

STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY

915 KAR 1:020E

This emergency administrative regulation is being promulgated in order to meet an imminent deadline for the promulgation of an administrative regulation that is established by KRS Chapter 218B, which was created by 2023 Ky. Acts ch. 146 that Governor Andy Beshear signed into law on March 31, 2023. KRS Chapter 218B legalizes the cultivation, processing, dispensing, and use of medicinal cannabis in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, beginning on January 1, 2025, and directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to implement and oversee the medicinal cannabis program. KRS 218B.140 requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations establishing procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of cannabis business licenses on or before July 1, 2024. This administrative regulation is being filed on an emergency basis so that proposed cannabis businesses have an opportunity to review and understand the initial and renewal licensure process and requirements in advance of the initial license application acceptance period. This emergency administrative regulation will be replaced by an ordinary administrative regulation, which is being filed contemporaneously herewith. The companion ordinary administrative regulation is identical to this emergency administrative regulation.



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1 CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

2 Office of the Secretary

3 (New Emergency Administrative Regulation)

4 915 KAR 1:020E. Cannabis business licenses.

5 RELATES TO: KRS Chapter 218B, KRS 304.39-110, KRS 523.100, KRS Chapter 13B

6 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 218B.140

7 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 218B.140 requires the Cabinet
8 for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations establishing procedures
9 for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of cannabis business licenses. This
10 administrative regulation establishes those procedures.

11 Section 1. General requirements for cannabis business licenses.

12 (1) The cabinet shall issue a license, by name and address, to a cannabis business only for
13 the specific location identified by the cannabis business during the application and issuance
14 process. A license is only valid for the person or entity named in the license and only for the
15 activity and location specified in the license.

16 (2) A licensed cannabis business shall conspicuously display its license within the
17 premises of the cannabis business in a manner that is visible to visitors upon initial entry into its
18 facility.

19 (3) A license shall not be issued to a cannabis business for operation within a personal
20 residence or any other location where the cabinet or its authorized agents or law enforcement
21 have limited access.

1 (4) A license shall not be issued to a cannabis business for a site or facility located on
2 lands owned by the United States of America or the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 (5) A license is valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance as shown on the license.

4 Section 2. License Fees for cannabis businesses.

5 (1) A cannabis business shall pay the applicable license fee by credit card or automated
6 clearing house (ACH) transfer to the cabinet within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the
7 invoice from the cabinet. The cabinet shall not issue a license to a cannabis business that fails to
8 timely pay the applicable license fee.

9 (2) The initial nonrefundable license fees shall be:

10 (a) Tier I cultivator: \$12,000;

11 (b) Tier II cultivator: \$25,000;

12 (c) Tier III cultivator: \$50,000;

13 (d) Tier IV cultivator: \$100,000;

14 (e) Processor: \$25,000;

15 (f) Producer: \$25,000 plus the applicable cultivator tier initial license fee;

16 (g) Dispensary: \$30,000; and

17 (h) Safety compliance facility: \$12,000.

18 (3) The annual renewal license fees, which are refundable if the renewal application is
19 denied, shall be:

20 (a) Tier I cultivator: \$12,000;

21 (b) Tier II cultivator: \$25,000;

22 (c) Tier III cultivator: \$50,000;

23 (d) Tier IV cultivator: \$100,000;

1 (e) Processor: \$15,000;

2 (f) Producer: \$15,000 plus the applicable cultivator tier renewal license fee;

3 (g) Dispensary: \$15,000; and

4 (h) Safety compliance facility: \$12,000.

5 Section 3. Initial licensure of cannabis businesses and use of lottery.

6 (1) The cabinet shall publish notice of the number and category of cannabis business
7 licenses available for distribution at the close of an initial license application period and provide
8 the time frame during which initial license applications shall be accepted by the cabinet. This
9 notice shall be published on the website of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program,
10 <https://kymedcan.ky.gov>.

11 (2) In order to promote patient access to medicinal cannabis across the commonwealth,
12 the cabinet shall issue dispensary licenses within designated regions. The cabinet shall publish a
13 map clearly identifying the medicinal cannabis regions on the website of the Kentucky Medical
14 Cannabis Program. The eleven (11) medicinal cannabis regions in the commonwealth are:

15 (a) Region 1 (Bluegrass): The geographical region comprised of the counties of
16 Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Madison,
17 Mercer, Scott, and Woodford;

18 (b) Region 2 (Kentuckiana): The geographical region comprised of the counties of
19 Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble;

20 (c) Region 3 (Northeast): The geographical region comprised of the counties of Bath,
21 Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan,
22 Nicholas, Robertson, and Rowan;

1 (d) Region 4 (South Central): The geographical region comprised of the counties of
2 Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, and Warren;

3 (e) Region 5 (Cumberland): The geographical region comprised of the counties of Bell,
4 Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Harlan, Knox, Laurel, Lincoln, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle,
5 Russell, Wayne, and Whitley;

6 (f) Region 6 (Mountain): The geographical region comprised of the counties of Breathitt,
7 Clay, Estill, Floyd, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin,
8 Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, and Wolfe;

9 (g) Region 7 (Pennyrile): The geographical region comprised of the counties of Caldwell,
10 Christian, Hopkins, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd, and Trigg;

11 (h) Region 8 (West Kentucky): The geographical region comprised of the counties of
12 Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, McCracken, and
13 Marshall;

14 (i) Region 9 (Lincoln Trail): The geographical region comprised of the counties of Adair,
15 Breckinridge, Grayson, Green, Hardin, Hart, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Taylor, and
16 Washington;

17 (j) Region 10 (Northern Kentucky): The geographical region comprised of the counties of
18 Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, and Pendleton; and

19 (k) Region 11 (Green River): The geographical region comprised of the counties of
20 Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster.

21 (3) The cabinet shall issue at least four (4) dispensary licenses per medicinal cannabis
22 region. For regions containing an urban-county government or a consolidated local government,
23 the cabinet shall issue at least six (6) dispensary licenses, two (2) of which shall be issued to

1 eligible cannabis businesses that physically locate their dispensary in the counties with an urban-
2 county government or a consolidated local government. For all counties without an urban-
3 county government or a consolidated local government, there shall be no more than one (1)
4 dispensary per county.

