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A bill for an act

relating to cannabis; modifying cannabis event provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 342.39, as amended; 342.40, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 342.11; 342.40, subdivision 7.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 342.11, is amended to read:

342.11 LICENSES; FEES.

(a) The office shall require the payment of application fees, initial licensing fees, and renewal licensing fees as provided in this section. The initial license fee shall include the fee for initial issuance of the license and the first annual renewal. The renewal fee shall be charged at the time of the second renewal and each subsequent annual renewal thereafter. Nothing in this section prohibits a local unit of government from charging the retailer registration fee established in section 342.22. Application fees, initial licensing fees, and renewal licensing fees are nonrefundable.

(b) Application and licensing fees shall be as follows:

(1) for a cannabis microbusiness:

(i) an application fee of $500;

(ii) an initial license fee of $0; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $2,000;

(2) for a cannabis mezzobusiness:

(i) an application fee of $5,000;

(ii) an initial license fee of $5,000; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $10,000;

(3) for a cannabis cultivator:

(i) an application fee of $10,000;

(ii) an initial license fee of $20,000; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $30,000;

(4) for a cannabis manufacturer:

(i) an application fee of $10,000;

(ii) an initial license fee of $10,000; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $20,000;

(5) for a cannabis retailer:

(i) an application fee of $2,500;

(ii) an initial license fee of $2,500; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $5,000;

(6) for a cannabis wholesaler:

(i) an application fee of $5,000;

(ii) an initial license fee of $5,000; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $10,000;

(7) for a cannabis transporter:

(i) an application fee of $250;

(ii) an initial license fee of $500; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $1,000;

(8) for a cannabis testing facility:

(i) an application fee of $5,000;

(ii) an initial license fee of $5,000; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $10,000;

(9) for a cannabis delivery service:

(i) an application fee of $250;

(ii) an initial license fee of $500; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $1,000;

(10) for a cannabis event organizer:

(i) an application fee of $750; ~~and~~

(ii) an initial license fee of ~~$750~~ $0;

(iii) a renewal license fee of $750; and

(iv) a temporary cannabis event application fee of $750;

(11) for a lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer:

(i) an application fee of $250;

(ii) an initial license fee of $1,000; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $1,000;

(12) for a lower-potency hemp edible wholesaler:

(i) an application fee of $250;

(ii) an initial license fee of $10,000; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $10,000;

(13) for a lower-potency hemp edible retailer:

(i) an application fee of $250 or, if the lower-potency hemp retailer operates more than one retail location, $250 per retail location;

(ii) an initial license fee of $250 or, if the lower-potency hemp retailer operates more than one retail location, $250 per retail location; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $250 or, if the lower-potency hemp retailer operates more than one retail location, $250 per retail location; and

(14) for a medical cannabis combination business:

(i) an application fee of $10,000;

(ii) an initial license fee of $20,000; and

(iii) a renewal license fee of $70,000.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.39, as amended by Laws 2025 chapter 31, section 66, is amended to read:

342.39 CANNABIS EVENT ORGANIZER LICENSING.

Subdivision 1. **Authorized actions.** A cannabis event organizer license entitles the license holder to organize ~~a~~ temporary cannabis events, with each event lasting no more than four days, and perform other actions approved by the office.

Subd. 2. **Additional information required.** (a) In addition to the information required to be submitted under section 342.14, subdivision 1, and rules adopted pursuant to that section, a person, cooperative, or business seeking a cannabis event organizer license must submit the following information in a form approved by the office:

(1) the type and number of any other cannabis business license held by the applicant;

~~(2) the address and location where the temporary cannabis event will take place;~~

~~(3) the name of the temporary cannabis event;~~

~~(4) a diagram of the physical layout of the temporary cannabis event showing where the event will take place on the grounds, all entrances and exits that will be used by participants during the event, all cannabis consumption areas, all cannabis retail areas where cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products will be sold, the location where cannabis waste will be stored, and any location where cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products will be stored;~~

~~(5) a list of the name, number, and type of cannabis businesses and hemp businesses that will sell cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products at the event, which may be supplemented or amended within 72 hours of the time at which the cannabis event begins;~~

~~(6) the dates and hours during which the cannabis event will take place;~~

~~(7) proof of local approval for the cannabis event; and~~

~~(8) evidence that the business will comply with the applicable operation requirements for the license being sought.~~

~~(b) A person, cooperative, or business seeking a cannabis event organizer license may also disclose whether the person or any officer, director, manager, and general partner of a cannabis business is serving or has previously served in the military.~~

(2) a description of the applicant's standard operating procedures;

(3) a description of the applicant's process for planning and organizing cannabis events, including:

(i) the applicant's method of selecting a venue;

(ii) the applicant's method of coordinating with and overseeing vendors that participate in cannabis events; and

(iii) criteria that the applicant will use for selecting cannabis and hemp businesses to participate in cannabis events;

(4) a description of security measures and protocols that the applicant will use, including:

(i) the process that the applicant will use for hiring and contracting with licensed security personnel;

(ii) the method that the applicant will use to ensure that security personnel do not consume cannabis or hemp products before or during cannabis events;

(iii) the method that the applicant will use for managing and controlling crowds at cannabis events;

(iv) the method that the applicant will use to ensure that access to an event is limited to individuals who are at least 21 years of age; and

(v) the method that the applicant will use for managing access to consumption and retail areas;

(5) a description of how the applicant will comply with state and local laws and rules at each cannabis event, including:

(i) the applicant's method of verifying that each participating business has a valid license issued by the office;

(ii) the applicant's method for ensuring that cannabis products are only sold by licensed retailers in designated retail areas; and

(iii) the applicant's methods for handling any violations of this chapter or Minnesota Rules at cannabis events;

(6) the applicant's procedures for protecting the health and safety of event participants, including:

(i) emergency response plans, fire safety protocols, and the availability of medical assistance devices in the case of a medical emergency; and

(ii) guidelines for managing consumption areas to prevent over-intoxication and other health risks;

(7) the applicant's procedures for working with licensed cannabis transporters to handle the transportation of cannabis plants, products, and related items to and from events;

(8) the applicant's management and disposal of cannabis waste in compliance with state laws and rules, including methods for securely collecting, storing, and transporting cannabis waste from each event site; and

(9) the applicant's methods for reporting and documenting cannabis events to regulators for inspections and post-event evaluations.

