NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS REGARDING MARIJUANA AND ONSITE CONSUMPTION MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD

The Marijuana Control Board proposes to adopt regulations to amend 3 AAC 306.300 et seq. These proposed regulations relate to onsite consumption of marijuana and marijuana products in licensed marijuana retail stores.

The Marijuana Control Board proposes to adopt regulations in Title 3 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with onsite consumption of marijuana and marijuana products in licensed marijuana retail stores, including the following:

(1) 3 AAC 306.365 – Onsite consumption endorsement regulations are proposed as follows:

The regulations consist of a series of provisions establishing the procedure for applying for an onsite consumption endorsement, fees, rules regarding a Local Government's right to protest, rules regarding separation of the onsite consumption area from the remainder of the retail marijuana store, rules regarding ventilation, rules regarding intoxicated or drunken persons in the consumption area, rules regarding the transaction limits of marijuana or marijuana products sold, rules regarding pricing and marketing, rules regarding requirements of onsite consumption endorsement holders, rules regarding labeling, and definitions.

You may comment on the proposed regulations, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed regulations, by submitting written comments to John Calder, AMCO (Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office) at 550 W. 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501. Additionally, the Marijuana Control Board will accept comments by electronic mail at john.calder@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the "comment" link. Please indicate the article and section number to which each comment refers, if applicable. Please indicate in the subject line that you are commenting on the onsite consumption endorsement. The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2016.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed regulations to John Calder by email and physical address. Please do not submit questions through the Alaska Online Public Notice System. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period, by June 11, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. The Marijuana Control Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and response available on the Marijuana Control Board website. The Marijuana Control Board may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact John Calder at (907) 269-0350 no later than June 11, 2016 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulations is available through the electronic link to the complete text on the Alaska Online Public Notice System, on the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office website at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/ and by contacting John Calder at 550 W. 7th Ste 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501.

After the public comment period ends, the Marijuana Control Board will either adopt the proposed regulations or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory Authority: AS 17.38.090

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 17.38.090

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulations are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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