5 (4) A dispensary licensee shall not change its retail location to another location within the
6 same region without prior cabinet approval. A dispensary licensee shall not change its retail
7 location to outside of the region where it was initially licensed.

8 (5) The licenses for cultivators, processors, producers, and safety compliance facilities
9 are not subject to regional restrictions within the commonwealth, and those licensees shall
10 operate at the physical address identified on their respective licenses.

11 (6) Applicants for initial cannabis business licenses who comply with all application
12 requirements contained in KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR 1:010, and whose applications are
13 deemed complete by the cabinet, shall be eligible to receive the license requested. If the number
14 of eligible applications does not exceed the maximum number of licenses available within a
15 cannabis business category following the close of an initial license application period, the cabinet
16 shall provide written notice to the eligible applicants that a license shall be issued to them upon
17 timely payment of the applicable license fee. When an eligible applicant timely pays the
18 applicable license fee, the cabinet shall issue a copy of the license to the applicant that contains
19 the cannabis business's name, license number, physical location, issue date, and expiration date.

20 (7) If the number of eligible applications exceeds the maximum number of licenses
21 available within a cannabis business category following the close of an initial license application
22 period, the cabinet shall conduct a lottery to issue the licenses for that cannabis business
23 category. The cabinet shall notify the eligible applicants of their entry into the lottery and

1 publicly announce the date, time, and manner of randomly selecting eligible applicants for the
2 requested license. A lottery to select the licensees in each cannabis business category, as needed,
3 shall be held in a manner that can be observed by the public.

4 (8) The cabinet may consult or contract with a third-party lottery operator or other public
5 agencies with relevant expertise in conducting lotteries. The entity selected to conduct the
6 lottery shall conduct an independent lottery for each cannabis business category where the
7 number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available licenses. The cabinet shall assign
8 a number to each eligible applicant in each license lottery and maintain the confidentiality of the
9 list(s) containing the eligible applicants and their assigned numbers until after the random
10 drawings have occurred.

11 (9) The cabinet shall provide written notice to the eligible applicants selected through the
12 lottery process that a license shall be issued to them upon timely payment of the applicable
13 license fee. When an eligible applicant timely pays the applicable license fee, the cabinet shall
14 issue a copy of the license to the applicant that contains the cannabis business's name, license
15 number, physical location, issue date, and expiration date.

16 (10) The cabinet shall provide written notice to eligible applicants that were not selected
17 through the lottery process informing them of the same.

18 (11) If at the conclusion of the lottery selection process an eligible applicant declines the
19 license or fails to pay its license fee within the required timeframe, the cabinet may conduct
20 supplemental license lotteries as needed until all available cannabis business licenses have been
21 issued and initial license fees paid. For any supplemental lottery for a license within a cannabis
22 business category, eligible applicants who were not previously issued a license through the
23 lottery process for that cannabis business category shall be entered into the supplemental lottery

1 if their selection would comply with any applicable geographic restrictions contained in this
2 administrative regulation.

3 Section 4. Requirements for licensees prior to first day of cannabis business activities.

4 (1) Prior to its first day of cannabis business activities in the commonwealth, a licensee
5 shall provide written confirmation to the cabinet that:

6 (a) The licensee has complied and will continue to comply with all applicable
7 requirements of KRS Chapter 218B, including KRS 218B.095 and 915 KAR Chapter 1, and
8 shall make available all records and documentation verifying such compliance upon the request
9 of the cabinet;

10 (b) The licensee has submitted its complete physical address and the global positioning
11 system (GPS) coordinates for any cannabis business activities to the cabinet and confirmed its
12 business is not located within one thousand (1,000) feet of an existing elementary or secondary
13 school or a daycare center. For the purpose of this administrative regulation, one thousand
14 (1,000) feet shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest property line of an existing
15 elementary school, secondary school, or daycare center to the nearest property line of the
16 licensee's place of business. The cabinet shall have an opportunity to inspect the location prior
17 to the first day of cannabis business activities at that location in order to identify any deficiencies
18 for correction;

19 (c) The licensee has conducted and shall continue to conduct criminal background checks
20 of each person seeking to be a principal officer, board member, agent, volunteer, or employee of
21 the cannabis business before that person begins work and shall not employ, take on as a
22 volunteer, or have as a board member, principal officer, or agent any person who was convicted
23 of a disqualifying felony offense or is younger than twenty-one (21) years of age. The licensee

1 shall maintain records of these background checks and provide same to the cabinet during
2 subsequent inspections or upon request;

3 (d) The licensee has obtained and shall maintain workers compensation insurance for all
4 employees in the commonwealth and shall pay all required employer contributions to the
5 Kentucky Office of Unemployment Insurance;

6 (e) The licensee has obtained and shall maintain, at a minimum, commercial general
7 liability insurance for \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 per aggregate and commercial
8 automobile insurance as required by Kentucky law, specifically KRS 304.39-110, for any vehicle
9 used to transport medicinal cannabis or medicinal cannabis products;

10 (f) The licensee has established written standard operating procedures required by KRS
11 Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1, including those specific to its cannabis business
12 category, and shall provide written or electronic copies of the procedures to the cabinet during
13 inspections or upon request. The standard operating procedures that apply to cannabis
14 businesses include:

- 15 1. Security;
- 16 2. Recordkeeping;
- 17 3. Employee qualifications, supervision, and training;
- 18 4. Quality assurance;
- 19 5. Adverse event reporting and recall;
- 20 6. Waste disposal and sanitation;
- 21 7. Transportation of medicinal cannabis;
- 22 8. Inventory management, including storage and labeling of medicinal cannabis;
- 23 9. Cash management and anti-fraud procedures;

1 10. Preventing unlawful diversion of medicinal cannabis; and

2 11. Incident reporting procedures to notify the cabinet;

3 (g) The licensee continues to maintain sufficient capital for operations of its cannabis
4 business for, at a minimum, the term of the license;

5 (h) The licensee has implemented appropriate security measures to deter and prevent theft
6 of medicinal cannabis and unauthorized entrance into areas containing medicinal cannabis;

7 (i) The licensee has and shall continue to display its license at all times in a conspicuous
8 location within the premises of the cannabis business in a manner that is visible to visitors upon
9 initial entry into its facility;

10 (j) The licensee's principals, agents, employees, and volunteers have completed all
11 trainings required by the cabinet to be completed prior to its first day of cannabis business
12 activities in the commonwealth;

13 (k) The licensee understands how to properly use the commonwealth's designated
14 electronic monitoring system and seed to sale tracking system for medicinal cannabis and shall
15 use those systems as required throughout the entirety of its licensure period;

16 (l) The licensee consents to reasonable inspections, examinations, searches, and seizures;
17 and

18 (m) The licensee swears and affirms that all information and documentation provided to
19 the cabinet is true and correct and that any false statement made to the cabinet by the licensee is
20 punishable under the applicable provisions of KRS 523.100.

