, 181  
2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.441, 2913.45, 2913.46, 2913.47, 2913.48, 182  
2913.49, 2917.01, 2917.02, 2917.03, 2917.31, 2919.12, 2919.22, 183  
2919.224, 2919.225, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.03, 2921.11, 2921.13, 184  
2921.14, 2921.34, 2921.35, 2923.01, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 185  
2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the 186  
Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former 187  
section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 188  
2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a 189  
violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have 190  
been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it 191  
existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed 192  
prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised 193  
Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, a violation of 194  
section 2923.02 or 2923.03 of the Revised Code that relates to a 195  
crime specified in this division, or a second violation of section 196  
4511.19 of the Revised Code within five years of the date of 197  
application for licensure or certification. 198

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, 199  
any other state, or the United States that is substantially 200  
equivalent to any of the offenses or violations described in 201  
division (A)(5)(a) of this section. 202

(6) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 5153.111 of 203  
the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division 204  
(C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions 205  
obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this 206  
section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 207  
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records 208  
check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to 209

determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02, 2909.03, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, or a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense;

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(6)(a) of this section.

(7) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check from an individual pursuant to section 4749.03 or 4749.06 of the Revised Code, accompanied by a completed copy of the form prescribed in division (C)(1) of this section and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in a manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists indicating



that the person who is the subject of the request has been 242  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony in this state or in any 243  
other state. If the individual indicates that a firearm will be 244  
carried in the course of business, the superintendent shall 245  
require information from the federal bureau of investigation as 246  
described in division (B)(2) of this section. Subject to division 247  
(F) of this section, the superintendent shall report the findings 248  
of the criminal records check and any information the federal 249  
bureau of investigation provides to the director of public safety. 250

(8) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 1321.37, 251  
1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 1322.031, or 4763.05 of the Revised 252  
Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of 253  
this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the 254  
manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the 255  
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 256  
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check with respect 257  
to any person who has applied for a license, permit, or 258  
certification from the department of commerce or a division in the 259  
department. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records 260  
check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to 261  
determine whether any information exists that indicates that the 262  
person who is the subject of the request previously has been 263  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following: a 264  
violation of section 2913.02, 2913.11, 2913.31, 2913.51, or 265  
2925.03 of the Revised Code; any other criminal offense involving 266  
theft, receiving stolen property, embezzlement, forgery, fraud, 267  
passing bad checks, money laundering, or drug trafficking, or any 268  
criminal offense involving money or securities, as set forth in 269  
Chapters 2909., 2911., 2913., 2915., 2921., 2923., and 2925. of 270  
the Revised Code; or any existing or former law of this state, any 271  
other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent 272  
to those offenses. 273

(9) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check from 274  
the treasurer of state under section 113.041 of the Revised Code 275  
or from an individual under section 4701.08, 4715.101, 4717.061, 276  
4725.121, 4725.501, 4729.071, 4730.101, 4730.14, 4730.28, 277  
4731.081, 4731.15, 4731.171, 4731.222, 4731.281, 4731.296, 278  
4731.531, 4732.091, 4734.202, 4740.061, 4741.10, 4755.70, 279  
4757.101, 4759.061, 4760.032, 4760.06, 4761.051, 4762.031, 280  
4762.06, 4776.021, 4779.091, or 4783.04 of the Revised Code, 281  
accompanied by a completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) 282  
of this section and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in 283  
the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the 284  
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 285  
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner 286  
described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any 287  
information exists that indicates that the person who is the 288  
subject of the request has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to 289  
any criminal offense in this state or any other state. Subject to 290  
division (F) of this section, the superintendent shall send the 291  
results of a check requested under section 113.041 of the Revised 292  
Code to the treasurer of state and shall send the results of a 293  
check requested under any of the other listed sections to the 294  
licensing board specified by the individual in the request. 295

(10) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 1121.23, 296  
1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1733.47, or 1761.26 of the Revised 297  
Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of 298  
this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the 299  
manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the 300  
superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 301  
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner 302  
described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any 303  
information exists that indicates that the person who is the 304  
subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded 305  
guilty to any criminal offense under any existing or former law of 306

this state, any other state, or the United States. 307

(11) On receipt of a request for a criminal records check 308  
from an appointing or licensing authority under section 3772.07 of 309  
the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed under division 310  
(C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions 311  
obtained in the manner prescribed in division (C)(2) of this 312  
section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 313  
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records 314  
check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to 315  
determine whether any information exists that indicates that the 316  
person who is the subject of the request previously has been 317  
convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to any offense under 318  
any existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the 319  
United States that is a disqualifying offense as defined in 320  
section 3772.07 of the Revised Code or substantially equivalent to 321  
such an offense. 322

(12) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.33 or 323  
2151.412 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant 324  
to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint 325  
impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of 326  
this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 327  
identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records 328  
check with respect to any person for whom a criminal records check 329  
is required under that section. The superintendent shall conduct 330  
the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) 331  
of this section to determine whether any information exists that 332  
indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 333  
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the 334  
following: 335

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 336  
2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 337  
2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 338

2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 339  
2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 340  
2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 341  
2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 342  
2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 343  
2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code; 344

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other state, 345  
or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of 346  
the offenses listed in division (A)(12)(a) of this section. 347

(13) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3796.13 of 348  
the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division 349  
(C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions 350  
obtained in a manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, 351  
the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 352  
investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner 353  
described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any 354  
information exists that indicates that the person who is the 355  
subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded 356  
guilty to a disqualifying offense, as specified in rules adopted 357  
under section 3796.04 of the Revised Code. 358

(B) Subject to division (F) of this section, the 359  
superintendent shall conduct any criminal records check to be 360  
conducted under this section as follows: 361

(1) The superintendent shall review or cause to be reviewed 362  
any relevant information gathered and compiled by the bureau under 363  
division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code that relates to 364  
the person who is the subject of the criminal records check, 365  
including, if the criminal records check was requested under 366  
section 113.041, 121.08, 173.27, 173.38, 173.381, 1121.23, 367  
1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1321.37, 1321.53, 1321.531, 1322.03, 368  
1322.031, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 369  
3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3772.07, 3796.13, 4749.03, 4749.06, 370

4763.05, 5104.013, 5164.34, 5164.341, 5164.342, 5123.081, 371  
5123.169, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code, any relevant 372  
information contained in records that have been sealed under 373  
section 2953.32 of the Revised Code; 374

(2) If the request received by the superintendent asks for 375  
information from the federal bureau of investigation, the 376  
superintendent shall request from the federal bureau of 377  
investigation any information it has with respect to the person 378  
who is the subject of the criminal records check, including 379  
fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases 380  
as described in 42 U.S.C. 671 if the request is made pursuant to 381  
section 2151.86 or 5104.013 of the Revised Code or if any other 382  
Revised Code section requires fingerprint-based checks of that 383  
nature, and shall review or cause to be reviewed any information 384  
the superintendent receives from that bureau. If a request under 385  
section 3319.39 of the Revised Code asks only for information from 386  
the federal bureau of investigation, the superintendent shall not 387  
conduct the review prescribed by division (B)(1) of this section. 388

(3) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee may 389  
request criminal history records from other states or the federal 390  
government pursuant to the national crime prevention and privacy 391  
compact set forth in section 109.571 of the Revised Code. 392

(4) The superintendent shall include in the results of the 393  
criminal records check a list or description of the offenses 394  
listed or described in division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), 395  
(7), (8), (9), (10), (11), ~~or (12)~~, or (13) of this section, 396  
whichever division requires the superintendent to conduct the 397  
criminal records check. The superintendent shall exclude from the 398  
results any information the dissemination of which is prohibited 399  
by federal law. 400

(5) The superintendent shall send the results of the criminal 401  
records check to the person to whom it is to be sent not later 402

than the following number of days after the date the 403  
superintendent receives the request for the criminal records 404  
check, the completed form prescribed under division (C)(1) of this 405  
section, and the set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the 406  
manner described in division (C)(2) of this section: 407

(a) If the superintendent is required by division (A) of this 408  
section (other than division (A)(3) of this section) to conduct 409  
the criminal records check, thirty; 410

(b) If the superintendent is required by division (A)(3) of 411  
this section to conduct the criminal records check, sixty. 412

(C)(1) The superintendent shall prescribe a form to obtain 413  
the information necessary to conduct a criminal records check from 414  
any person for whom a criminal records check is to be conducted 415  
under this section. The form that the superintendent prescribes 416  
pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an 417  
electronic format, or in both tangible and electronic formats. 418

(2) The superintendent shall prescribe standard impression 419  
sheets to obtain the fingerprint impressions of any person for 420  
whom a criminal records check is to be conducted under this 421  
section. Any person for whom a records check is to be conducted 422  
under this section shall obtain the fingerprint impressions at a 423  
county sheriff's office, municipal police department, or any other 424  
entity with the ability to make fingerprint impressions on the 425  
standard impression sheets prescribed by the superintendent. The 426  
office, department, or entity may charge the person a reasonable 427  
fee for making the impressions. The standard impression sheets the 428  
superintendent prescribes pursuant to this division may be in a 429  
tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible and 430  
electronic formats. 431

(3) Subject to division (D) of this section, the 432  
superintendent shall prescribe and charge a reasonable fee for 433

providing a criminal records check under this section. The person 434  
requesting the criminal records check shall pay the fee prescribed 435  
pursuant to this division. In the case of a request under section 436  
1121.23, 1155.03, 1163.05, 1315.141, 1733.47, 1761.26, 2151.33, 437  
2151.412, or 5164.34 of the Revised Code, the fee shall be paid in 438  
the manner specified in that section. 439

(4) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal 440  
identification and investigation may prescribe methods of 441  
forwarding fingerprint impressions and information necessary to 442  
conduct a criminal records check, which methods shall include, but 443  
not be limited to, an electronic method. 444

(D) The results of a criminal records check conducted under 445  
this section, other than a criminal records check specified in 446  
division (A)(7) of this section, are valid for the person who is 447  
the subject of the criminal records check for a period of one year 448  
from the date upon which the superintendent completes the criminal 449  
records check. If during that period the superintendent receives 450  
another request for a criminal records check to be conducted under 451  
this section for that person, the superintendent shall provide the 452  
results from the previous criminal records check of the person at 453  
a lower fee than the fee prescribed for the initial criminal 454  
records check. 455

(E) When the superintendent receives a request for 456  
information from a registered private provider, the superintendent 457  
shall proceed as if the request was received from a school 458  
district board of education under section 3319.39 of the Revised 459  
Code. The superintendent shall apply division (A)(1)(c) of this 460  
section to any such request for an applicant who is a teacher. 461

(F)(1) All information regarding the results of a criminal 462  
records check conducted under this section that the superintendent 463  
reports or sends under division (A)(7) or (9) of this section to 464  
the director of public safety, the treasurer of state, or the 465

person, board, or entity that made the request for the criminal 466  
records check shall relate to the conviction of the subject 467  
person, or the subject person's plea of guilty to, a criminal 468  
offense. 469

(2) Division (F)(1) of this section does not limit, restrict, 470  
or preclude the superintendent's release of information that 471  
relates to the arrest of a person who is eighteen years of age or 472  
older, to an adjudication of a child as a delinquent child, or to 473  
a criminal conviction of a person under eighteen years of age in 474  
circumstances in which a release of that nature is authorized 475  
under division (E)(2), (3), or (4) of section 109.57 of the 476  
Revised Code pursuant to a rule adopted under division (E)(1) of 477  
that section. 478

(G) As used in this section: 479

(1) "Criminal records check" means any criminal records check 480  
conducted by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 481  
identification and investigation in accordance with division (B) 482  
of this section. 483

(2) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as 484  
in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code. 485

