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Senate File 4519 makes various changes to provisions related to local units of government and cannabis businesses, including interim ordinances, retail registration, and compliance checks.

Section 1 (amends section 342.13) removes authority for local units of government to issue an interim ordinance on time, place, and manner of cannabis business operation.

Requires local units of government to submit evidence of noncompliance if the local unit of government is informing the office to not issue a license.

Allows counties that issue retail registrations to develop a registration process if the process meets the same minimum requirements as local units of government.

Makes technical changes.

Section 2 (amends section 342.14, subdivision 6) clarifies that OCM may deny final license authorization if an applicants' location would violate local zoning ordinances, the State Fire Code, or the State Building Code.

Section 3 (amends section 342.22, subdivision 4) requires local governments with retail registration authority that perform compliance checks to submit certain data related to the compliance checks to OCM.

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