21 (2) A licensee shall also provide the cabinet with thirty (30) calendar days advance notice
22 of its intended first day of cannabis business activities in the commonwealth and allow the
23 cabinet an opportunity to inspect the licensee's site and facility prior to the first day of cannabis

1 business activities. The licensee shall promptly correct any deficiencies identified by the cabinet
2 during this inspection and shall not commence operations until deficiencies are corrected and
3 approved by the cabinet. If the licensee fails to provide the notice required under this section or
4 fails to correct identified deficiencies, the cabinet may take one (1) or more of the actions
5 described in Section 12 of this administrative regulation.

6 (3) Once a cultivator or producer has received approval from the cabinet to commence
7 operations, the cultivator or producer shall:

8 (a) Bring a start-up inventory of medicinal cannabis seeds, seedlings, and plants into its
9 facility;

10 (b) Submit a written request to the cabinet via electronic mail to
11 kymedcanreporting@ky.gov requesting that the cabinet open a window in the state's designated
12 seed to sale tracking system for the cultivator or producer to enter its start-up inventory of
13 medicinal cannabis seeds, seedlings, and plants into the system. This written request shall
14 include the number and strain of all medicinal cannabis seeds, seedlings, and plants brought into
15 the facility;

16 (c) Have fourteen (14) calendar days from receipt of the cabinet's approval of the
17 cultivator or producer's written request in which to enter its start-up inventory into the state's
18 designated seed to sale tracking system. A cultivator or producer shall enter its start-up
19 inventory into the state's designated seed to sale tracking system as follows:

- 20 1. Seeds shall be entered into the system as a package;
- 21 2. Seedlings and plants shall be entered into the system as a batch; and

22 (d) Notify the cabinet in writing via electronic mail to kymedcanreporting@ky.gov when
23 all its start-up inventory has been fully and accurately entered into the state's designated seed to

1 sale tracking system and confirm the number and strain of medicinal cannabis seeds, seedlings,
2 and plants brought into the facility.

3 (4) Following acquisition of its start-up inventory, a cultivator or producer may submit a
4 written request to the cabinet via electronic mail to kymedcanreporting@ky.gov requesting that
5 the cabinet open a window in the state's designated seed to sale tracking system for the cultivator
6 or producer to enter new medicinal cannabis seeds, seedlings, or plants into the system. This
7 written request shall:

8 (a) State the proposed date to bring new inventory into the facility; and

9 (b) Provide the number and strain of all new medicinal cannabis seeds, seedlings, and
10 plants that the cultivator or producer requests to bring into the facility.

11 (5) Upon receipt of the cabinet's approval of a written request made pursuant to
12 subsection (4), the cultivator or producer shall have seven (7) calendar days to enter its new
13 inventory into the state's designated seed to sale tracking system. A cultivator or producer shall
14 enter its new inventory into the state's designated seed to sale tracking system as described in
15 subsection 3(c). A cultivator or producer shall notify the cabinet in writing via electronic mail to
16 kymedcanreporting@ky.gov when all new inventory has been fully and accurately entered into
17 the state's designated seed to sale tracking system and confirm the number and strain of
18 medicinal cannabis seeds, seedlings, and plants brought into the facility.

19 Section 5. Requirements for licensees during licensure period.

20 (1) A licensee shall only hold licenses in one (1) cannabis business category at any given
21 time, except as provided in Section 10(4) of this administrative regulation. A licensee may hold
22 multiple licenses in the same cannabis business category as long as each license contains a
23 separate and distinct physical address where the cannabis business conducts licensed cannabis

1 activities and the licensee is otherwise in compliance with the requirements of KRS Chapter
2 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1, including any geographic restrictions contained in this
3 administrative regulation.

4 (2) Duty to Report.

5 (a) During the licensure period, a licensee shall notify the cabinet in writing of any
6 change in facts or circumstances reflected in the initial license application, supplemental written
7 confirmations, or any license renewal application submitted to the cabinet, or any newly
8 discovered fact or circumstance which would have been included in the application or
9 information provided to the cabinet if known at the time the information was submitted. This
10 duty to report includes:

11 1. Notifying the cabinet of any physical change, alteration, or modification to a licensed
12 facility that materially or substantially alters the facility or its usage, including an increase or
13 decrease in the total square footage of the facility;

14 2. Significant electrical modifications that require inspection by local authorities; and

15 3. Sealing off, creation of, or relocation of a common entryway, doorway, passage, or
16 other means of ingress or egress when the common entryway, doorway, or passage alters or
17 changes limited access areas.

18 (b) During the licensure period, a licensee shall notify the cabinet following knowledge
19 or discovery of the following events:

20 1. Inventory discrepancies;

21 2. Diversion, theft, or loss of any medicinal cannabis or medicinal cannabis product;

22 3. Unauthorized destruction of medicinal cannabis;

1 4. Any criminal proceeding involving the licensee’s owners, principal officers, board
2 members, employees, volunteers, financial backers, or agents arising out of actions taken on the
3 licensee’s premises or while using licensee property;

4 5. Security alarm activation or other event that requires response by law enforcement or
5 security personnel;

6 6. Any loss, unauthorized dissemination, or unauthorized alteration of records related to
7 medicinal cannabis, cardholders, employees, volunteers, or agents;

8 7. Accidents involving transport vehicles that occur while the licensee is transporting or
9 delivering medicinal cannabis;

10 8. Any act involving cultivating, processing, producing, testing, transporting, or
11 dispensing medicinal cannabis by any person that may create a health or safety risk to
12 cardholders or the general public;

13 9. A dispensary declines the sale of medicinal cannabis to a cardholder; and

14 10. A dispensary desires to prohibit a cardholder from entering its premises.