(3) "OVI or OVUAC violation" means a violation of section 486  
4511.19 of the Revised Code or a violation of an existing or 487  
former law of this state, any other state, or the United States 488  
that is substantially equivalent to section 4511.19 of the Revised 489  
Code. 490

(4) "Registered private provider" means a nonpublic school or 491  
entity registered with the superintendent of public instruction 492  
under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code to participate in the 493  
autism scholarship program or section 3310.58 of the Revised Code 494  
to participate in the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship 495  
program. 496



Sec. 519.21. (A) Except as otherwise provided in ~~division~~ 497  
divisions (B) and (D) of this section, sections 519.02 to 519.25 498  
of the Revised Code confer no power on any township zoning 499  
commission, board of township trustees, or board of zoning appeals 500  
to prohibit the use of any land for agricultural purposes or the 501  
construction or use of buildings or structures incident to the use 502  
for agricultural purposes of the land on which such buildings or 503  
structures are located, including buildings or structures that are 504  
used primarily for vinting and selling wine and that are located 505  
on land any part of which is used for viticulture, and no zoning 506  
certificate shall be required for any such building or structure. 507

(B) A township zoning resolution, or an amendment to such 508  
resolution, may in any platted subdivision approved under section 509  
711.05, 711.09, or 711.10 of the Revised Code, or in any area 510  
consisting of fifteen or more lots approved under section 711.131 511  
of the Revised Code that are contiguous to one another, or some of 512  
which are contiguous to one another and adjacent to one side of a 513  
dedicated public road, and the balance of which are contiguous to 514  
one another and adjacent to the opposite side of the same 515  
dedicated public road regulate: 516

(1) Agriculture on lots of one acre or less; 517

(2) Buildings or structures incident to the use of land for 518  
agricultural purposes on lots greater than one acre but not 519  
greater than five acres by: set back building lines; height; and 520  
size; 521

(3) Dairying and animal and poultry husbandry on lots greater 522  
than one acre but not greater than five acres when at least 523  
thirty-five per cent of the lots in the subdivision are developed 524  
with at least one building, structure, or improvement that is 525  
subject to real property taxation or that is subject to the tax on 526  
manufactured and mobile homes under section 4503.06 of the Revised 527

Code. After thirty-five per cent of the lots are so developed, 528  
dairying and animal and poultry husbandry shall be considered 529  
nonconforming use of land and buildings or structures pursuant to 530  
section 519.19 of the Revised Code. 531

Division (B) of this section confers no power on any township 532  
zoning commission, board of township trustees, or board of zoning 533  
appeals to regulate agriculture, buildings or structures, and 534  
dairying and animal and poultry husbandry on lots greater than 535  
five acres. 536

(C) Such sections confer no power on any township zoning 537  
commission, board of township trustees, or board of zoning appeals 538  
to prohibit in a district zoned for agricultural, industrial, 539  
residential, or commercial uses, the use of any land for: 540

(1) A farm market where fifty per cent or more of the gross 541  
income received from the market is derived from produce raised on 542  
farms owned or operated by the market operator in a normal crop 543  
year. However, a board of township trustees, as provided in 544  
section 519.02 of the Revised Code, may regulate such factors 545  
pertaining to farm markets as size of the structure, size of 546  
parking areas that may be required, set back building lines, and 547  
egress or ingress, where such regulation is necessary to protect 548  
the public health and safety. 549

(2) Biodiesel production, biomass energy production, or 550  
electric or heat energy production if the land on which the 551  
production facility is located qualifies as land devoted 552  
exclusively to agricultural use under sections 5713.30 to 5713.37 553  
of the Revised Code for real property tax purposes. As used in 554  
division (C)(2) of this section, "biodiesel," "biomass energy," 555  
and "electric or heat energy" have the same meanings as in section 556  
5713.30 of the Revised Code. 557

(3) Biologically derived methane gas production if the land 558

on which the production facility is located qualifies as land 559  
devoted exclusively to agricultural use under sections 5713.30 to 560  
5713.37 of the Revised Code for real property tax purposes and if 561  
the facility that produces the biologically derived methane gas 562  
does not produce more than seventeen million sixty thousand seven 563  
hundred ten British thermal units, five megawatts, or both. 564

As used in division (C)(3) of this section, "biologically 565  
derived methane gas" has the same meaning as in section 5713.30 of 566  
the Revised Code. 567

(D) Nothing in this section prohibits a township zoning 568  
commission, board of township trustees, or board of zoning appeals 569  
from regulating the location of retail dispensaries of medical 570  
marijuana or from prohibiting such dispensaries from being located 571  
in the unincorporated territory of the township. 572

**Sec. 3796.01.** (A) As used in this chapter: 573

(1) "Medical marijuana" means marihuana, as defined in 574  
section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, that is cultivated, 575  
processed, dispensed, tested, possessed, or used for a medical 576  
purpose. 577

(2) "Physician" means an individual authorized under Chapter 578  
4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or 579  
osteopathic medicine and surgery. 580

(3) "Qualifying medical condition" means any of the 581  
following: 582

(a) Acquired immune deficiency syndrome; 583

(b) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; 584

(c) Cancer; 585

(d) Chronic traumatic encephalopathy; 586

(e) Crohn's disease; 587

<u>(f) Epilepsy or another seizure disorder;</u>	588
<u>(g) Glaucoma;</u>	589
<u>(h) Hepatitis C;</u>	590
<u>(i) Inflammatory bowel disease;</u>	591
<u>(j) Multiple sclerosis;</u>	592
<u>(k) Pain that is chronic, severe, or intractable;</u>	593
<u>(l) Parkinson's disease;</u>	594
<u>(m) Positive status for HIV;</u>	595
<u>(n) Post-traumatic stress disorder;</u>	596
<u>(o) Sickle cell anemia;</u>	597
<u>(p) Spinal cord disease or injury;</u>	598
<u>(q) Tourette's syndrome;</u>	599
<u>(r) Traumatic brain injury;</u>	600
<u>(s) Ulcerative colitis;</u>	601
<u>(t) Any other disease or condition specified in a rule</u>	602
<u>adopted by the department of commerce under section 3796.04 of the</u>	603
<u>Revised Code.</u>	604
<u>(B) Notwithstanding section 3719.41 of the Revised Code, for</u>	605
<u>purposes of this chapter, medical marijuana is a schedule II</u>	606
<u>controlled substance.</u>	607
<b><u>Sec. 3796.02. (A) The medical marijuana control commission is</u></b>	608
<b><u>hereby created in the department of commerce. The commission shall</u></b>	609
<b><u>consist of the following:</u></b>	610
<u>(1) A member who is a practicing physician;</u>	611
<u>(2) A member who represents local law enforcement;</u>	612
<u>(3) A member who represents employers;</u>	613

- (4) A member who represents labor; 614
- (5) A member who represents persons involved in the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction; 615  
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- (6) A member who represents persons involved in mental health treatment; 617  
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- (7) A member who is a pharmacist; 619
- (8) A member who represents persons supporting the legalization of marijuana use for medical purposes; 620  
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- (9) A member who represents patients. 622
- (B) The governor shall appoint the members described in divisions (A)(1), (2), and (3) of this section. The president of the senate shall appoint the members described in divisions (A)(7) and (9) of this section. The minority leader of the senate shall appoint the member described in division (A)(4) of this section. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the members described in divisions (A)(6) and (8) of this section. The minority leader of the house of representatives shall appoint the member described in division (A)(5) of this section. Not more than four members shall be of the same political party. 623  
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- (C) Appointments to the commission shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. The initial members appointed by the governor shall be appointed for five-year terms; those appointed by the speaker of the house and the house minority leader shall be appointed for four-year terms; and those appointed by the senate president and the senate minority leader shall be appointed for three-year terms. Thereafter, all terms shall be three years. 633  
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- (D) Each member of the commission shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed, except that members serve at the pleasure of the 641  
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appointing authority. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner 644  
as original appointments. A member appointed to fill a vacancy 645  
occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the 646  
member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the 647  
remainder of such term. A member shall continue in office 648  
subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the 649  
member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days 650  
has elapsed, whichever occurs first. There is no limit on the 651  
number of terms a member may serve. 652

(E) The governor shall select a member of the commission to 653  
serve as its chairperson. 654

(F) Each member of the commission shall receive a per diem 655  
compensation determined in accordance with division (J) of section 656  
124.15 of the Revised Code. In addition, each member shall receive 657  
actual and necessary travel expenses in connection with commission 658  
hearings and business. 659

(G) The commission shall hold its initial meeting not later 660  
than thirty days after the last member of the commission is 661  
appointed. The commission shall adopt internal management rules 662  
pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code. 663

(H) The commission is not subject to sections 101.82 to 664  
101.87 of the Revised Code. 665

**Sec. 3796.03.** (A) The medical marijuana control commission 666  
shall establish a medical marijuana control program to provide for 667  
the registration of physicians who recommend treatment with 668  
medical marijuana, the registration of patients who seek treatment 669  
with medical marijuana and their caregivers, the licensure of 670  
medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and retail 671  
dispensaries, the licensure of laboratories that test medical 672  
marijuana, and the regulation of other activities under this 673  
chapter relating to medical marijuana. The commission shall 674

administer the program and may take any action, in accordance with 675  
rules adopted by the department of commerce, necessary to 676  
implement and enforce this chapter. 677

(B)(1) The commission shall develop recommendations regarding 678  
standards and procedures for a medical marijuana control program 679  
as described in division (B) of section 3796.04 of the Revised 680  
Code. When developing recommendations under this section, the 681  
commission shall do all of the following: 682

(a) Consider standards and procedures that have been found to 683  
be best practices relative to the use and regulation of medical 684  
marijuana; 685

(b) With respect to standards and procedures involving retail 686  
dispensaries, consult and cooperate with the state board of 687  
pharmacy; 688

(c) With respect to standards and procedures involving 689  
qualifying physicians or qualifying medical conditions, consult 690  
and cooperate with the state medical board; 691

(d) With respect to the number of cultivator and retail 692  
dispensary licenses that will be permitted at any one time, 693  
consider all of the following: 694

(i) The population of this state; 695

(ii) The number of patients seeking to use medical marijuana; 696

(iii) In the case of retail dispensary licenses, the 697  
geographic distribution of dispensary sites in an effort to ensure 698  
patient access to medical marijuana. 699

(e) With respect to criminal offenses for which an applicant 700  
is disqualified from licensure, provide that certain criminal 701  
offenses that an applicant was convicted of or pleaded guilty to 702  
more than five years before the date the application for licensure 703  
is filed are not disqualifying offenses; 704

(f) Develop and submit any other recommendations it considers necessary for the program's administration and the implementation and enforcement of this chapter. 705  
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(2) The commission shall submit the recommendations described in division (B)(1) of this section to the department of commerce as necessary for the department to fulfill its duty to adopt rules under section 3796.04 of the Revised Code. 708  
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(3) At the department's request, the commission shall reconsider a recommendation it has submitted and shall resubmit the recommendation to the department accordingly. 712  
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**Sec. 3796.04.** (A) Not later than one year after the date of the medical marijuana control commission's initial meeting, the department of commerce shall adopt rules establishing standards and procedures for the medical marijuana control program. The rules shall be consistent with the recommendations the department receives from the commission pursuant to section 3796.03 of the Revised Code. All rules adopted under this section shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 715  
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(B) The rules shall do all of the following: 723

