NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS REGARDING MARIJUANA HANDLER PERMIT REQUIRMENTS MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD

The Marijuana Control Board proposes to adopt regulations to amend 3 AAC 306.700 and 3 AAC 306.831. These proposed regulations relate to requirements for marijuana handler permits and suspension and revocation of marijuana handler permits.

The Marijuana Control Board proposes to adopt regulations in Title 3 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the requirements for marijuana handler permits and suspension and revocation of marijuana handler permits including the following:

(1) 3 AAC 306.700 – Marijuana Handler Permit regulations are proposed as follows:

The regulations consist of a series of provisions establishing disqualifying criminal history for applicants for a marijuana handler permit and requiring criminal justice reports for applicants for a marijuana handler permit.

(2) 3 AAC 306.831 – Suspension or revocation of marijuana handler permit regulations are proposed as follows:

The regulations consist of a series of provisions establishing criteria for suspension or revocation of marijuana handler permits.

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 Joe Samaniego, Marijuana Control Board at 550 W. 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501. Additionally, the Marijuana Control Board will accept comments by electronic mail at joe samaniego@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 marijuana handler permit requirements. The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Aug 8, 2016.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed regulations to Joe Samaniego 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 July 29, 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 Joe Samaniego at (907) 269-0350 no later than July 20, 2016 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulations are 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 Joe Smaniego 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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