15 (c) The notifications required under this subsection shall be:

16 1. Provided on a form prescribed by the cabinet and available on the website of the
17 Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program, <https://kymedcan.ky.gov>, that includes time and date of
18 the event, individuals involved, and a detailed description of the event; and

19 2. Sent via electronic mail to kymedcanreporting@ky.gov within twenty-four (24) hours
20 of discovery or knowledge of the event.

21 (d) If the licensee fails to provide the notice required under this section, the cabinet may
22 take one (1) or more of the actions described in Section 12 of this administrative regulation.

1 (e) In the event a local government prohibits all cannabis business operations within its
2 territory in accordance with KRS 218B.130, a licensee located within the affected territory shall
3 notify the cabinet in writing via electronic mail to kymedcanreporting@ky.gov within twenty-
4 four (24) hours of notification or discovery of this prohibition, including all information known
5 regarding the prohibition, and may make a written request to the cabinet to change its cannabis
6 business location in accordance with Section 9 of this administrative regulation.

7 (3) Inspection and investigation.

8 (a) The cabinet may conduct announced or unannounced inspections or investigations to
9 determine the licensee's compliance with KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1. These
10 investigations and inspections may occur during regular working hours and at other reasonable
11 times in order to inspect the licensee's place of business, question privately any such principal
12 officer, board member, agent, employee, or employee's representative, and investigate such facts,
13 conditions, practices, or other matters deemed appropriate to determine whether the licensee is
14 operating in compliance with KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1. If a licensee refuses
15 such entry onto its premises, the cabinet may apply to the circuit court in the county in which the
16 licensee is located for an order to enforce the right of entry.

17 (b) Following completion of an inspection or investigation, the cabinet shall have the
18 authority to confiscate, possess, transport, and destroy any medicinal cannabis that has been
19 deemed noncompliant with the standards established by KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR
20 Chapter 1.

21 (c) The cabinet's authorized representatives shall also have the authority to:

- 22 1. Administer oaths;
- 23 2. Examine witnesses under oath;

- 1 3. Take depositions;
- 2 4. Certify to official acts;
- 3 5. Review records and accounts;
- 4 6. Take photographs;
- 5 7. Secure any other evidence deemed necessary to evaluate compliance with KRS
- 6 Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1; and
- 7 8. Issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and parties and the production
- 8 of books, accounts, correspondence, memoranda, and other records considered necessary and
- 9 relevant to the matter under investigation by the cabinet.
- 10 (d) When a witness or party fails to comply with a subpoena issued by the cabinet, the
- 11 circuit court in the county in which the witness or party is located may compel obedience by
- 12 proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of a subpoena or order issued from such
- 13 court or a refusal to testify therein, and may adjudge such person guilty of contempt of court and
- 14 punish him or her as provided by law in other contempt cases. In any proceeding brought under
- 15 this paragraph, a circuit court may modify or set aside the subpoena.
- 16 (e) An investigation or inspection may include:
- 17 1. Inspection of a licensee's site, facility, vehicles, equipment, books, records, papers,
- 18 documents, data, and other physical or electronic information;
- 19 2. Interviews of licensee's principal officers, board members, agents, employees,
- 20 volunteers, or employee representatives;
- 21 3. Interviews of licensee's former principal officers, board members, agents, employees,
- 22 volunteers, or employee representatives; and

1 4. Inspection of equipment, instruments, tools, machinery, and vehicles that are used to
2 grow, process, package, transport, and test medicinal cannabis.

3 (f) The cabinet and its authorized agents shall have free access to review and, if
4 necessary, make copies of books, records, papers, documents, data, or other physical or
5 electronic information that relates to the business of the licensee, including financial data, sales
6 data, shipping data, pricing data, and employee data.

7 (g) Failure of a licensee to provide the cabinet and its authorized agents immediate access
8 to any part of a licensee’s site or facility, requested material, physical or electronic information,
9 or individual as part of an inspection or investigation may result in the imposition of a civil
10 monetary fine, suspension, or revocation of its license, or an immediate cessation of operations
11 pursuant to a cease-and-desist order issued by the cabinet if continued operations would present a
12 risk to the health, safety, or welfare of cardholders or the public.

13 (h) The cabinet and its authorized agents shall have access to any area within a licensee’s
14 site or facility, including any area being used to store medicinal cannabis, and are authorized to
15 collect samples and test samples for testing.

16 (4) Training.

17 (a) Every principal, agent, employee, and volunteer of a licensee who has direct contact
18 with cardholders, or physically handles cannabis seeds, seedlings, mature cannabis plants,
19 medicinal cannabis, or medicinal cannabis products, shall complete applicable training required
20 by the cabinet, which may include trainings for cultivating, processing, testing, and retail sale of
21 medicinal cannabis and usage of the commonwealth’s designated electronic monitoring system
22 and seed to sale tracking system required by KRS 218B.140. The cabinet shall provide written

1 notice to licensees of the availability of any required training and the frequency to complete the
2 training.

3 (b) The cabinet shall publish a Guide to Worker Safety and Health in the Kentucky
4 Medical Cannabis Industry on the website of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program,
5 <https://kymedcan.ky.gov>. Licensees shall maintain a physical copy of the Guide to Worker
6 Safety and Health in the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Industry in their facility in a manner that is
7 readily accessible to its employees or agents and ensure that employees receive annual training
8 on the contents of the guide.

9 (c) A licensee shall train its principals, agents, employees, and volunteers on its
10 established standard operating procedures within thirty (30) days of starting employment and
11 once every calendar year thereafter.

12 (d) A licensee shall retain any training participation records of its principals, agents,
13 employees, and volunteers and make them available for inspection by the cabinet upon request
14 for a period of five (5) years.