(1) Establish application procedures and fees for licenses and registrations issued under this chapter; 724  
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(2) Specify the criminal offenses for which an applicant will be disqualified from licensure; 726  
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(3) Specify the conditions that must be met to be eligible for licensure; 728  
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(4) Establish the number of cultivator and retail dispensary licenses that will be permitted at any one time; 730  
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(5) Establish a license or registration renewal schedule, renewal procedures, and renewal fees; 732  
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<u>(6) Specify reasons for which a license or registration may be suspended or revoked;</u>	734
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<u>(7) Establish standards under which a license or registration suspension may be lifted;</u>	736
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<u>(8) Establish procedures for registration of physicians seeking to recommend medical marijuana for treatment and requirements that must be met to be eligible for registration;</u>	738
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<u>(9) Establish procedures for registration of patients and caregivers and requirements that must be met to be eligible for registration;</u>	741
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<u>(10) Establish training requirements for employees of retail dispensaries;</u>	744
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<u>(11) Specify when testing of medical marijuana must be conducted by a laboratory licensed under this chapter;</u>	746
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<u>(12) Specify if a cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory that is licensed under this chapter and that existed at a location before a school, church, public library, public playground, or public park became established within one thousand feet of the cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory, may remain in operation or shall relocate or have its license revoked by the commission;</u>	748
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<u>(13) Establish a program to assist patients who are veterans or indigent in obtaining medical marijuana in accordance with this chapter.</u>	755
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<u>(C) In addition to the rules described in division (B) of this section, the department may adopt any other rules, consistent with commission recommendations, it considers necessary for the program's administration and the implementation and enforcement of this chapter. The rules may specify additional diseases or conditions for which treatment with medical marijuana may be</u>	758
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Sec. 3796.06. (A) Only the following forms of medical marijuana may be dispensed under this chapter: 765  
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(1) Oils; 767

(2) Tinctures; 768

(3) Plant material; 769

(4) Edibles; 770

(5) Patches. 771

(B) With respect to the methods of using medical marijuana, both of the following apply: 772  
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(1) The smoking or combustion of medical marijuana is prohibited. 774  
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(2) The vaporization of medical marijuana is permitted. 776

(C) Any form or method that is considered attractive to children is prohibited. 777  
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(D) With respect to tetrahydrocannabinol content, all of the following apply: 779  
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(1) Plant material shall have a tetrahydrocannabinol content of not less than three per cent and not more than thirty-five per cent. 781  
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(2) Extracts shall have a tetrahydrocannabinol content of not more than seventy per cent. 784  
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Sec. 3796.07. (A)(1) The medical marijuana control commission shall establish and maintain a medical marijuana informational database. The database shall contain the following information: 786  
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(a) The number of patients for whom treatment with medical marijuana has been recommended in accordance with this chapter; 789  
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(b) The types of diseases or conditions for which treatment with medical marijuana has been recommended; 791  
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(c) The reasons that treatment with medical marijuana was recommended rather than recommending another form of treatment; 793  
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(d) The forms of or methods of using medical marijuana recommended to patients. 795  
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(2) The commission shall not make public any information reported to or collected by the commission under division (A)(1) of this section that identifies or would tend to identify any specific patient. 797  
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(B)(1) The commission shall establish and maintain an electronic database to monitor medical marijuana from its seed source through its cultivation, processing, testing, and dispensing. The commission may contract with a separate entity to establish and maintain the electronic database on behalf of the commission. 801  
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(2) The electronic database shall allow for information regarding medical marijuana to be updated instantaneously. All persons designated by the commission shall submit to the commission any information the commission determines is necessary for maintaining the electronic database. 807  
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(3) The commission and any entity under contract with the commission shall not make public any information reported to or collected by the commission under this division that identifies or would tend to identify any specific patient. 812  
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(C) The commission shall establish a toll-free telephone line to respond to inquiries from patients, caregivers, and health professionals regarding adverse reactions to medical marijuana and to provide information about available services and assistance. 816  
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Sec. 3796.10. (A)(1) A physician seeking to recommend 820

treatment with medical marijuana shall apply to the medical 821  
marijuana control commission for registration as a qualifying 822  
physician. An application shall be submitted in the manner 823  
established in rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised 824  
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(2) The commission shall register an applicant as a 826  
qualifying physician if both of the following conditions are met: 827

(a) The application is complete and meets the requirements 828  
established in rules. 829

(b) The applicant demonstrates that the applicant does not 830  
have an ownership or investment interest in or compensation 831  
arrangement with an entity licensed under this chapter or an 832  
applicant for licensure. 833

(3) A registration expires according to the renewal schedule 834  
established in rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised 835  
Code and may be renewed in accordance with the procedures 836  
established in those rules. 837

(B)(1) A qualifying physician may recommend that a patient be 838  
treated with medical marijuana if the patient has been diagnosed 839  
with a qualifying medical condition and a physician-patient 840  
relationship has been established through all of the following: 841

(a) A physical examination of the patient by the physician; 842

(b) A review of the patient's medical history by the 843  
physician; 844

(c) An expectation of providing care and receiving care on an 845  
ongoing basis. 846

(2) In the case of a patient who is a minor, the qualifying 847  
physician may recommend treatment with medical marijuana only 848  
after obtaining the consent of the patient's parent or other 849  
person responsible for providing consent to treatment. 850

(C)(1) When issuing a recommendation to a patient, the 851  
qualifying physician shall specify the following: 852

(a) The one or more forms of medical marijuana that may be 853  
dispensed to the patient; 854

(b) The amount of tetrahydrocannabinol allowed in medical 855  
marijuana dispensed to the patient; 856

(c) The one or more methods by which the patient may use 857  
medical marijuana. 858

The qualifying physician may also specify on the 859  
recommendation the disease or condition for which treatment with 860  
medical marijuana was recommended. The physician may use a 861  
classification included in the "International Statistical 862  
Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems" when 863  
specifying the disease or condition. 864

(2) A recommendation issued to a patient under this section 865  
is valid for a period of not more than ninety days. The physician 866  
may renew the recommendation for an additional period of not more 867  
than ninety days after an in-person follow-up appointment with the 868  
patient. During the one-year period beginning on the date of the 869  
follow-up appointment, the physician may renew the recommendation 870  
for not more than three additional periods of not more than ninety 871  
days each. Thereafter, the physician may issue another 872  
recommendation to the patient only upon a physical examination of 873  
the patient at least annually. 874

(D) When recommending treatment with medical marijuana, a 875  
qualifying physician shall maintain a record for each patient that 876  
includes all of the following: 877

(1) The disease or condition for which treatment with medical 878  
marijuana has been recommended; 879

(2) The one or more reasons that treatment with medical 880

marijuana was recommended for the patient rather than recommending 881  
another form of treatment; 882

(3) The one or more forms of or methods of using medical 883  
marijuana recommended for the patient. 884

(E) Except as provided in division (E)(3) of this section, 885  
each qualifying physician shall submit reports to the commission 886  
and state medical board as follows: 887

(1) At intervals not exceeding ninety days, the physician 888  
shall submit a report that includes all of the following for the 889  
period covered by the report: 890

(a) The number of patients for whom the physician has 891  
recommended treatment with medical marijuana; 892

(b) The diseases or conditions for which the treatment has 893  
been recommended; 894

(c) The reasons that treatment with medical marijuana was 895  
recommended rather than recommending other forms of treatment; 896

(d) The forms of and methods of using medical marijuana 897  
recommended to patients. 898

(2) Annually, the physician shall submit a report that 899  
describes the physician's observations regarding the effectiveness 900  
of medical marijuana in treating the physician's patients during 901  
the year covered by the report. 902

When submitting reports to the commission and board as 903  
required by divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section, a qualifying 904  
physician shall not submit any information that identifies or 905  
would tend to identify any specific patient. 906

(3) With respect to the reporting of diseases or conditions 907  
required by division (E)(1)(b) of this section, a qualifying 908  
physician may satisfy the requirement if each recommendation the 909  
physician issues includes classifications from the "International 910

Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems" and the retail dispensaries that dispense medical marijuana for the physician's patients include the classifications in the reports required by section 4729.771 of the Revised Code. 911  
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(F) Each qualifying physician shall complete the number of hours of continuing medical education in medical marijuana specified by the state medical board in rules adopted under section 4731.283 of the Revised Code. 915  
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(G) A qualifying physician shall not do any of the following: 919

(1) Personally furnish or otherwise dispense medical marijuana; 920  
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(2) Issue a recommendation for the qualifying physician's self. 922  
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**Sec. 3796.11.** (A) A patient seeking to use medical marijuana or a caregiver seeking to assist a patient in the use of medical marijuana shall apply to the medical marijuana control commission for registration. The patient or caregiver shall submit the application in the manner established in rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised Code and shall provide a copy of the recommendation issued by a qualifying physician registered under this chapter. In the case of a caregiver, the application shall include the name of the patient that the caregiver seeks to assist in the use of medical marijuana. If the application is complete and meets the requirements established in rules, the commission shall register the patient or caregiver and issue to the patient or caregiver an identification card. 924  
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(B) The commission shall not make public any information reported to or collected by the commission under this section that identifies or would tend to identify any specific patient. 937  
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(C) A registration expires according to the renewal schedule 940

established in rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised Code and may be renewed in accordance with procedures established in those rules. 941  
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Sec. 3796.12. (A) An entity that seeks a license to cultivate, process, or dispense at retail medical marijuana or to conduct laboratory testing of medical marijuana shall file an application with the medical marijuana control commission. The application shall be submitted in accordance with rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised Code. 944  
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(B) The commission shall issue a license to an applicant if all of the following conditions are met: 950  
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(1) The report of each criminal records check conducted pursuant to section 3796.13 of the Revised Code with respect to the application demonstrates that the person subject to the criminal records check requirement has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the disqualifying offenses specified in rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised Code. 952  
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(2) The applicant demonstrates that it does not have an ownership or investment interest in or compensation arrangement with any of the following: 958  
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(a) A laboratory licensed under this chapter; 961

(b) An applicant for a license to conduct laboratory testing. 962

(3) The applicant demonstrates that it will not be located within one thousand feet of a school, church, public library, public playground, or public park. 963  
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(4) The applicant meets all other licensure eligibility conditions established in rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised Code. 966  
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(C) The commission shall issue not less than fifteen per cent of cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory 969  
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licenses to entities that are owned and controlled by United States citizens who are residents of this state and are members of one of the following economically disadvantaged groups: Blacks or African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics or Latinos, and Asians. If no applications or an insufficient number of applications are submitted by such entities that meet the conditions set forth in division (B) of this section, the licenses shall be issued according to usual procedures. 971  
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As used in this division, "owned and controlled" means that at least fifty-one per cent of the business, including corporate stock if a corporation, is owned by persons who belong to one or more of the groups set forth in this division, and that those owners have control over the management and day-to-day operations of the business and an interest in the capital, assets, and profits and losses of the business proportionate to their percentage of ownership. 979  
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(D) A license expires according to the renewal schedule established in rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised Code and may be renewed in accordance with the procedures established in those rules. 987  
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**Sec. 3796.13.** (A) As used in this section, "criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code. 991  
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(B)(1) As part of the application process for a license issued under this chapter, the medical marijuana control commission shall require each of the following to complete a criminal records check: 994  
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(a) An administrator or other person responsible for the daily operation of the entity seeking the license; 998  
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(b) An owner or prospective owner, officer or prospective 1000

officer, or board member or prospective board member of the entity 1001  
seeking the license. 1002

(2) If a person subject to the criminal records check 1003  
requirement does not present proof of having been a resident of 1004  
this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date 1005  
the criminal records check is requested or provide evidence that 1006  
within that five-year period the superintendent of the bureau of 1007  
criminal identification and investigation has requested 1008  
information about the person from the federal bureau of 1009  
investigation in a criminal records check, the commission shall 1010  
request that the person obtain through the superintendent a 1011  
criminal records request from the federal bureau of investigation 1012  
as part of the criminal records check of the person. Even if a 1013  
person presents proof of having been a resident of this state for 1014  
the five-year period, the commission may request that the person 1015  
obtain information through the superintendent from the federal 1016  
bureau of investigation in the criminal records check. 1017

