

3 AAC 306.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) Notwithstanding (b) of this subsection, the board may issue a marijuana testing facility license, renew a testing facility license, or approve the transfer of a marijuana testing facility to the following entities upon determining the non-resident involvement enhances marijuana testing in the state.

(1) Eligible entities are

(A) a partnership if at least half of the partnership interest is held by partners who are residents of the state;

(B) a limited liability company if the limited liability company is qualified to do business in the state and at least half of the ownership of the company is held by members who are residents of the state; or

(C) a corporation if the corporation is incorporated or qualified to do business in the state and at least half of the corporate stock is held by shareholders who are residents of the state.

(2) In determining whether the non-resident involvement enhances marijuana testing in this state, the board may consider whether the non-resident involvement

(A) directly contributes to improvements in the testing facility's procedures;

(B) enables or supports hiring and retention of highly qualified employees;

(C) provides expertise not otherwise reasonably available in this state;

(D)) enables the facility to obtain and maintain state-of-the-art equipment;

and

(E) any other factor the board deems relevant. (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; add'l am 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am 4/11/19, Register 230; am___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.200
AS 17.38.070 AS 17.38.190 AS 17.38.900
AS 17.38.121