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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

465.4081

DATE:

November 8, 2024

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Marijuana Control Board

Marijuana Control Board regulations re: Edibles-only onsite consumption (3 AAC

306.370(e)(1))

Attorney General File:

2024200288

Regulation Filed:

11/8/2024

Effective Date:

12/8/2024

Print:

252, January 2025

cc with enclosures:

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November 7, 2024

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

Re: 3 AAC 306.370(e)(1): MCB - Edibles-only onsite consumption

Our file: 2024200288

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations 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 regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Marijuana Control Board after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern onsite consumption areas of licensed retail marijuana stores. The regulations modify existing requirements for onsite consumption areas limited to edible marijuana products by removing the requirement that such areas be isolated and physically separated from other areas of the retail store.

The August 7, 2024 public notice and the October 2, 2024 certification of adoption both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rebecca C. Digitally signed by Rebecca C. Polizzotto Polizzotto Date: 2024.11.07 15.09:33 -09'00'

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Rebecca C. Polizzotto

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APPENDIX J: Certification Order

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD

The attached one page of regulations, dealing with edibles only for onsite consumption, is certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Marijuana Control Board adopted at its September 12, 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.

Date: 10/2/2024

Lizzie Kubitz, Acting Director

April simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

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

November 3, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

W Lieutenant Governor Nancy Paulstron

Effective: December 8, 2024.

Register: 252, January. 2025.

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.

OF THE STATE OF ALASE!

NANCY DAHLSTROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- 3 AAC 306.370(e)(1) is amended to read:
 - (e) A marijuana consumption area must have the following characteristics:
 - (1) if consumption would be permitted by any method under 3 AAC

306.370(a)(2), the marijuana consumption area must

(A) be isolated from the other areas of the retail marijuana store; [,

MUST]

- (B) be separated by walls and a secure door; [,] and [MUST]
- (C) have access only from the retail marijuana store;

(Eff. 4/11/2019, Register 230; am 8/7/2021, Register 239; am 12/8 /2024, Register

252)

Authority: AS 17.38.010 AS 17.38.150 AS 17.38.900

AS 17.38.070 AS 17.38.190 AS 18.35.301

AS 17.38.121 AS 17.38.200