(C) The commission shall provide the following to each person 1018  
who is subject to the criminal records check requirement: 1019

(1) Information about accessing, completing, and forwarding 1020  
to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and 1021  
investigation the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of 1022  
section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the standard impression 1023  
sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to 1024  
division (C)(2) of that section; 1025

(2) Written notification that the person is to instruct the 1026  
superintendent to submit the completed report of the criminal 1027  
records check directly to the commission. 1028

(D) Each person who is subject to the criminal records check 1029  
requirement shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and 1030  
investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of 1031

section 109.572 of the Revised Code for the criminal records check 1032  
conducted of the person. 1033

(E) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the 1034  
bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance 1035  
with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request 1036  
made under this section is not a public record for the purposes of 1037  
section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available 1038  
to any person other than the following: 1039

(1) The person who is the subject of the criminal records 1040  
check or the person's representative; 1041

(2) The members and staff of the commission; 1042

(3) A court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual 1043  
involved in a case dealing with either of the following: 1044

(a) A license denial resulting from the criminal records 1045  
check; 1046

(b) A civil or criminal action regarding the medical 1047  
marijuana control program or any violation of this chapter. 1048

(F) The commission shall deny a license if, after receiving 1049  
the information and notification required by this section, a 1050  
person subject to the criminal records check requirement fails to 1051  
do either of the following: 1052

(1) Access, complete, or forward to the superintendent of the 1053  
bureau of criminal identification and investigation the form 1054  
prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the 1055  
Revised Code or the standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant 1056  
to division (C)(2) of that section; 1057

(2) Instruct the superintendent to submit the completed 1058  
report of the criminal records check directly to the commission. 1059

**Sec. 3796.14. (A) The medical marijuana control commission** 1060

may suspend or revoke a license or registration issued under this 1061  
chapter or may impose on a license holder a civil penalty in an 1062  
amount to be determined by the commission for any of the reasons 1063  
specified in rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised 1064  
Code. The commission's actions under this division shall be taken 1065  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1066

(B) The commission may inspect the premises of a holder of a 1067  
current, valid cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or 1068  
laboratory license issued under this chapter without prior notice 1069  
to the license holder. 1070

**Sec. 3796.15.** (A)(1) The medical marijuana control commission 1071  
shall attempt in good faith to negotiate and enter into a 1072  
reciprocity agreement with any other state under which a medical 1073  
marijuana registry identification card or equivalent authorization 1074  
that is issued by the other state is recognized in this state, if 1075  
the commission determines that both of the following apply: 1076

(a) The eligibility requirements imposed by the other state 1077  
for that authorization are substantially comparable to the 1078  
eligibility requirements for a patient or caregiver registration 1079  
and identification card issued under section 3796.11 of the 1080  
Revised Code. 1081

(b) The other state recognizes a patient or caregiver 1082  
registration and identification card issued under section 3796.11 1083  
of the Revised Code. 1084

(2) The commission shall not negotiate any agreement with any 1085  
other state under which an authorization issued by the other state 1086  
is recognized in this state other than as provided in division 1087  
(A)(1) of this section. 1088

(B) If a reciprocity agreement is entered into in accordance 1089  
with division (A) of this section, the authorization issued by the 1090

other state shall be recognized in this state, shall be accepted 1091  
and valid in this state, and grants the patient or caregiver the 1092  
same right to use, possess, obtain, or administer medical 1093  
marijuana in this state as a patient or caregiver who was 1094  
registered and issued an identification card under section 3796.11 1095  
of the Revised Code. 1096

(C) The department of commerce, consistent with commission 1097  
recommendations, may adopt any rules as necessary to implement 1098  
this section. 1099

**Sec. 3796.18.** (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision 1100  
of the Revised Code and except as provided in division (B) of this 1101  
section, the holder of a current, valid cultivator license issued 1102  
under this chapter may do either of the following: 1103

(1) Cultivate medical marijuana; 1104

(2) Deliver medical marijuana to a processor. 1105

(B) A cultivator license holder shall not cultivate medical 1106  
marijuana for personal, family, or household use. 1107

**Sec. 3796.19.** (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision 1108  
of the Revised Code, the holder of a current, valid processor 1109  
license issued under this chapter may do any of the following: 1110

(1) Obtain medical marijuana from one or more licensed 1111  
cultivators; 1112

(2) Subject to division (B) of this section, process medical 1113  
marijuana obtained from one or more licensed cultivators into a 1114  
form described in section 3796.06 of the Revised Code; 1115

(3) Deliver processed medical marijuana to one or more 1116  
licensed retail dispensaries. 1117

(B) When processing medical marijuana, a licensed processor 1118  
shall do both of the following: 1119

(1) Package the medical marijuana in accordance with 1120  
child-resistant effectiveness standards described in 16 C.F.R. 1121  
1700.15(b) on the effective date of this section; 1122

(2) Label the medical marijuana packaging with the product's 1123  
tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol content. 1124

**Sec. 3796.20.** (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision 1125  
of the Revised Code, the holder of a current, valid retail 1126  
dispensary license issued under this chapter may do both of the 1127  
following: 1128

(1) Obtain medical marijuana from one or more processors; 1129

(2) Dispense medical marijuana in accordance with division 1130  
(B) of this section. 1131

(B) When dispensing medical marijuana, a licensed retail 1132  
dispensary shall do all of the following: 1133

(1) Dispense only upon a showing of a current, valid 1134  
identification card and in accordance with a recommendation issued 1135  
by a qualifying physician registered under section 3796.10 of the 1136  
Revised Code; 1137

(2) Comply with the requirements of section 4729.771 of the 1138  
Revised Code; 1139

(3) Use only employees who have met the training requirements 1140  
established in rules adopted under section 3796.04 of the Revised 1141  
Code; 1142

(4) Label the package containing medical marijuana with the 1143  
following information: 1144

(a) The name and address of the licensed processor and retail 1145  
dispensary; 1146

(b) The name of the patient and caregiver, if any; 1147

(c) The name of the qualifying physician who recommended 1148

<u>treatment with medical marijuana;</u>	1149
<u>(d) The directions for use as recommended by the qualifying physician;</u>	1150
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<u>(e) The date on which the medical marijuana was dispensed;</u>	1152
<u>(f) The quantity, strength, kind, and form of medical marijuana contained in the package.</u>	1153
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<u>(C) A licensed retail dispensary shall not make public any information it collects that identifies or would tend to identify any specific patient.</u>	1155
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<u><b>Sec. 3796.21.</b> (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, the holder of a current, valid laboratory license issued under this chapter may do both of the following:</u>	1158
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<u>(1) Obtain medical marijuana from cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries licensed under this chapter;</u>	1161
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<u>(2) Conduct medical marijuana testing.</u>	1163
<u>(B) When testing medical marijuana, a licensed laboratory shall do both of the following:</u>	1164
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<u>(1) Test the marijuana for potency, homogeneity, and contamination;</u>	1166
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<u>(2) Prepare a report of the test results.</u>	1168
<u><b>Sec. 3796.22.</b> (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, a patient registered under this chapter who obtains medical marijuana from a retail dispensary licensed under this chapter may do both of the following:</u>	1169
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<u>(1) Use medical marijuana;</u>	1173
<u>(2) Possess medical marijuana, subject to division (B) of this section.</u>	1174
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(B) The amount of medical marijuana possessed by a registered patient shall not exceed a ninety-day supply, as determined by the qualifying physician. 1176  
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(C) A registered patient shall not be subject to arrest or criminal prosecution for obtaining, using, or possessing medical marijuana in accordance with this chapter. 1179  
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(D) This section does not authorize a registered patient to operate a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, watercraft, or aircraft while under the influence of medical marijuana. 1182  
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**Sec. 3796.23.** (A) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, a caregiver registered under this chapter who obtains medical marijuana from a retail dispensary licensed under this chapter may do both of the following: 1185  
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(1) Possess medical marijuana on behalf of a registered patient under the caregiver's care, subject to division (B) of this section; 1189  
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(2) Assist a registered patient under the caregiver's care in the use or administration of medical marijuana. 1192  
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(B) The amount of medical marijuana possessed by a registered caregiver on behalf of a registered patient shall not exceed a ninety-day supply, as determined by the qualifying physician. If a caregiver provides care to more than one registered patient, the caregiver shall maintain separate inventories of medical marijuana for each patient. 1194  
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(C) A registered caregiver shall not be subject to arrest or criminal prosecution for any of following actions done in accordance with this chapter: 1200  
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(1) Obtaining or possessing medical marijuana on behalf of a registered patient; 1203  
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(2) Assisting a registered patient in the use or 1205



administration of medical marijuana. 1206

(D) This section does not permit a registered caregiver to 1207  
personally use medical marijuana, unless the caregiver is also a 1208  
registered patient. 1209

**Sec. 3796.24.** (A) The holder of a license, as defined in 1210  
section 4776.01 of the Revised Code, is not subject to 1211  
professional disciplinary action solely for engaging in 1212  
professional or occupational activities related to medical 1213  
marijuana. 1214

(B) Unless there is clear and convincing evidence that a 1215  
child is unsafe, the use, possession, or administration of medical 1216  
marijuana in accordance with section 3796.22 of the Revised Code 1217  
shall not be the sole or primary basis for any of the following: 1218

(1) An adjudication under section 2151.28 of the Revised Code 1219  
determining that a child is an abused, neglected, or dependent 1220  
child; 1221

(2) An allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1222  
under section 3109.04 of the Revised Code; 1223

(3) A parenting time order under section 3109.051 or 3109.12 1224  
of the Revised Code. 1225

**Sec. 3796.26.** A qualifying physician registered under this 1226  
chapter or cultivator, processor, laboratory, or retail dispensary 1227  
licensed under this chapter shall not advertise any services 1228  
related to medical marijuana on a radio or television broadcast. 1229

**Sec. 3796.27.** (A) As used in this section: 1230

(1) "Financial institution" means any of the following: 1231

(a) Any bank, trust company, savings and loan association, 1232  
savings bank, or credit union or any affiliate, agent, or employee 1233

of a bank, trust company, savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union; 1234  
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(b) Any money transmitter licensed under sections 1315.01 to 1315.18 of the Revised Code or any affiliate, agent, or employee of such a licensee. 1236  
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(2) "Financial services" means services that a financial institution is authorized to provide under Title XI, sections 1315.01 to 1315.18, or Chapter 1733. of the Revised Code, as applicable. 1239  
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(B) A financial institution that provides financial services to any cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory licensed under this chapter shall be exempt from any criminal law of this state an element of which may be proven by substantiating that a person provides financial services to a person who possesses, delivers, or manufactures marijuana or marijuana derived products, including section 2925.05 of the Revised Code and sections 2923.01 and 2923.03 of the Revised Code as those sections apply to violations of Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code, if the cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory is in compliance with this chapter and the applicable tax laws of this state. 1243  
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(C)(1) Notwithstanding section 149.43 of the Revised Code or any other public records law to the contrary, upon the request of a financial institution, the medical marijuana control commission shall provide to the financial institution all of the following information: 1255  
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(a) Whether a person with whom the financial institution is seeking to do business is a cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory licensed under this chapter; 1260  
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(b) The name of any other business or individual affiliated with the person; 1263  
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<u>(c) A copy of the application for a license under this</u>	1265
<u>chapter, and any supporting documentation, that was submitted by</u>	1266
<u>the person;</u>	1267
<u>(d) If applicable, information relating to sales and volume</u>	1268
<u>of product sold by the person;</u>	1269
<u>(e) Whether the person is in compliance with this chapter;</u>	1270
<u>(f) Any past or pending violation by the person of this</u>	1271
<u>chapter, and any penalty imposed on the person for such a</u>	1272
<u>violation.</u>	1273
<u>(2) The commission may charge a financial institution a</u>	1274
<u>reasonable fee to cover the administrative cost of providing the</u>	1275
<u>information.</u>	1276
<u>(D)(1) Notwithstanding section 149.43 of the Revised Code or</u>	1277
<u>any other public records law to the contrary or any law relating</u>	1278
<u>to the confidentiality of tax return information, upon the request</u>	1279
<u>of a financial institution, the department of taxation shall</u>	1280
<u>provide to the financial institution all of the following</u>	1281
<u>information:</u>	1282
<u>(a) Whether a cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or</u>	1283
<u>laboratory licensed under this chapter with whom the financial</u>	1284
<u>institution is seeking to do business is in compliance with the</u>	1285
<u>applicable tax laws of this state;</u>	1286
<u>(b) Any past or pending violation by the person of those tax</u>	1287
<u>laws, and any penalty imposed on the person for such a violation.</u>	1288
<u>(2) The department may charge a financial institution a</u>	1289
<u>reasonable fee to cover the administrative cost of providing the</u>	1290
<u>information.</u>	1291
<u>(E) Information received by a financial institution under</u>	1292
<u>division (C) or (D) of this section is confidential. Except as</u>	1293
<u>otherwise permitted by other state law or federal law, a financial</u>	1294

institution shall not make the information available to any person 1295  
other than the customer to whom the information applies and any 1296  
trustee, conservator, guardian, personal representative, or agent 1297  
of that customer. 1298

