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# OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Sara Chambers, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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**DATE:** July 17, 2024

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Marijuana Control Board

Marijuana Control Board regulations re: Plant height (3 AAC 306.435(a))

Attorney General File: 2024200076

Regulation Filed: 7/17/2024

Effective Date: 8/16/2024

Print: 251, October 2024

cc with enclosures: Colleen Bailey, Department of Law

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July 15, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom Lieutenant Governor State of Alaska P.O. Box 110015 Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: 3 AAC 306.435(a): Marijuana Control Board - Plant height

Our file: 2024200076

#### Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulation of the Marijuana Control Board against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulation. The regulation was adopted by the Marijuana Control Board after the close of the public comment period.

The regulation amends 3 AAC 306.435 to update the height at which a marijuana plant is subject to marijuana plant tagging and tracking requirements.

Both the May 10, 2024 public notice and the June 27, 2024 order certifying changes to regulations state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

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#### APPENDIX J: Certification Order

# ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD

The attached two pages of regulations, dealing with plant height for tagging, is certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Marijuana Control Board adopted at its June 26, 2024, meeting, under the authority of AS 17.38.121 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Marijuana Control Board paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

6/27/2024 Date:

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

July 17, 20 24 at 9:51 a.m., I filed the attached regulations according to

for Lieutenant Governor Navay Dan/strom

the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

Effective: 4 16, 2024.

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## FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.

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NANCY DAHLSTROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Words in <u>boldface and underlined</u> indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

## 3 AAC 306.435(a) is amended to read:

- (a) A marijuana cultivation facility shall
- (1) use a marijuana inventory tracking system in compliance with 3 AAC 306.730 to ensure all marijuana propagated, grown, or cultivated on the marijuana cultivation facility's premises is identified and tracked from the time the marijuana is propagated through transfer to another licensed marijuana establishment, including when marijuana or marijuana product is
  - $(\underline{A})$  relocated to  $\underline{a}$  [THE] new licensed premises in the case of a transfer of a marijuana establishment license to another location approved by the board; [,] or
  - (B) destroyed; [DESTRUCTION. THE MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY SHALL]
    - (2) assign a tracking number to each
      - (A) plant over 18 [EIGHT] inches tall; and
  - (B) package of marijuana to be transferred to another facility; a [. A] package of marijuana may not exceed 10 pounds; [. THE MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY SHALL ALSO]
- (3) assign a plant batch name or number to each batch of clones or cuttings; a [. A] batch may not consist of more than 50 clones or cuttings.

  (Eff. 2/21/2016, Register 217; am 03/13/2020, Register 233; am 1/22/2023, Register 245; am

3 / 16 / 2024, Register 251)

Register 251, October 2024 COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND EC. DEV.

**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 17.28.121