NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS ONSITE CONSUMPTION IN MARIJUANA RETAIL STORES MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD

The Marijuana Control Board proposes to adopt regulations to add 3 AAC 306.xxx providing for to onsite consumption of marijuana and marijuana products in licensed marijuana retail stores to Article 3 of the commercial marijuana establishment regulations.

The Marijuana Control Board proposes to adopt regulations in Title 3 of the Alaska Administrative Code, permitting licensed marijuana retail stores to obtain an onsite consumption endorsement which permits consumption of marijuana and marijuana products on the licensed marijuana retail store premises, including the following:

(1) 3 AAC 306.xxx – 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 restrictions of onsite consumption endorsement holders, rules regarding labeling, and definitions.

You may comment in writing on the proposed regulations, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed regulations, by submitting written comments to Cynthia Franklin, Marijuana Control Board at 550 W. 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501. Additionally, the Marijuana Control Board will accept written comments by electronic mail at marijuana@alaska.gov. Please notate "Comment on Online Consumption Endorsements" on the subject line of any emailed comment. Written 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 "Comment on onsite consumption endorsements"**. All written comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 13, 2017.

You may submit written <u>questions</u> relevant to the proposed regulations by email to marijuana@alaska.gov or to Cynthia Franklin at the above physical address. Please do not submit <u>questions</u> through the Alaska Online Public Notice System. The written questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period, by January 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The Marijuana Control Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar written 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 Craig Douglas at (907) 269-0350 no later than January 3, 2017 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 Marijuana Control Board website https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/ by or contacting Craig Douglas at craig.douglas@alaska.gov or 550 W. 7th Ste 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501.

After the written 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 in writing during the time allowed if your interests could be affected**. No verbal public comment will be taken on the proposed regulations.

Statutory Authority: AS 17.38.190

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 17.38.190

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

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Cynthia A. Franklin, Director Marijuana Control Board