Sec. 3796.28. (A) Nothing in this chapter does any of the 1299  
following: 1300

(1) Requires an employer to permit or accommodate an 1301  
employee's use, possession, or distribution of medical marijuana; 1302

(2) Prohibits an employer from refusing to hire, discharging, 1303  
disciplining, or otherwise taking an adverse employment action 1304  
against a person with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, 1305  
or privileges of employment because of that person's use, 1306  
possession, or distribution of medical marijuana; 1307

(3) Prohibits an employer from establishing and enforcing a 1308  
drug testing policy, drug-free workplace policy, or zero-tolerance 1309  
drug policy; 1310

(4) Interferes with any federal restrictions on employment, 1311  
including the regulations adopted by the United States department 1312  
of transportation in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 1313  
as amended; 1314

(5) Permits a person to commence a cause of action against an 1315  
employer for refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining, 1316  
discriminating, retaliating, or otherwise taking an adverse 1317  
employment action against a person with respect to hire, tenure, 1318  
terms, conditions, or privileges of employment related to medical 1319  
marijuana; 1320

(6) Affects the authority of the administrator of workers' 1321  
compensation to grant rebates or discounts on premium rates to 1322  
employers that participate in a drug-free workplace program 1323  
established in accordance with rules adopted by the administrator 1324

under Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code. 1325

(B) A person who is discharged from employment because of 1326  
that person's use of medical marijuana shall be considered to have 1327  
been discharged for just cause for purposes of division (D) of 1328  
section 4141.29 of the Revised Code. 1329

Sec. 3796.29. The legislative authority of a municipal 1330  
corporation may adopt an ordinance, or a board of township 1331  
trustees may adopt a resolution, to prohibit, or limit the number 1332  
of, retail dispensaries of medical marijuana licensed under this 1333  
chapter within the municipal corporation or within the 1334  
unincorporated territory of the township, respectively. 1335

Sec. 3796.30. (A) No medical marijuana cultivator, processor, 1336  
retail dispensary, or laboratory that tests medical marijuana 1337  
shall be located within one thousand feet of the boundaries of a 1338  
parcel of real estate having situated on it a school, church, 1339  
public library, public playground, or public park. 1340

If the relocation of a cultivator, processor, retail 1341  
dispensary, or laboratory licensed under this chapter results in 1342  
the cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory being 1343  
located within one thousand feet of the boundaries of a parcel of 1344  
real estate having situated on it a school, church, public 1345  
library, public playground, or public park, the medical marijuana 1346  
control commission shall revoke the license previously issued to 1347  
the cultivator, processor, retail dispensary, or laboratory. 1348

(B) As used in this section and sections 3796.04 and 3796.12 1349  
of the Revised Code: 1350

"Church" has the meaning defined in section 1710.01 of the 1351  
Revised Code. 1352

"Public library" means a library provided for under Chapter 1353  
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"Public park" means a park established by the state or a political subdivision of the state including a county, township, municipal corporation, or park district. 1355  
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"Public playground" means a playground established by the state or a political subdivision of the state including a county, township, municipal corporation, or park district. 1358  
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"School" means a child day-care center as defined under section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, a preschool as defined under section 2950.034 of the Revised Code, or a public or nonpublic primary school or secondary school. 1361  
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**Sec. 4123.54.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this division or divisions (I) and (K) of this section, every employee, who is injured or who contracts an occupational disease, and the dependents of each employee who is killed, or dies as the result of an occupational disease contracted in the course of employment, wherever ~~such~~ the injury has occurred or occupational disease has been contracted, ~~provided the same were not:~~ 1365  
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~~(1) Purposely self-inflicted; or~~ 1372

~~(2) Caused by the employee being intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by a physician where the intoxication or being under the influence of the controlled substance not prescribed by a physician was the proximate cause of the injury, is entitled to receive, either directly from the employee's self-insuring employer as provided in section 4123.35 of the Revised Code, or from the state insurance fund, the compensation for loss sustained on account of the injury, occupational disease, or death, and the medical, nurse, and hospital services and medicines, and the amount of funeral expenses in case of death, as are provided by this chapter. The compensation and benefits shall be provided, as applicable, directly from the employee's self-insuring employer as provided in~~ 1373  
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section 4123.35 of the Revised Code or from the state insurance fund. An employee or dependent is not entitled to receive compensation or benefits under this division if the employee's injury or occupational disease is either of the following: 1386  
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(1) Purposely self-inflicted; 1390

(2) Caused by the employee being intoxicated, under the influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by a physician, or under the influence of marihuana if being intoxicated, under the influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by a physician, or under the influence of marihuana was the proximate cause of the injury. 1391  
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(B) For the purpose of this section, provided that an employer has posted written notice to employees that the results of, or the employee's refusal to submit to, any chemical test described under this division may affect the employee's eligibility for compensation and benefits pursuant to this chapter and Chapter 4121. of the Revised Code, there is a rebuttable presumption that an employee is intoxicated ~~or~~, under the influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by the employee's physician, or under the influence of marihuana and that being intoxicated ~~or~~, under the influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by the employee's physician, or under the influence of marihuana is the proximate cause of an injury under either of the following conditions: 1397  
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(1) When any one or more of the following is true: 1410

(a) The employee, through a qualifying chemical test administered within eight hours of an injury, is determined to have an alcohol concentration level equal to or in excess of the levels established in divisions (A)(1)(b) to (i) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code; 1411  
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(b) The employee, through a qualifying chemical test 1416

administered within thirty-two hours of an injury, is determined 1417  
to have one of the following controlled substances not prescribed 1418  
by the employee's physician or marihuana in the employee's system 1419  
that tests above the following levels in an enzyme multiplied 1420  
immunoassay technique screening test and above the levels 1421  
established in division (B)(1)(c) of this section in a gas 1422  
chromatography mass spectrometry test: 1423

(i) For amphetamines, one thousand nanograms per milliliter 1424  
of urine; 1425

(ii) For cannabinoids, fifty nanograms per milliliter of 1426  
urine; 1427

(iii) For cocaine, including crack cocaine, three hundred 1428  
nanograms per milliliter of urine; 1429

(iv) For opiates, two thousand nanograms per milliliter of 1430  
urine; 1431

(v) For phencyclidine, twenty-five nanograms per milliliter 1432  
of urine. 1433

(c) The employee, through a qualifying chemical test 1434  
administered within thirty-two hours of an injury, is determined 1435  
to have one of the following controlled substances not prescribed 1436  
by the employee's physician or marihuana in the employee's system 1437  
that tests above the following levels by a gas chromatography mass 1438  
spectrometry test: 1439

(i) For amphetamines, five hundred nanograms per milliliter 1440  
of urine; 1441

(ii) For cannabinoids, fifteen nanograms per milliliter of 1442  
urine; 1443

(iii) For cocaine, including crack cocaine, one hundred fifty 1444  
nanograms per milliliter of urine; 1445

(iv) For opiates, two thousand nanograms per milliliter of 1446



urine; 1447

(v) For phencyclidine, twenty-five nanograms per milliliter 1448  
of urine. 1449

(d) The employee, through a qualifying chemical test 1450  
administered within thirty-two hours of an injury, is determined 1451  
to have barbiturates, benzodiazepines, methadone, or propoxyphene 1452  
in the employee's system that tests above levels established by 1453  
laboratories certified by the United States department of health 1454  
and human services. 1455

(2) When the employee refuses to submit to a requested 1456  
chemical test, on the condition that that employee is or was given 1457  
notice that the refusal to submit to any chemical test described 1458  
in division (B)(1) of this section may affect the employee's 1459  
eligibility for compensation and benefits under this chapter and 1460  
Chapter 4121. of the Revised Code. 1461

(C)(1) For purposes of division (B) of this section, a 1462  
chemical test is a qualifying chemical test if it is administered 1463  
to an employee after an injury under at least one of the following 1464  
conditions: 1465

(a) When the employee's employer had reasonable cause to 1466  
suspect that the employee may be intoxicated ~~or~~ under the 1467  
influence of a controlled substance not prescribed by the 1468  
employee's physician, or under the influence of marihuana; 1469

(b) At the request of a police officer pursuant to section 1470  
4511.191 of the Revised Code, and not at the request of the 1471  
employee's employer; 1472

(c) At the request of a licensed physician who is not 1473  
employed by the employee's employer, and not at the request of the 1474  
employee's employer. 1475

(2) As used in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, 1476

"reasonable cause" means, but is not limited to, evidence that an employee is or was using alcohol ~~or~~, a controlled substance, or marihuana drawn from specific, objective facts and reasonable inferences drawn from these facts in light of experience and training. These facts and inferences may be based on, but are not limited to, any of the following:

(a) Observable phenomena, such as direct observation of use, possession, or distribution of alcohol ~~or~~, a controlled substance, or marihuana, or of the physical symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol ~~or~~, a controlled substance, or marihuana, such as but not limited to slurred speech; dilated pupils; odor of alcohol ~~or~~, a controlled substance, or marihuana; changes in affect; or dynamic mood swings;

(b) A pattern of abnormal conduct, erratic or aberrant behavior, or deteriorating work performance such as frequent absenteeism, excessive tardiness, or recurrent accidents, that appears to be related to the use of alcohol ~~or~~, a controlled substance, or marihuana, and does not appear to be attributable to other factors;

(c) The identification of an employee as the focus of a criminal investigation into unauthorized possession, use, or trafficking of a controlled substance or marihuana;

(d) A report of use of alcohol ~~or~~, a controlled substance, or marihuana provided by a reliable and credible source;

(e) Repeated or flagrant violations of the safety or work rules of the employee's employer, that are determined by the employee's supervisor to pose a substantial risk of physical injury or property damage and that appear to be related to the use of alcohol ~~or~~, a controlled substance, or marihuana and that do not appear attributable to other factors.