(b) Any commitment or statement that the applicant makes in an application to the office is an ongoing material condition of maintaining and renewing the applicant's cannabis event organizer license.

(c) An application for a cannabis event organizer license is not required to include the information required under section 342.14, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (5), (6), (9), and (10).

Subd. 2a. **Attestation required.** When renewing a cannabis event organizer license, a cannabis event organizer license holder with ten or more full-time equivalent employees must submit to the office an attestation signed by a bona fide labor organization stating that the applicant has entered into a labor peace agreement.

Subd. 3. **Multiple licenses; limits.** (a) A person, cooperative, or business holding a cannabis event organizer license may not hold a cannabis testing facility license~~, a lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer license, a lower-potency hemp edible wholesaler license, or a lower-potency hemp edible retailer license~~.

~~(b) The office by rule may limit the number of cannabis event licenses that a person or business may hold.~~

~~(c)~~ (b) For purposes of this subdivision, restrictions on the number or type of license that a business may hold apply to every cooperative member or every director, manager, and general partner of a cannabis business.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. ~~**Local**~~ **Temporary event approval.** (a) At least 90 days before hosting a temporary cannabis event, a cannabis event organizer must ~~receive~~ submit the following information to the office in a form approved by the office:

(1) proof that the event has received local approval, including ~~obtaining~~ proof that the cannabis event organizer has obtained any necessary permits or licenses issued by a local unit of government~~, before holding a cannabis event.~~;

(2) the address and location where the temporary cannabis event will take place;

(3) the name of the temporary cannabis event;

(4) a diagram of the physical layout of the temporary cannabis event showing where the event will take place on the grounds; all entrances and exits that will be used by participants during the event; all cannabis consumption areas; all cannabis retail areas where cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products will be sold; the location where cannabis waste will be stored; and any location where cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products will be stored;

(5) a list that includes: (i) the name of each cannabis business and hemp business that will sell cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products at the temporary cannabis event; (ii) the type of each business participating in the temporary cannabis event; and (iii) the number of businesses participating in the temporary cannabis event. The list may be amended up to 72 hours before the temporary cannabis event begins;

(6) the dates and hours during which the temporary cannabis event will take place; and

(7) evidence that the cannabis event organizer will comply with all applicable operation requirements.

(b) The office may request an inspection of the site where the cannabis event will take place before approving of a temporary cannabis event.

(c) The office by rule may limit the number of temporary cannabis events that a cannabis event organizer license holder may host.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 342.40, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Cannabis event sales.** (a) Cannabis microbusinesses with a retail endorsement, cannabis mezzobusinesses with a retail endorsement, cannabis retailers, medical cannabis combination businesses operating a retail location, and lower-potency hemp edible retailers, including the cannabis event organizer, may be authorized to sell cannabis plants, adult-use

cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products to customers at a cannabis event.

(b) All sales of cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products at a cannabis event must take place in a retail area as designated in the premises diagram.

(c) Authorized retailers may only conduct sales within their specifically assigned area.

(d) Authorized retailers must verify the age of all customers pursuant to section 342.27, subdivision 4, before completing a sale and may not sell cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products to an individual under 21 years of age.

(e) Authorized retailers may display one sample of each type of cannabis plant, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis product, lower-potency hemp edible, and hemp-derived consumer product available for sale. Display samples of adult-use cannabis and adult-use cannabis products must be stored in a sample jar or display case and be accompanied by a label or notice containing the information required to be affixed to the packaging or container containing adult-use cannabis flower and adult-use cannabis products sold to customers. A display sample may not consist of more than eight grams of adult-use cannabis flower or adult-use cannabis concentrate, or an edible cannabis product infused with more than 100 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol. A cannabis retailer may allow customers to smell the adult-use cannabis flower or adult-use cannabis product before purchase.

(f) The notice requirements under section 342.27, subdivision 6, apply to authorized retailers offering cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabinoid products, and hemp-derived consumer products for sale at a cannabis event.

(g) Authorized retailers may not:

(1) sell adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products to a person who is visibly intoxicated;

(2) knowingly sell more cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products than a customer is legally permitted to possess;

(3) sell medical cannabis flower or medical cannabinoid products; or

(4) allow for the dispensing of cannabis plants, cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in vending machines.

(h) Except for display samples of a cannabis plant, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis product, lower-potency hemp edible, and hemp-derived consumer product, all cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products for sale at a cannabis event must be stored in a secure, locked container that is not accessible to the public. Such items being stored at a cannabis event shall not be left unattended.

(i) All cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products for sale at a cannabis event must comply with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter regarding the testing, packaging, and labeling of those items.

(j) Authorized retailers must record in the statewide monitoring system all cannabis plants, adult-use cannabis flower, and adult-use cannabis products sold, distributed, damaged, or destroyed at ~~a~~ the cannabis event ~~must be recorded in the statewide monitoring system~~.