15 (5) Insurance requirements.

16 (a) A licensee shall obtain and maintain commercial general liability insurance for, at a
17 minimum, \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 per aggregate.

18 (b) A licensee shall obtain and maintain commercial automobile insurance as required by
19 Kentucky law, specifically KRS 304.39-110, for any vehicle used to transport medicinal
20 cannabis or medicinal cannabis products.

21 (c) A licensee shall obtain and maintain workers' compensation insurance coverage for
22 employees in the commonwealth and shall pay all required employer contributions to the
23 Kentucky Office of Unemployment Insurance.

1 (d) The insurance requirements contained in this section shall begin prior to the licensee's
2 first day of cannabis business activities in the commonwealth and continue for as long as the
3 licensee is operating under a license issued by the cabinet.

4 (6) Reports.

5 (a) The cabinet may require ongoing reporting of operational and financial information
6 from the licensee in a form and manner prescribed by the cabinet.

7 (b) The cabinet shall require any reports necessary to carry out its responsibilities under
8 KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1.

9 Section 6. Failure to be operational.

10 (1) If a licensee has not met the timeline estimates provided in its initial license
11 application to begin cannabis business activities in the commonwealth, the licensee shall notify
12 the cabinet via electronic mail to kymedcanreporting@ky.gov within two (2) calendar days of
13 determining a need to adjust its timeline. In its written notice to the cabinet, the licensee shall
14 identify any operational deficiencies and provide an explanation for failing to adhere to its
15 timeline estimates.

16 (2) Within seven (7) calendar days of providing the written notice required under this
17 section, the licensee shall submit a corrective action plan to the cabinet that sets forth the
18 licensee's updated timeline and a date certain for correcting the identified operational
19 deficiencies.

20 (3) If the licensee fails to comply with its corrective action plan, the cabinet may impose
21 penalties or sanctions as outlined in Section 12 of this administrative regulation.

22 Section 7. Closure of a licensed cannabis business location.

1 (1) A licensee shall notify the cabinet via electronic mail to kymedcanreporting@ky.gov
2 immediately, but in no event fewer than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the projected date of
3 closure, upon making a determination that it intends to close a cannabis business location.

4 (2) A licensee shall not accept or purchase seeds, seedlings, medicinal cannabis plants,
5 medicinal cannabis, medicinal cannabis products, medicinal cannabis accessories, equipment, or
6 medicinal devices or instruments for the closing location as of the date of closure notice
7 submitted to the cabinet.

8 (3) The notice shall be accompanied by the licensee's written plan for closing its cannabis
9 business location that includes:

10 (a) The projected date of closure;

11 (b) How the licensee intends to notify, prior to the projected date for closure, any person
12 or entity to which the licensee provides medicinal cannabis or medicinal cannabis services from
13 the closing location;

14 (c) How the licensee intends to dispose of seeds, seedlings, medicinal cannabis plants,
15 medicinal cannabis, medicinal cannabis products, or other plant matter projected to still be at the
16 closing location at the time of the projected closure; and

17 (d) How the licensee intends to dispose of equipment, devices, instruments, or medicinal
18 cannabis accessories at the closing location.

19 (4) A licensee shall not remove or destroy any seeds, seedlings, medicinal cannabis
20 plants, medicinal cannabis, other plant matter, medicinal cannabis products, equipment,
21 medicinal cannabis accessories, or medicinal devices or instruments until the cabinet has
22 approved its plan for closing the location and shall comply with all applicable requirements
23 regarding disposal of medicinal cannabis contained in 915 KAR Chapter 1.

1 (5) The cabinet may enter and inspect the cannabis business location and facilities
2 following receipt of the licensee's closure plan to determine whether to approve the closure plan.
3 If the cabinet denies the closure plan, it shall notify the licensee in writing and require the
4 licensee to submit a revised closure plan within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the denial
5 notice. The cabinet shall review and consider the revised closing plan and issue a determination
6 within seven (7) calendar days of receipt.

7 (6) If the cabinet approves the licensee's closure plan, the licensee shall surrender its
8 license for the closing location to the cabinet on or before the date for closure provided in the
9 plan.

10 Section 8. Request for approval of a change in cannabis business ownership.

11 (1) If there is an impending change in ownership of a licensee from the ownership listed
12 in the initial license application, the licensee shall submit a written request for approval of a
13 change in ownership to the cabinet via electronic mail to kymedcanreporting@ky.gov. The
14 cabinet shall consider the requirements for ownership of a cannabis business contained in KRS
15 Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1 as well as any other factors that the cabinet deems
16 relevant in making its determination on the request. The cabinet shall review the request and
17 notify the licensee in writing whether the request is approved or denied.

18 (2) For each new individual or entity that is part of the proposed change in ownership, the
19 licensee shall include in its request the information required of owners in the initial license
20 application. The licensee shall also provide the cabinet with the names of all outgoing
21 individuals or entities previously listed as owners.

22 (3) If the cabinet determines that a request for approval of a change in ownership is
23 lacking sufficient information upon which to make a determination, the cabinet shall notify the

1 licensee in writing of the areas that require additional information and documentation. The
2 licensee shall have fifteen (15) calendar days from the mailing date of the notice to provide the
3 requested information and documentation to the cabinet. A licensee's failure to provide the
4 required information and documentation to the cabinet by the deadline shall be grounds for the
5 denial of the requested change in ownership.

6 Section 9. Request for approval of a change in cannabis business location.

7 (1) A licensee desiring to change the location of a site or facility shall submit a written
8 request for approval of a change in location to the cabinet via electronic mail to
9 kymedcanreporting@ky.gov. A change in location of a site or facility shall not occur unless the
10 cabinet approves the change in writing. The cabinet shall consider the location requirements for
11 a cannabis business contained in KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1 in making its
12 determination on the request, and any other factors that the cabinet deems relevant. The cabinet
13 shall review the request and notify the licensee in writing whether the request is approved or
14 denied.