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the

rights of an employer to test employees for alcohol or controlled 1508  
substance abuse. 1509

(E) For the purpose of this section, laboratories certified 1510  
by the United States department of health and human services or 1511  
laboratories that meet or exceed the standards of that department 1512  
for laboratory certification shall be used for processing the test 1513  
results of a qualifying chemical test. 1514

(F) The written notice required by division (B) of this 1515  
section shall be the same size or larger than the proof of 1516  
workers' compensation coverage furnished by the bureau of workers' 1517  
compensation and shall be posted by the employer in the same 1518  
location as the proof of workers' compensation coverage or the 1519  
certificate of self-insurance. 1520

(G) If a condition that pre-existed an injury is 1521  
substantially aggravated by the injury, and that substantial 1522  
aggravation is documented by objective diagnostic findings, 1523  
objective clinical findings, or objective test results, no 1524  
compensation or benefits are payable because of the pre-existing 1525  
condition once that condition has returned to a level that would 1526  
have existed without the injury. 1527

(H)(1) Whenever, with respect to an employee of an employer 1528  
who is subject to and has complied with this chapter, there is 1529  
possibility of conflict with respect to the application of 1530  
workers' compensation laws because the contract of employment is 1531  
entered into and all or some portion of the work is or is to be 1532  
performed in a state or states other than Ohio, the employer and 1533  
the employee may agree to be bound by the laws of this state or by 1534  
the laws of some other state in which all or some portion of the 1535  
work of the employee is to be performed. The agreement shall be in 1536  
writing and shall be filed with the bureau of workers' 1537  
compensation within ten days after it is executed and shall remain 1538  
in force until terminated or modified by agreement of the parties 1539

similarly filed. If the agreement is to be bound by the laws of 1540  
this state and the employer has complied with this chapter, then 1541  
the employee is entitled to compensation and benefits regardless 1542  
of where the injury occurs or the disease is contracted and the 1543  
rights of the employee and the employee's dependents under the 1544  
laws of this state are the exclusive remedy against the employer 1545  
on account of injury, disease, or death in the course of and 1546  
arising out of the employee's employment. If the agreement is to 1547  
be bound by the laws of another state and the employer has 1548  
complied with the laws of that state, the rights of the employee 1549  
and the employee's dependents under the laws of that state are the 1550  
exclusive remedy against the employer on account of injury, 1551  
disease, or death in the course of and arising out of the 1552  
employee's employment without regard to the place where the injury 1553  
was sustained or the disease contracted. If an employer and an 1554  
employee enter into an agreement under this division, the fact 1555  
that the employer and the employee entered into that agreement 1556  
shall not be construed to change the status of an employee whose 1557  
continued employment is subject to the will of the employer or the 1558  
employee, unless the agreement contains a provision that expressly 1559  
changes that status. 1560

(2) If an employee or the employee's dependents receive an 1561  
award of compensation or benefits under this chapter or Chapter 1562  
4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code for the same injury, 1563  
occupational disease, or death for which the employee or the 1564  
employee's dependents previously pursued or otherwise elected to 1565  
accept workers' compensation benefits and received a decision on 1566  
the merits as defined in section 4123.542 of the Revised Code 1567  
under the laws of another state or recovered damages under the 1568  
laws of another state, the claim shall be disallowed and the 1569  
administrator or any self-insuring employer, by any lawful means, 1570  
may collect from the employee or the employee's dependents any of 1571  
the following: 1572

~~(i)~~(a) The amount of compensation or benefits paid to or on behalf of the employee or the employee's dependents by the administrator or a self-insuring employer pursuant to this chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code for that award;

~~(ii)~~(b) Any interest, attorney's fees, and costs the administrator or the self-insuring employer incurs in collecting that payment.

(3) If an employee or the employee's dependents receive an award of compensation or benefits under this chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code and subsequently pursue or otherwise elect to accept workers' compensation benefits or damages under the laws of another state for the same injury, occupational disease, or death the claim under this chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code shall be disallowed. The administrator or a self-insuring employer, by any lawful means, may collect from the employee or the employee's dependents or other-states' insurer any of the following:

~~(i)~~(a) The amount of compensation or benefits paid to or on behalf of the employee or the employee's dependents by the administrator or the self-insuring employer pursuant to this chapter or Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code for that award;

~~(ii)~~(b) Any interest, costs, and attorney's fees the administrator or the self-insuring employer incurs in collecting that payment;

~~(iii)~~(c) Any costs incurred by an employer in contesting or responding to any claim filed by the employee or the employee's dependents for the same injury, occupational disease, or death that was filed after the original claim for which the employee or the employee's dependents received a decision on the merits as

described in section 4123.542 of the Revised Code. 1604

(4) If the employee's employer pays premiums into the state 1605  
insurance fund, the administrator shall not charge the amount of 1606  
compensation or benefits the administrator collects pursuant to 1607  
division (H)(2) or (3) of this section to the employer's 1608  
experience. If the administrator collects any costs incurred by an 1609  
employer in contesting or responding to any claim pursuant to 1610  
division (H)(2) or (3) of this section, the administrator shall 1611  
forward the amount collected to that employer. If the employee's 1612  
employer is a self-insuring employer, the self-insuring employer 1613  
shall deduct the amount of compensation or benefits the 1614  
self-insuring employer collects pursuant to this division from the 1615  
paid compensation the self-insuring employer reports to the 1616  
administrator under division (L) of section 4123.35 of the Revised 1617  
Code. 1618

(5) If an employee is a resident of a state other than this 1619  
state and is insured under the workers' compensation law or 1620  
similar laws of a state other than this state, the employee and 1621  
the employee's dependents are not entitled to receive compensation 1622  
or benefits under this chapter, on account of injury, disease, or 1623  
death arising out of or in the course of employment while 1624  
temporarily within this state, and the rights of the employee and 1625  
the employee's dependents under the laws of the other state are 1626  
the exclusive remedy against the employer on account of the 1627  
injury, disease, or death. 1628

(6) An employee, or the dependent of an employee, who elects 1629  
to receive compensation and benefits under this chapter or Chapter 1630  
4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code for a claim may not 1631  
receive compensation and benefits under the workers' compensation 1632  
laws of any state other than this state for that same claim. For 1633  
each claim submitted by or on behalf of an employee, the 1634  
administrator or, if the employee is employed by a self-insuring 1635

employer, the self-insuring employer, shall request the employee 1636  
or the employee's dependent to sign an election that affirms the 1637  
employee's or employee's dependent's acceptance of electing to 1638  
receive compensation and benefits under this chapter or Chapter 1639  
4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code for that claim that 1640  
also affirmatively waives and releases the employee's or the 1641  
employee's dependent's right to file for and receive compensation 1642  
and benefits under the laws of any state other than this state for 1643  
that claim. The employee or employee's dependent shall sign the 1644  
election form within twenty-eight days after the administrator or 1645  
self-insuring employer submits the request or the administrator or 1646  
self-insuring employer shall dismiss that claim. 1647

In the event a workers' compensation claim has been filed in 1648  
another jurisdiction on behalf of an employee or the dependents of 1649  
an employee, and the employee or dependents subsequently elect to 1650  
receive compensation, benefits, or both under this chapter or 1651  
Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code, the employee 1652  
or dependent shall withdraw or refuse acceptance of the workers' 1653  
compensation claim filed in the other jurisdiction in order to 1654  
pursue compensation or benefits under the laws of this state. If 1655  
the employee or dependents were awarded workers' compensation 1656  
benefits or had recovered damages under the laws of the other 1657  
state, any compensation and benefits awarded under this chapter or 1658  
~~Chapters~~ Chapter 4121., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code shall 1659  
be paid only to the extent to which those payments exceed the 1660  
amounts paid under the laws of the other state. If the employee or 1661  
dependent fails to withdraw or to refuse acceptance of the 1662  
workers' compensation claim in the other jurisdiction within 1663  
twenty-eight days after a request made by the administrator or a 1664  
self-insuring employer, the administrator or self-insuring 1665  
employer shall dismiss the employee's or employee's dependents' 1666  
claim made in this state. 1667

(I) If an employee who is covered under the federal 1668  
"Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act," 98 Stat. 1639, 1669  
33 U.S.C. 901 et seq., is injured or contracts an occupational 1670  
disease or dies as a result of an injury or occupational disease, 1671  
and if that employee's or that employee's dependents' claim for 1672  
compensation or benefits for that injury, occupational disease, or 1673  
death is subject to the jurisdiction of that act, the employee or 1674  
the employee's dependents are not entitled to apply for and shall 1675  
not receive compensation or benefits under this chapter and 1676  
Chapter 4121. of the Revised Code. The rights of such an employee 1677  
and the employee's dependents under the federal "Longshore and 1678  
Harbor Workers' Compensation Act," 98 Stat. 1639, 33 U.S.C. 901 et 1679  
seq., are the exclusive remedy against the employer for that 1680  
injury, occupational disease, or death. 1681

(J) Compensation or benefits are not payable to a claimant 1682  
during the period of confinement of the claimant in any state or 1683  
federal correctional institution, or in any county jail in lieu of 1684  
incarceration in a state or federal correctional institution, 1685  
whether in this or any other state for conviction of violation of 1686  
any state or federal criminal law. 1687

(K) An employer, upon the approval of the administrator, may 1688  
provide for workers' compensation coverage for the employer's 1689  
employees who are professional athletes and coaches by submitting 1690  
to the administrator proof of coverage under a league policy 1691  
issued under the laws of another state under either of the 1692  
following circumstances: 1693

(1) The employer administers the payroll and workers' 1694  
compensation insurance for a professional sports team subject to a 1695  
collective bargaining agreement, and the collective bargaining 1696  
agreement provides for the uniform administration of workers' 1697  
compensation benefits and compensation for professional athletes. 1698

(2) The employer is a professional sports league, or is a 1699



member team of a professional sports league, and all of the 1700  
following apply: 1701

(a) The professional sports league operates as a single 1702  
entity, whereby all of the players and coaches of the sports 1703  
league are employees of the sports league and not of the 1704  
individual member teams. 1705

(b) The professional sports league at all times maintains 1706  
workers' compensation insurance that provides coverage for the 1707  
players and coaches of the sports league. 1708

(c) Each individual member team of the professional sports 1709  
league, pursuant to the organizational or operating documents of 1710  
the sports league, is obligated to the sports league to pay to the 1711  
sports league any workers' compensation claims that are not 1712  
covered by the workers' compensation insurance maintained by the 1713  
sports league. 1714

If the administrator approves the employer's proof of 1715  
coverage submitted under division (K) of this section, a 1716  
professional athlete or coach who is an employee of the employer 1717  
and the dependents of the professional athlete or coach are not 1718  
entitled to apply for and shall not receive compensation or 1719  
benefits under this chapter and Chapter 4121. of the Revised Code. 1720  
The rights of such an athlete or coach and the dependents of such 1721  
an athlete or coach under the laws of the state where the policy 1722  
was issued are the exclusive remedy against the employer for the 1723  
athlete or coach if the athlete or coach suffers an injury or 1724  
contracts an occupational disease in the course of employment, or 1725  
for the dependents of the athlete or the coach if the athlete or 1726  
coach is killed as a result of an injury or dies as a result of an 1727  
occupational disease, regardless of the location where the injury 1728  
was suffered or the occupational disease was contracted. 1729

**Sec. 4729.75.** The state board of pharmacy may establish and 1730

maintain a drug database. The board shall use the drug database to 1731  
monitor the misuse and diversion of the following: controlled 1732  
substances, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code; i 1733  
medical marijuana, as authorized under Chapter 3796. of the 1734  
Revised Code; and other dangerous drugs the board includes in the 1735  
database pursuant to rules adopted under section 4729.84 of the 1736  
Revised Code. In establishing and maintaining the database, the 1737  
board shall electronically collect information pursuant to 1738  
sections 4729.77, 4729.771, and 4729.79 of the Revised Code and 1739  
shall disseminate information as authorized or required by 1740  
sections 4729.80 and 4729.81 of the Revised Code. The board's 1741  
collection and dissemination of information shall be conducted in 1742  
accordance with rules adopted under section 4729.84 of the Revised 1743  
Code. 1744

