



## Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee: SF4782

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The goal of our legislative recommendations is to strengthen the underlying foundation of Chapter 342 and to build upon the intent of last year's legislation as developed together by legislators and advocates.

# Goals of Legislative Recommendations

1. Strengthen our work to ensure a timely and successful cannabis market launch
2. Create a framework to regulate cannabis effectively over the long term
3. Prioritize public health and safety
4. Strengthen social equity provisions that are foundational to Minnesota's cannabis law
5. Expand protections for medical cannabis patients and their caregivers and support continuity in access
6. Incorporate learnings from other states, particularly as it relates to legal decisions that have adversely impacted market launch

# Development of Recommendations

To inform these recommendations, OCM has utilized feedback from:

- Public surveys
- Dozens of engagement opportunities
- National research
- Legislators, advocates, and industry experts

# Legislative Recommendations

1. Improve the Application and Licensing Process
2. Streamline the Supply Chain
3. Strengthen Social Equity Provisions
4. Support Market Launch with Early Temporary Licenses
5. Accelerate Transition of Office of Medical Cannabis and Hemp-Derived Enforcement
6. Expand Protections for Medical Patients
7. Technical Revisions



# Improve Application and Licensing Process



Expedites licensing process and prevent bottlenecks and delays



Reduces financial risk for applicants



Prevents phantom businesses

# Streamline the Supply Chain



Consolidates adult-use and medical supply chains



Establishes medical retail endorsement



Contains costs for adult-use consumers, patients, and operators

# Strengthen Social Equity Provisions



Vetted license selection process



New license classification



Improved flexibility in ownership and financial opportunities



# Support Market Launch with Temporary Licenses



Creates early mover opportunities for social equity applicants



Allows applicants head start on rigorous application process



Summer 2024 launch of application process for vetted lottery

# Accelerate Transition of OMC and Hemp-Derived Enforcement



Transitions Office of Medical Cannabis and the hemp-derived enforcement authority to OCM on July 1, 2024



Creates continuity for current business owners in the hemp-derived cannabinoid industry



Protects continuity for medical cannabis patient access

# Updates to Medical Cannabis Program and Expansion of Protections



Enhances protections for patients, caregivers, and persons in the medical cannabis registry program



Establishes Certified Medical Cannabis Consultant



Eliminates undue burden for caregivers



Protects consumer safety and clarifies authority



Ensures access to research in coordination with higher education



Aligns OCM authority with other state regulatory agencies

# Thank You!

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