15 (2) A written request for approval of a change in location shall include the reason(s) for
16 requesting the change and other information about the proposed new location, including:

17 (a) The proposed new physical address of the cannabis business and the GPS coordinates
18 for any proposed cultivation, processing, producing, testing, or dispensing activities;

19 (b) Evidence that the licensee has the authority to use the proposed site as a cannabis
20 business;

21 (c) Confirmation that the proposed location is not within one thousand (1,000) feet of an
22 existing elementary or secondary school or a daycare center at the time the request is made; and

23 (d) A site plan for the cannabis business.

1 (3) If the cabinet in its discretion approves the request, the cabinet shall issue an amended
2 license to the licensee reflecting the new physical address of the cannabis business. The
3 expiration date of the amended license shall be the same as the expiration date of the previous
4 license.

5 (4) Within ninety (90) calendar days of the issuance by the cabinet of an amended license
6 under this section, the licensee shall change the location of its operation to the new location
7 designated in the new license. Simultaneously, the licensee shall cease to operate at the former
8 location and surrender its existing license to the cabinet. The following conditions shall apply:

9 (a) At no time may a licensee operate or exercise any of the privileges granted under the
10 license in both locations;

11 (b) The cabinet may extend the ninety (90) day deadline for relocation for up to an
12 additional ninety (90) calendar days;

13 (c) The licensee shall notify the cabinet via electronic mail to
14 kymedcanreporting@ky.gov at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to beginning cannabis
15 business activities at the new location; and

16 (d) The cabinet may conduct an inspection to determine the appropriateness of the new
17 location, and upon notification from the cabinet, the licensee shall immediately correct any
18 deficiencies identified by the cabinet during this inspection and shall not commence operations at
19 the new location until the deficiencies have been corrected and approved by the cabinet.

20 (5) For dispensary licenses, the cabinet shall not approve a change of location that is
21 outside the boundaries of the medicinal cannabis region for which the license was issued or that
22 otherwise is not in compliance with the location restrictions contained in Section 3(3) of this
23 administrative regulation.

1 Section 10. Request to sell cannabis business license.

2 (1) A licensee desiring to sell its cannabis business license shall submit a written request
3 for approval of the sale to the cabinet via electronic mail to kymedcanreporting@ky.gov. The
4 sale of a cannabis business license shall not occur unless the cabinet approves the sale in writing.
5 The cabinet shall review the request and notify the licensee in writing whether the proposed sale
6 is approved or denied. The cabinet shall consider the initial license application requirements for
7 a cannabis business contained in KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR 1:010, and any other factors
8 that the cabinet deems relevant in making its determination on the request.

9 (2) A written request to approve a license sale shall include the sale price, the reason(s)
10 for requesting the sale, and information about the proposed purchaser, including:

11 (a) All information and documentation required to be submitted by a cannabis business as
12 part of the initial license application process in order to show the proposed purchaser would be
13 eligible for entry into a license lottery conducted according to this administrative regulation;

14 (b) Signed attestations from the proposed purchaser that are required as part of the initial
15 license application process;

16 (c) A transition plan for transferring the license from the licensee to the proposed
17 purchaser; and

18 (d) A notarized affidavit from the proposed purchaser swearing and affirming that all
19 information and documentation provided to the cabinet along with the request is true and correct,
20 and an acknowledgement that any false statement made to the cabinet as part of the proposed
21 sale process is punishable under the applicable provisions of KRS 523.100.

1 (3) The cabinet shall approve a licensee's sale of a license if the proposed purchaser and
2 any new location or facilities meet the requirements of KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR
3 Chapter 1.

4 (4) The cabinet shall deny a licensee's sale of a license to any proposed purchaser who
5 currently holds a license in a different cannabis business category than the one offered for sale
6 (such as the proposed purchaser seeks to purchase a dispensary license while currently licensed
7 as a tier I cultivator), except that a cultivator may sell its license to another licensed cultivator in
8 the same or different cultivator tier (such as the proposed purchaser may purchase a tier II
9 cultivator license while currently licensed as a tier I cultivator). Cultivators may hold licenses in
10 more than one (1) cultivator tier at any given time as long as each license contains a separate and
11 distinct physical address where cultivator conducts licensed cannabis activities and the licensee
12 is otherwise in compliance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1.

13 Section 11. Issuance of additional cannabis business licenses.

14 (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, the cabinet shall, on a quarterly basis, review the need for
15 issuance of new licenses in each cannabis business category.

16 (2) In making its determination whether to issue new licenses, the cabinet may consider:

17 (a) The population of the commonwealth;

18 (b) The number of active cardholders;

19 (c) Changes to the list of qualifying medical conditions for medicinal cannabis;

20 (d) Market supply and demand;

21 (e) Geographic distribution of dispensaries and other cannabis businesses;

22 (f) Workforce development opportunities; and

23 (g) Any other factors that the cabinet deems relevant to its analysis.

1 (3) If the cabinet determines there exists a need for additional cannabis business licenses
2 in the commonwealth, the cabinet shall issue a notice documenting the basis for this
3 determination, including a list of the factors it considered to arrive at that determination.

4 (4) The cabinet shall publish on the website of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program,
5 <https://kymedcan.ky.gov>, the notice required by this Section as well as a notice of initial license
6 application availability. This notice shall provide the timeframe during which initial license
7 applications shall be accepted by the cabinet and the category and number of cannabis business
8 licenses available for distribution at the close of the application period. Applicants for new
9 cannabis business licenses shall adhere to the requirements of 915 KAR 1:010 regarding initial
10 license applications and follow the initial license application instructions. The process for
11 issuing new licenses shall comply with the requirements of this administrative regulation.

12 Section 12. Penalties and sanctions.

13 (1) In addition to any other penalty imposed by law for violations of KRS Chapter 218B
14 and 915 KAR Chapter 1, the cabinet may take one (1) or more of the following actions:

15 (a) Suspend or revoke a license if any of the following occur:

16 1. The licensee or any of its agents commit multiple violations or a serious violation of
17 the requirements of KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1;

18 2. The licensee or any of its agents fail to maintain effective control against diversion of
19 medicinal cannabis from its facility or under its control;

20 3. The licensee or any of its agents violate a provision of other state or local laws
21 regarding the operation of its cannabis business;

1 4. The licensee or any of its agents engage in conduct, or an event occurs, that would
2 have disqualified the cannabis business from being issued a license or having its license
3 renewed; or

4 5. The licensee submitted false or misleading information on any application submitted to
5 the cabinet.

