

Amended Proposed Conceptual Amendments to SB 235 Proposed By: Senator Harris

1. Clarify the language in the bill to ensure efficient implementation of the intent:

- A licensee that holds an Adult-Use Cannabis Establishment License, a Medical Cannabis Establishment License, or is a Dual License holder, will now hold one Cannabis Establishment license. The Cannabis Establishment license allows the cultivation of both medical or adult-use cannabis, production of both medical or adult-use cannabis products, or the selling of both medical or adult-use cannabis or cannabis products, depending on the establishment type.
- This would require the combining of NRS 678C and 678D, as well as updating all references to “medical” and “adult-use” in the statutes. It would remove the medical caps under NRS 678B.220.
- Require CCB to develop regulations to facilitate this transition.

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2. Define “social equity applicant” as an applicant that has been adversely affected by provisions of previous laws which criminalized activity relating to cannabis, including, without limitation, adverse affects on an owner, officer or board member of the applicant or on the geographic area in which the applicant will operate.

3. Require the CCB to adopt regulations that establish the criteria for determining whether an applicant qualifies as a social equity applicant.

4. Require the CCB to adopt regulations governing all future competitive application processes that include a preference for social equity applicants and Nevada residents, require a cap on the number of licenses issued to, or held by, any one applicant, take into account geographic diversity, ensure equal access to information for all applicants, and will establish clear and

objective criteria to score the applications. This process will include any other provision the CCB deems necessary or desirable to ensure that the process is fair, transparent and complies with applicable law.

5. Add a limitation to the requirement in statute and the Nevada Cannabis Compliance Regulations that owners, officers, board members, and employees of cannabis establishments may not have been convicted of an “excluded felony offense,” wherein “excluded felony offense” does not include a non-violent cannabis related felony.

6. Remove the caps for any the new cannabis establishment license such as the one found in NRS 678B.260, however no new licensing rounds for the preexisting license types can occur until after a market study has been completed. Beginning March 1, 2022, the CCB shall study the market demand and determine how many licenses of each type could be awarded in a future licensing round. The CCB should complete this study of market demand by February 1, 2023, and every two years after that date.

7. If the Board determines that the market demand warrants additional licenses, the CCB shall offer and begin a competitive, merit-based licensing round open to any interested participant no later than July 1, 2023, pursuant to the regulations established in #4.