Sec. 4729.771. (A) If the state board of pharmacy establishes 1745  
and maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the 1746  
Revised Code, each retail dispensary licensed under Chapter 3796. 1747  
of the Revised Code by the medical marijuana control commission 1748  
shall submit to the board the following information regarding 1749  
medical marijuana dispensed to a patient: 1750

(1) Retail dispensary identification; 1751

(2) Patient identification; 1752

(3) Recommending physician identification; 1753

(4) Date of physician recommendation; 1754

(5) If provided to the retail dispensary, the "International 1755  
Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health 1756  
Problems" classification specified on the recommendation issued by 1757  
the qualifying physician as described in section 3796.10 of the 1758  
Revised Code; 1759

(6) Date marijuana was dispensed; 1760

<u>(7) Form, quality, and clinical strength of marijuana dispensed;</u>	1761
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<u>(8) Quantity of marijuana dispensed;</u>	1763
<u>(9) Number of days' supply of marijuana dispensed;</u>	1764
<u>(10) Source of payment for the marijuana dispensed.</u>	1765
<u>(B)(1) The information shall be transmitted as specified by the board in rules adopted under section 4729.84 of the Revised Code.</u>	1766
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<u>(2) The information shall be submitted in accordance with any time limits specified by the board, except that the board may grant an extension if either of the following occurs:</u>	1769
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<u>(a) The retail dispensary's transmission system suffers a mechanical or electronic failure or the retail dispensary cannot meet the deadline for other reasons beyond the dispensary's control.</u>	1772
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<u>(b) The board is unable to receive electronic submissions.</u>	1776
<u>(C) The information required to be submitted under division (A) of this section may be submitted on behalf of the retail dispensary by a delegate approved by that dispensary.</u>	1777
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<b>Sec. 4729.80.</b> (A) If the state board of pharmacy establishes and maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code, the board is authorized or required to provide information from the database in accordance with the following:	1780
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(1) On receipt of a request from a designated representative of a government entity responsible for the licensure, regulation, or discipline of health care professionals with authority to prescribe, administer, or dispense drugs, the board may provide to the representative information from the database relating to the professional who is the subject of an active investigation being	1784
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conducted by the government entity. 1790

(2) On receipt of a request from a federal officer, or a 1791  
state or local officer of this or any other state, whose duties 1792  
include enforcing laws relating to drugs, the board shall provide 1793  
to the officer information from the database relating to the 1794  
person who is the subject of an active investigation of a drug 1795  
abuse offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, 1796  
being conducted by the officer's employing government entity. 1797

(3) Pursuant to a subpoena issued by a grand jury, the board 1798  
shall provide to the grand jury information from the database 1799  
relating to the person who is the subject of an investigation 1800  
being conducted by the grand jury. 1801

(4) Pursuant to a subpoena, search warrant, or court order in 1802  
connection with the investigation or prosecution of a possible or 1803  
alleged criminal offense, the board shall provide information from 1804  
the database as necessary to comply with the subpoena, search 1805  
warrant, or court order. 1806

(5) On receipt of a request from a prescriber or the 1807  
prescriber's delegate approved by the board, the board shall 1808  
provide to the prescriber a report of information from the 1809  
database relating to a patient who is either a current patient of 1810  
the prescriber or a potential patient of the prescriber based on a 1811  
referral of the patient to the prescriber, if all of the following 1812  
conditions are met: 1813

(a) The prescriber certifies in a form specified by the board 1814  
that it is for the purpose of providing medical treatment to the 1815  
patient who is the subject of the request; 1816

(b) The prescriber has not been denied access to the database 1817  
by the board. 1818

(6) On receipt of a request from a pharmacist or the 1819  
pharmacist's delegate approved by the board, the board shall 1820

provide to the pharmacist information from the database relating 1821  
to a current patient of the pharmacist, if the pharmacist 1822  
certifies in a form specified by the board that it is for the 1823  
purpose of the pharmacist's practice of pharmacy involving the 1824  
patient who is the subject of the request and the pharmacist has 1825  
not been denied access to the database by the board. 1826

(7) On receipt of a request from an individual seeking the 1827  
individual's own database information in accordance with the 1828  
procedure established in rules adopted under section 4729.84 of 1829  
the Revised Code, the board may provide to the individual the 1830  
individual's own database information. 1831

(8) On receipt of a request from a medical director or a 1832  
pharmacy director of a managed care organization that has entered 1833  
into a contract with the department of medicaid under section 1834  
5167.10 of the Revised Code and a data security agreement with the 1835  
board required by section 5167.14 of the Revised Code, the board 1836  
shall provide to the medical director or the pharmacy director 1837  
information from the database relating to a medicaid recipient 1838  
enrolled in the managed care organization, including information 1839  
in the database related to prescriptions for the recipient that 1840  
were not covered or reimbursed under a program administered by the 1841  
department of medicaid. 1842

(9) On receipt of a request from the medicaid director, the 1843  
board shall provide to the director information from the database 1844  
relating to a recipient of a program administered by the 1845  
department of medicaid, including information in the database 1846  
related to prescriptions for the recipient that were not covered 1847  
or paid by a program administered by the department. 1848

(10) On receipt of a request from a medical director of a 1849  
managed care organization that has entered into a contract with 1850  
the administrator of workers' compensation under division (B)(4) 1851  
of section 4121.44 of the Revised Code and a data security 1852

agreement with the board required by section 4121.447 of the Revised Code, the board shall provide to the medical director information from the database relating to a claimant under Chapter 4121., 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code assigned to the managed care organization, including information in the database related to prescriptions for the claimant that were not covered or reimbursed under Chapter 4121., 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code, if the administrator of workers' compensation confirms, upon request from the board, that the claimant is assigned to the managed care organization.

(11) On receipt of a request from the administrator of workers' compensation, the board shall provide to the administrator information from the database relating to a claimant under Chapter 4121., 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code, including information in the database related to prescriptions for the claimant that were not covered or reimbursed under Chapter 4121., 4123., 4127., or 4131. of the Revised Code.

(12) On receipt of a request from a prescriber or the prescriber's delegate approved by the board, the board shall provide to the prescriber information from the database relating to a patient's mother, if the prescriber certifies in a form specified by the board that it is for the purpose of providing medical treatment to a newborn or infant patient diagnosed as opioid dependent and the prescriber has not been denied access to the database by the board.

(13) On receipt of a request from the director of health, the board shall provide to the director information from the database relating to the duties of the director or the department of health in implementing the Ohio violent death reporting system established under section 3701.93 of the Revised Code.

(14) On receipt of a request from a requestor described in division (A)(1), (2), (5), or (6) of this section who is from or

participating with another state's prescription monitoring 1885  
program, the board may provide to the requestor information from 1886  
the database, but only if there is a written agreement under which 1887  
the information is to be used and disseminated according to the 1888  
laws of this state. 1889

(15) On receipt of a request from a delegate of a retail 1890  
dispensary licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code who is 1891  
approved by the board to serve as the dispensary's delegate, the 1892  
board shall provide to the delegate a report of information from 1893  
the database relating to a patient, if both of the following 1894  
conditions are met: 1895

(a) The delegate certifies in a form specified by the board 1896  
that it is for the purpose of distributing medical marijuana for 1897  
use in accordance with Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code. 1898

(b) The retail dispensary or delegate has not been denied 1899  
access to the database by the board. 1900

(16) On receipt of a request from a designated representative 1901  
of the medical marijuana control commission, the board shall 1902  
provide to the representative information from the database 1903  
relating to the "International Statistical Classification of 1904  
Diseases and Related Health Problems" classifications used by 1905  
qualifying physicians as reported to the board pursuant to section 1906  
4729.771 of the Revised Code. 1907

(B) The state board of pharmacy shall maintain a record of 1908  
each individual or entity that requests information from the 1909  
database pursuant to this section. In accordance with rules 1910  
adopted under section 4729.84 of the Revised Code, the board may 1911  
use the records to document and report statistics and law 1912  
enforcement outcomes. 1913

The board may provide records of an individual's requests for 1914  
database information to the following: 1915

(1) A designated representative of a government entity that 1916  
is responsible for the licensure, regulation, or discipline of 1917  
health care professionals with authority to prescribe, administer, 1918  
or dispense drugs who is involved in an active investigation being 1919  
conducted by the government entity of the individual who submitted 1920  
the requests for database information; 1921

(2) A federal officer, or a state or local officer of this or 1922  
any other state, whose duties include enforcing laws relating to 1923  
drugs and who is involved in an active investigation being 1924  
conducted by the officer's employing government entity of the 1925  
individual who submitted the requests for database information. 1926

(C) Information contained in the database and any information 1927  
obtained from it is not a public record. Information contained in 1928  
the records of requests for information from the database is not a 1929  
public record. Information that does not identify a person may be 1930  
released in summary, statistical, or aggregate form. 1931

(D) A pharmacist or prescriber shall not be held liable in 1932  
damages to any person in any civil action for injury, death, or 1933  
loss to person or property on the basis that the pharmacist or 1934  
prescriber did or did not seek or obtain information from the 1935  
database. 1936

**Sec. 4729.81.** If the state board of pharmacy establishes and 1937  
maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the 1938  
Revised Code, the board shall review the information in the drug 1939  
database. If the board determines from the review that a violation 1940  
of law may have occurred, it shall notify the appropriate law 1941  
enforcement agency or a government entity responsible for the 1942  
licensure, regulation, or discipline of licensed health 1943  
professionals authorized to prescribe drugs and supply information 1944  
required by the agency or entity for an investigation of the 1945  
violation of law that may have occurred. The board ~~also~~ shall 1946



notify the medicaid director if the board determines that the 1947  
violation may have been committed by a provider of services under 1948  
a program administered by the department of medicaid. The board 1949  
shall notify the medical marijuana control commission if the board 1950  
determines that a violation may have been committed by a retail 1951  
dispensary licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code by the 1952  
medical marijuana control commission. 1953

**Sec. 4729.82.** If the state board of pharmacy establishes a 1954  
drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code, the 1955  
information collected for the database shall be retained in the 1956  
database for at least three years. Any information that identifies 1957  
a patient shall be destroyed after it has been retained for three 1958  
years unless a law enforcement agency ~~or~~, a government entity 1959  
responsible for the licensure, regulation, or discipline of 1960  
licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs, or 1961  
the medical marijuana control commission has submitted a written 1962  
request to the board for retention of the information in 1963  
accordance with rules adopted by the board under section 4729.84 1964  
of the Revised Code. 1965

**Sec. 4729.83.** (A) If the state board of pharmacy establishes 1966  
and maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the 1967  
Revised Code, the board may use, for the purpose of establishing 1968  
or maintaining the database, any portion of the fees collected 1969  
under section 4729.15, 4729.52, or 4729.54 of the Revised Code for 1970  
the licensing or registration of pharmacists, pharmacy interns, 1971  
wholesale distributors of dangerous drugs, or terminal 1972  
distributors of dangerous drugs. The board shall not increase the 1973  
amount of any of those fees solely for the purpose of establishing 1974  
or maintaining the database. 1975

The board shall not impose any charge on a prescriber for the 1976  
establishment or maintenance of the database. The board shall not 1977

impose any charge for the establishment or maintenance of the 1978  
database on a retail dispensary licensed under Chapter 3796. of 1979  
the Revised Code by the medical marijuana control commission. 1980

The board shall not charge any fees for the transmission of 1981  
data to the database or for the receipt of information from the 1982  
database, except that the board may charge a fee in accordance 1983  
with rules adopted under section 4729.84 of the Revised Code to an 1984  
individual who requests the individual's own database information 1985  
under section 4729.80 of the Revised Code. 1986