6 (b) Impose a civil fine of not more than \$10,000 for each violation and an additional fine
7 of not more than \$1,000 for each day of the continuing violation. In determining the amount of
8 each fine, the cabinet shall take the following into consideration:

9 1. The seriousness of the violation;

10 2. The potential harm resulting from the violation to cardholders or the general public;

11 3. The willfulness of the violation;

12 4. Previous violations, if any, by the licensee being assessed;

13 5. The economic benefit to the licensee being assessed for failing to comply with the
14 requirements of KRS Chapter 218B, 915 KAR Chapter 1, or an order issued by the cabinet; and

15 6. The economic detriment to the licensee.

16 (c) Issue a cease-and-desist order to immediately stop or restrict the operations of a
17 licensee to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. The following applies to issuing a
18 cease-and-desist order:

19 1. An order may include a requirement that a licensee cease or restrict some or all of its
20 operations. In addition, the order may prohibit the use of some or all of the medicinal cannabis
21 grown, processed, or to be sold by the licensee;

22 2. An order may be issued by an authorized agent of the cabinet immediately upon the
23 completion of an inspection or investigation if the agent observes or suspects an operational

1 failure or determines that the conditions will likely create a diversion of medicinal cannabis,
2 contamination of medicinal cannabis, or a risk to cardholders or the general public;

3 3. An order may be issued by an authorized agent of the cabinet in circumstances where a
4 licensee fails to provide timely notice of closure of a cannabis business location in accordance
5 with Section 7 of this administrative regulation and the cabinet suspects the imminent closure of
6 the cannabis business shall likely create a diversion of medicinal cannabis or a risk to
7 cardholders or the general public;

8 4. An order may include:

9 a. An immediate evacuation of the site and facility, and the sealing of the entrances to the
10 facility;

11 b. A quarantine of some or all of the medicinal cannabis found at the facility; and

12 c. The suspension of the sale or shipment of some or all of the medicinal cannabis found
13 at the facility.

14 (d) Issue a written warning if the cabinet determines that either:

15 1. The public interest shall be adequately served under the circumstances by the issuance
16 of the warning; or

17 2. The violation does not threaten the safety or health of cardholders or the general
18 public, and the licensee shall take immediate action to remedy the violation.

19 (e) Require a licensee develop and adhere to a corrective action plan approved by the
20 cabinet. The cabinet shall monitor compliance with the corrective action plan. Failure to
21 comply with the corrective action plan may result in the cabinet taking additional action under
22 the applicable provisions of this section as it deems appropriate.

1 (2) A person who aids, abets, counsels, induces, procures, or causes another person to
2 violate KRS Chapter 218B or 915 KAR Chapter 1, or an order issued by cabinet, shall be subject
3 to the civil penalties provided for under this section.

4 (3) Before the cabinet may revoke or suspend a license, the cabinet shall provide the
5 licensee with written notice specifying the nature of the alleged violation(s) and allow the
6 licensee an opportunity to appear and be heard pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B. Any resulting
7 hearing shall be conducted in compliance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 13B.

8 (4) The cabinet shall provide a licensee with written notice of imposition of a civil fine,
9 order of restitution, cease-and-desist order, written warning, or corrective action plan via
10 certified mail to the address on the license. The licensee may, within thirty (30) calendar days
11 after the date of the mailing of the cabinet's notice, file a written request for an administrative
12 hearing regarding the action taken. The hearing shall be conducted in compliance with the
13 requirements of KRS Chapter 13B.

14 Section 13. Technical advisories.

15 (1) The cabinet may issue technical advisories by memorandum to assist licensees in
16 complying with the KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1.

17 (2) Technical advisories shall not have the force of law or regulation, but shall provide
18 guidance on the cabinet's interpretation of, and how a licensee may maintain compliance with,
19 KRS Chapter 218B and 915 KAR Chapter 1.

20 (3) Notice of the availability of a technical advisory shall be published on the website of
21 the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program, <https://kymedcan.ky.gov>.

22 Section 14. Minimal performance standards for biennial accreditation.

1 (1) As part of the license renewal process, licensees shall meet the minimum performance
2 standards established in 915 KAR 1:010, Section 6 in order to be approved for a renewal license.

3 (2) If a licensee successfully meets the minimum performance standards established in
4 915 KAR 1:010, Section 6 over a two (2) year period, the cabinet shall recognize the licensee as
5 an accredited cannabis business in the commonwealth.

6 (3) The recognition provided under this section shall expire two (2) years after the date of
7 issuance, and shall be renewed if the licensee continues to:

8 (a) Operate in the commonwealth as of the expiration date; and

9 (b) Meet the minimum performance standards established in 915 KAR 1:010, Section 6.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall, if requested, be held on June 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. using the CHFS Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Zoom meeting room. The Zoom invitation will be emailed to each requestor the week prior to the scheduled hearing. Individuals interested in attending this virtual hearing shall notify this agency in writing by June 17, 2024, five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends virtually will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on this proposed administrative regulation until June 30, 2024. Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person. Pursuant to KRS 13A.280(8), copies of the statement of consideration and, if applicable, the amended after comments version of the administrative regulation shall be made available upon request.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This administrative regulation establishes procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of cannabis business licenses.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation is necessary to carry out the requirements of KRS Chapter 218B, specifically KRS 218B.140.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 218B.140 requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations establishing procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of cannabis business licenses. This administrative regulation establishes those procedures.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation provides the procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of cannabis business licenses.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: Not applicable. This is a new administrative regulation.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: Not applicable. This is a new administrative regulation.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: Not applicable. This is a new administrative regulation.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: Not applicable. This is a new administrative regulation.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation affects cannabis businesses that have applied for and subsequently receive licenses to conduct cannabis business activities in the commonwealth.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:

The requirements to receive a cannabis business license and remain in good standing throughout the licensure period are provided in this administrative regulation.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): The initial license fees vary by cannabis business category and range from \$12,000 to \$125,000 for each licensed location. The annual renewal license fees also vary by cannabis business category and range from \$12,000 to \$115,000 for each licensed location.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): The cannabis businesses that receive a license from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services are authorized to conduct cannabis business activities in the commonwealth for the term of the license, which is one (1) year from the date of license issuance.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: The annual cost estimate to administer all aspects of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program is \$9,135,398. A significant portion of those funds will go toward licensing and enforcement of cannabis businesses operating in the commonwealth as well implementation and continued operation of the electronic monitoring system and seed to sale tracking system required by KRS 218B.140.

