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established in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary and has paid all required fees.

- (c) The secretary shall issue not less than 15% of cultivator and laboratory licenses to entities that are owned and controlled by United States citizens who are residents of this state and are members of one of the following economically disadvantaged groups: Blacks or African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics or Latinos and Asians. If no applications or an insufficient number of applications are submitted by such entities that meet the conditions set forth in subsection (b), licenses shall be issued in accordance with subsections (a) and (b).
- (d) A license shall be valid for a period of one year from the date such license is issued and may be renewed by submitting a license renewal application and paying the required fee.
- New Sec. 21. (a) (1) A level I cultivator licensee may cultivate medical marijuana in an area that shall not exceed 25,000 square feet and may deliver or sell medical marijuana to one or more licensed processors.
- (2) A level II cultivator licensee may cultivate medical marijuana in an area that shall not exceed 3,000 square feet and may deliver or sell medical marijuana to one or more licensed processors.
- (b) (1) A licensee may submit an application to the department of agriculture for approval of an expansion of such licensee's cultivation area. Expansion approval applications shall be submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the secretary and shall include an expansion plan that shall include the following:
- (A) Specifications for the expansion or alteration that demonstrate compliance with all applicable zoning ordinances, building codes and any other state and local laws and rules and regulations adopted thereunder;
- (B) a proposed timeline for completion of the expansion that, if approved, will become a mandatory condition; and
- (C) a history of compliance with the Kansas medical marijuana regulation act and all rules and regulations adopted thereunder, including a history of enforcement actions and sanctions issued by the department or any law enforcement agency against the licensee.
- (2) The secretary shall review all expansion approval applications. In determining whether to approve or deny any application, the secretary shall consider the population of this state and the number of patients seeking to use medical marijuana. No licensee may submit an application for expansion more than once during any 12-month period.
- (3) In no event shall the aggregate area of cultivation of a licensee exceed 75,000 square feet if the licensee holds a level I cultivator license or 9,000 square feet if the licensee holds a level II cultivator license.
- (c) When establishing the number of cultivator licenses that will be permitted at any one time, the secretary shall consider the population of

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licensed under section 20, and amendments thereto, or an applicant for such license;

- (3) the applicant demonstrates that it does not share any corporate officers or employees with a laboratory licensed under section 20, and amendments thereto, or an applicant for such license;
- (4) the applicant demonstrates that it will not violate the provisions of section 42, and amendments thereto;
- (5) the applicant has submitted a tax clearance certificate issued by the department of revenue; and
- (6) the applicant meets all other licensure eligibility conditions established in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary and has paid all required fees.
- (c) The director shall issue not less than 15% of processor and distributor licenses to entities that are owned and controlled by United States citizens who are residents of this state and are members of one of the following economically disadvantaged groups: Blacks or African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics or Latinos and Asians. If no applications or an insufficient number of applications are submitted by such entities that meet the conditions set forth in subsection (b), licenses shall be issued in accordance with subsections (a) and (b).
- (d) A license shall be valid for a period of one year from the date such license is issued, and may be renewed by submitting a license renewal application and paying the required fee.

New Sec. 29. (a) A processor licensee may:

- (1) Obtain medical marijuana from one or more licensed cultivators or processors;
- (2) subject to subsection (b), process medical marijuana obtained from one or more licensed cultivators into a form described in section 20, and amendments thereto; and
- (3) deliver or sell processed medical marijuana to one or more licensed processors, distributors or retail dispensaries.
 - (b) When processing medical marijuana, a licensed processor shall:
- (1) Package the medical marijuana in accordance with child-resistant effectiveness standards described in 16 C.F.R. § 1700.15(b) in effect on July 1, 2021;
- (2) label the medical marijuana packaging with the product's tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol content; and
- (3) comply with any packaging or labeling requirements established by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue.
- (c) When establishing the number of processor licenses that will be permitted at any one time, the director of alcoholic beverage control shall consider the population of this state and the number of patients seeking to use medical marijuana.

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(6) the applicant meets all other licensure eligibility conditions established in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary and has paid all required fees.

- (c) The director shall issue not less than 15% of retail dispensary licenses to entities that are owned and controlled by United States citizens who are residents of this state and are members of one of the following economically disadvantaged groups: Blacks or African Americans, American Indians, Hispanies or Latinos and Asians. If no application or an insufficient number of applications are submitted by such entities that meet the conditions set forth in subsection (b), licenses shall be issued in accordance with subsections (a) and (b).
- (d) Each associated, key and support employee of a licensed retail dispensary shall submit an application for an employee license for such employee in such form and manner as prescribed by the director. A separate license application shall be submitted for each employee. The director shall issue a license to an applicant if all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) The criminal history record check conducted pursuant to section 43, and amendments thereto, with respect to the applicant demonstrates the following:
- (A) Subject to subparagraph (B), that the individual subject to the criminal history record check requirement has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the disqualifying offenses as specified in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue; or
- (B) that the disqualifying offense such individual was convicted of or pleaded guilty to is one of the offenses specified in rules and regulations as one that will not disqualify the applicant if the applicant was convicted of or pleaded guilty to the offense more than five years prior to the date the application for licensure is submitted; and
- (2) the applicant meets all other licensure eligibility conditions established in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary and has paid all required fees.
- (e) A license shall be valid for a period of two years from the date such license is issued and may be renewed by submitting a license renewal application and paying the required fee.
- (f) When establishing the number of retail dispensary licenses that will be permitted at any one time, the director shall consider all of the following:
 - (1) The population of this state;
 - (2) the number of patients seeking to use medical marijuana; and
- (3) the geographic distribution of retail dispensaries in an effort to ensure patient access to medical marijuana.
 - New Sec. 32. (a) A retail dispensary licensee may:

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