(B) The board may accept grants, gifts, or donations for 1987  
purposes of the drug database. Any money received shall be 1988  
deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the drug 1989  
database fund, which is hereby created. Money in the fund shall be 1990  
used solely for purposes of the drug database. 1991

**Sec. 4729.84.** For purposes of establishing and maintaining a 1992  
drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code, the 1993  
state board of pharmacy shall adopt rules in accordance with 1994  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to carry out and enforce sections 1995  
4729.75 to 4729.83 of the Revised Code. The rules shall specify 1996  
all of the following: 1997

(A) A means of identifying each patient, each terminal 1998  
distributor of dangerous drugs, ~~and~~ each purchase at wholesale of 1999  
dangerous drugs, and each retail dispensary licensed under Chapter 2000  
3796. of the Revised Code by the medical marijuana control 2001  
commission about which information is entered into the drug 2002  
database; 2003

(B) Requirements for the transmission of information from 2004  
terminal distributors of dangerous drugs, wholesale distributors 2005  
of dangerous drugs, ~~and~~ prescribers, and retail dispensaries; 2006

(C) An electronic format for the submission of information 2007

from terminal distributors, wholesale distributors, ~~and~~ 2008  
prescribers, and retail dispensaries; 2009

(D) A procedure whereby a terminal distributor-, wholesale 2010  
distributor, ~~or~~ prescriber, or retail dispensary unable to submit 2011  
information electronically may obtain a waiver to submit 2012  
information in another format; 2013

(E) A procedure whereby the board may grant a request from a 2014  
law enforcement agency ~~or~~, from a government entity responsible 2015  
for the licensure, regulation, or discipline of licensed health 2016  
professionals authorized to prescribe drugs, or from the medical 2017  
marijuana control commission that information that has been stored 2018  
for three years be retained when the information pertains to an 2019  
open investigation being conducted by the agency or entity; 2020

(F) A procedure whereby a terminal distributor, wholesale 2021  
distributor, ~~or~~ prescriber, or retail dispensary may apply for an 2022  
extension to the time by which information must be transmitted to 2023  
the board; 2024

(G) A procedure whereby a person or government entity to 2025  
which the board is authorized to provide information may submit a 2026  
request to the board for the information and the board may verify 2027  
the identity of the requestor; 2028

(H) A procedure whereby the board can use the database 2029  
request records required by division (B) of section 4729.80 of the 2030  
Revised Code to document and report statistics and law enforcement 2031  
outcomes; 2032

(I) A procedure whereby an individual may request the 2033  
individual's own database information and the board may verify the 2034  
identity of the requestor; 2035

(J) A reasonable fee that the board may charge under section 2036  
4729.83 of the Revised Code for providing an individual with the 2037  
individual's own database information pursuant to section 4729.80 2038

of the Revised Code; 2039

(K) The other specific dangerous drugs that, in addition to 2040  
controlled substances, must be included in the database; 2041

(L) The types of pharmacies licensed as terminal distributors 2042  
of dangerous drugs that are required to submit prescription 2043  
information to the board pursuant to section 4729.77 of the 2044  
Revised Code. 2045

**Sec. 4729.85.** If the state board of pharmacy establishes and 2046  
maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the 2047  
Revised Code, the board shall prepare reports regarding the 2048  
database and present or submit them in accordance with both of the 2049  
following: 2050

(A) The board shall present a biennial report to the standing 2051  
committees of the house of representatives and the senate that are 2052  
primarily responsible for considering health and human services 2053  
issues. Each 2054

~~Each~~ report shall include all of the following: 2055

(1) The cost to the state of establishing and maintaining the 2056  
database; 2057

(2) Information from the board, terminal distributors of 2058  
dangerous drugs, prescribers, and ~~the board~~ retail dispensaries 2059  
licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code by the medical 2060  
marijuana control commission regarding the board's effectiveness 2061  
in providing information from the database; 2062

(3) The board's timeliness in transmitting information from 2063  
the database. 2064

(B) The board shall submit a semiannual report to the 2065  
governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of 2066  
representatives, the attorney general, the chairpersons of the 2067  
standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate 2068

that are primarily responsible for considering health and human 2069  
services issues, the department of public safety, the medical 2070  
marijuana control commission, the state dental board, the board of 2071  
nursing, the state board of optometry, the state medical board, 2072  
and the state veterinary medical licensing board. The state board 2073  
of pharmacy shall make the report available to the public on its 2074  
internet web site. Each report submitted shall include all of the 2075  
following for the period covered by the report: 2076

(1) An aggregate of the information submitted to the board 2077  
under section 4729.77 of the Revised Code regarding prescriptions 2078  
for controlled substances containing opioids, including all of the 2079  
following: 2080

(a) The number of prescribers who issued the prescriptions; 2081

(b) The number of patients to whom the controlled substances 2082  
were dispensed; 2083

(c) The average quantity of the controlled substances 2084  
dispensed per prescription; 2085

(d) The average daily morphine equivalent dose of the 2086  
controlled substances dispensed per prescription. 2087

(2) An aggregate of the information submitted to the board 2088  
under section 4729.79 of the Revised Code regarding controlled 2089  
substances containing opioids that have been personally furnished 2090  
to a patient by a prescriber, other than a prescriber who is a 2091  
veterinarian, including all of the following: 2092

(a) The number of prescribers who personally furnished the 2093  
controlled substances; 2094

(b) The number of patients to whom the controlled substances 2095  
were personally furnished; 2096

(c) The average quantity of the controlled substances that 2097  
were furnished at one time; 2098

(d) The average daily morphine equivalent dose of the controlled substances that were furnished at one time.

(3) An aggregate of the information submitted to the board under section 4729.771 of the Revised Code regarding medical marijuana, including all of the following:

(a) The number of retail dispensaries that dispensed marijuana;

(b) The number of patients to whom marijuana was dispensed;

(c) The average supply of marijuana dispensed at one time;

(d) The average daily dose of marijuana dispensed;

(e) The types of diseases or conditions for which treatment with medical marijuana was recommended.

**Sec. 4729.86.** If the state board of pharmacy establishes and maintains a drug database pursuant to section 4729.75 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply:

(A)(1) No person identified in divisions (A)(1) to (13), (A)(15), (A)(16), or (B) of section 4729.80 of the Revised Code shall disseminate any written or electronic information the person receives from the drug database or otherwise provide another person access to the information that the person receives from the database, except as follows:

(a) When necessary in the investigation or prosecution of a possible or alleged criminal offense;

(b) When a person provides the information to the prescriber ~~or~~, pharmacist, or retail dispensary licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code for whom the person is approved by the board to serve as a delegate of the prescriber ~~or~~, pharmacist, or retail dispensary for purposes of requesting and receiving information from the drug database under division (A)(5) ~~or~~, (6), or (15) of

section 4729.80 of the Revised Code; 2128

(c) When a prescriber ~~or~~, pharmacist, or retail dispensary 2129  
licensed under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code provides the 2130  
information to a person who is approved by the board to serve as 2131  
such a delegate of the prescriber ~~or~~, pharmacist, or retail 2132  
dispensary; 2133

(d) When a prescriber or pharmacist includes the information 2134  
in a medical record, as defined in section 3701.74 of the Revised 2135  
Code. 2136

(2) No person shall provide false information to the state 2137  
board of pharmacy with the intent to obtain or alter information 2138  
contained in the drug database. 2139

(3) No person shall obtain drug database information by any 2140  
means except as provided under section 4729.80 or 4729.81 of the 2141  
Revised Code. 2142

(B) A person shall not use information obtained pursuant to 2143  
division (A) of section 4729.80 of the Revised Code as evidence in 2144  
any civil or administrative proceeding. 2145

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, 2146  
after providing notice and affording an opportunity for a hearing 2147  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board may 2148  
restrict a person from obtaining further information from the drug 2149  
database if any of the following is the case: 2150

(a) The person violates division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this 2151  
section; 2152

(b) The person is a requestor identified in division (A)(14) 2153  
of section 4729.80 of the Revised Code and the board determines 2154  
that the person's actions in another state would have constituted 2155  
a violation of division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section; 2156

(c) The person fails to comply with division (B) of this 2157

section, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the failure to 2158  
comply occurred; 2159

(d) The person creates, by clear and convincing evidence, a 2160  
threat to the security of information contained in the database. 2161

(2) If the board determines that allegations regarding a 2162  
person's actions warrant restricting the person from obtaining 2163  
further information from the drug database without a prior 2164  
hearing, the board may summarily impose the restriction. A 2165  
telephone conference call may be used for reviewing the 2166  
allegations and taking a vote on the summary restriction. The 2167  
summary restriction shall remain in effect, unless removed by the 2168  
board, until the board's final adjudication order becomes 2169  
effective. 2170

(3) The board shall determine the extent to which the person 2171  
is restricted from obtaining further information from the 2172  
database. 2173

Sec. 4731.283. (A) The state medical board shall approve one 2174  
or more continuing medical education courses of study that assist 2175  
qualifying physicians registered with the medical marijuana 2176  
control commission under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code in both 2177  
of the following: 2178

(1) Diagnosing qualifying medical conditions as defined in 2179  
Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code; 2180

(2) Treating qualifying medical conditions with medical 2181  
marijuana. 2182

(B) The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 2183  
119. of the Revised Code specifying the number of hours of 2184  
continuing medical education in medical marijuana approved by the 2185  
board that a qualifying physician registered under Chapter 3796. 2186  
of the Revised Code must complete biennially. 2187



(C) The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 2188  
119. of the Revised Code establishing for qualifying physicians 2189  
registered under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code the minimal 2190  
standards of care when recommending treatment with medical 2191  
marijuana. 2192

**Section 2.** That existing sections 109.572, 519.21, 4123.54, 2193  
4729.75, 4729.80, 4729.81, 4729.82, 4729.83, 4729.84, 4729.85, and 2194  
4729.86 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2195

**Section 3.** The Department of Commerce and the Medical 2196  
Marijuana Control Commission shall take all actions necessary to 2197  
ensure that the Medical Marijuana Control Program established 2198  
under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code, as enacted by this act, 2199  
is fully operational not later than two years after the effective 2200  
date of this act. 2201

**Section 4.** The General Assembly may enact law levying an 2202  
excise tax on each transaction by which medical marijuana is 2203  
dispensed to a patient in accordance with Chapter 3796. of the 2204  
Revised Code, as enacted by this act. In addition to levying the 2205  
tax, the law shall subject persons dispensing medical marijuana to 2206  
all customary nondiscriminatory fees, taxes, and other charges 2207  
that are applied to, levied against, or otherwise imposed 2208  
generally upon other Ohio businesses, their gross or net revenues, 2209  
their operations, their owners, and their property. 2210

The Medical Marijuana Control Commission shall determine for 2211  
each fiscal year an amount the Commission considers necessary to 2212  
fund drug abuse prevention programs. That amount shall be 2213  
appropriated for that purpose from revenue arising from the excise 2214  
tax and revenue from license application and renewal fees imposed 2215  
under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code, as enacted by this act. 2216

**Section 5.** The General Assembly hereby declares that it 2217  
intends to recommend that the United States Congress, the Attorney 2218  
General of the United States, and the United States Drug 2219  
Enforcement Administration take actions as necessary to classify 2220  
marijuana as a schedule II controlled substance in an effort to 2221  
ease the regulatory burdens associated with research on its 2222  
potential medical benefits. 2223

**Section 6.** The General Assembly hereby declares that it 2224  
intends to establish a program to provide incentives or otherwise 2225  
encourage institutions of higher education and medical facilities 2226  
within this state to conduct academic and medical research 2227  
regarding medical marijuana. 2228