(b) On a continuing basis: The annual cost estimate to administer all aspects of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program is \$9,135,398. A significant portion of those funds will go toward licensing and enforcement of cannabis businesses operating in the commonwealth as well implementation and continued operation of the electronic monitoring system and seed to sale tracking system required by KRS 218B.140.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: State general funds provided by the commonwealth.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: It is anticipated that an increase in funding will be necessary to implement this regulation as additional staff and resources are necessary to administer and enforce licensure of cannabis businesses.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees: Yes, this administrative regulation establishes initial license fees and annual renewal license fees for cannabis businesses to operate in Kentucky.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? (Explain why or why not) Tiering is not applied. Cannabis businesses will be treated equally.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

915 KAR 1:020E: Cannabis business licenses.

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(1) Identify each state statute, federal statute, or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 218B.015, 218B.080, 218B.085, 218B.090, 218B.095, 218B.100, 218B.105, 218B.110, 218B.115, 218B.120, 218B.125, 218B.140, 304.39-110, 523.100, KRS Chapter 13B.

(2) Identify the promulgating agency and any other affected state units, parts, or divisions: This administrative regulation is promulgated by the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

(a) Estimate the following for the first year:

Expenditures: The annual cost estimate to administer all aspects of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program is \$9,135,398.

Revenues: The commonwealth will receive initial license fees paid by proposed cannabis businesses during the first year. The initial license fees vary by cannabis business category and range from \$12,000 to \$125,000 for each licensed location.

Cost Savings: The cabinet does not anticipate any cost savings in the first year.

(b) How will expenditures, revenues, or cost savings differ in subsequent years? The annual cost estimate to administer all aspects of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program is \$9,135,398. The commonwealth will receive annual renewal license fees from licensed cannabis businesses that desire to continue operating in the commonwealth following the expiration of their existing license. The annual renewal license fees vary by cannabis business category and range from \$12,000 to \$115,000 for each submitted renewal application. The annual renewal license fees are refundable if the renewal application is denied. The commonwealth may also receive additional initial license fees if the Cabinet for Health and Family Services determines additional licenses should be issued in a given year based on criteria provided in 915 KAR Chapter 1.

(3) Identify affected local entities (for example: cities, counties, fire departments, school districts): If its application is approved, a proposed cannabis business will locate within a city or county in the commonwealth.

(a) Estimate the following for the first year:

Expenditures: Unknown at this time. This response will depend on the number of licensed cannabis businesses located in a respective city or county and any ordinances

established by local authorities regulating licensed cannabis businesses in their jurisdiction as allowed by KRS 218B.130

Revenues: Unknown at this time. This response will depend on the number of licensed cannabis businesses located in a respective city or county and any ordinances and fees established by local authorities regulating licensed cannabis businesses in their jurisdiction as allowed by KRS 218B.130.

Cost Savings: The cabinet does not anticipate any cost savings in the first year.

(b) How will expenditures, revenues, or cost savings differ in subsequent years?

Unknown at this time. This response will depend on the number of licensed cannabis businesses located in a respective city or county and any ordinances and fees established by local authorities regulating licensed cannabis businesses in their jurisdiction as allowed by KRS 218B.130.

(4) Identify additional regulated entities not listed in questions (2) or (3): Licensed cannabis businesses.

(a) Estimate the following for the first year:

Expenditures: The initial license fees vary by cannabis business category and range from \$12,000 to \$125,000 for each licensed location..

Revenues: Once operational, licensees will generate revenue through cannabis business activities. At this time, it is unknown how much revenue will be generated by those licensed cannabis businesses.

Cost Savings: The cabinet does not anticipate any cost savings in the first year.

(b) How will expenditures, revenues, or cost savings differ in subsequent years?

Cannabis businesses are required to pay the applicable annual renewal license fee at the time of renewal application submission. The annual renewal license fees vary by cannabis business category and range from \$12,000 to \$115,000 for each submitted renewal application. This renewal license fee is refundable if the renewal application is denied.

(5) Provide a narrative to explain the:

(a) Fiscal impact of this administrative regulation: The annual cost estimate to administer all aspects of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program is \$9,135,398. A significant portion of those funds will go toward licensing and enforcement of cannabis businesses operating in the commonwealth as well implementation and continued operation of the electronic monitoring system and seed to sale tracking system required by KRS 218B.140. It is anticipated that an increase in funding will be necessary to administer all of the administrative regulations contained in 915 KAR Chapter 1 related to cannabis businesses.

(b) Methodology and resources used to determine the fiscal impact: As part of its Biennial Budget Request, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services analyzed the cost to administer all aspects of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program, including estimated costs for staffing and implementation and ongoing maintenance and operations costs for the electronic monitoring system and seed to sale tracking system required by KRS 218B.140.

(6) Explain:

(a) Whether this administrative regulation will have an overall negative or adverse major economic impact to the entities identified in questions (2) - (4). (\$500,000 or more, in aggregate). The annual cost estimate to administer all aspects of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis

Program is \$9,135,398. A significant portion of those funds will go toward licensing and enforcement of cannabis businesses operating in the commonwealth as well implementation and continued operation of the electronic monitoring system and seed to sale tracking system required by KRS 218B.140. The Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program will have a major economic impact on the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and it is anticipated that an increase in funding will be necessary to administer all of the administrative regulations contained in 915 KAR Chapter 1 related to cannabis businesses.

(b) The methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion: As part of its Biennial Budget Request, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services analyzed the cost to administer all aspects of the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program, including estimated costs for staffing and implementation and ongoing maintenance and operations costs for the electronic monitoring system required by KRS 218B.140.