HOUSE BILL 3474

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to medical marijuana; amending Section 4, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 430), which relates to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act; removing certain limitation on issuing medical marijuana waste disposal licenses by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 430), is amended to read as follows:

Section 430. A. There is hereby created and authorized a medical marijuana waste disposal license. A person or entity in possession of a medical marijuana waste disposal license shall be entitled to possess, transport and dispose of medical marijuana waste. No person or entity shall possess, transport or dispose of medical marijuana waste without a valid medical marijuana waste disposal license. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority shall
issue licenses upon proper application by a licensee and
determination by the Authority that the proposed site and facility
are physically and technically suitable. Upon a finding that a
proposed medical marijuana waste disposal facility is not physically
or technically suitable, the Authority shall deny the license. The
Authority may, upon determining that public health or safety
requires emergency action, issue a temporary license for treatment
or storage of medical marijuana waste for a period not to exceed
ninety (90) days. The Authority shall not, for the first year of
the licensure program, issue more than ten licenses. Upon the
conclusion of the first year, the Authority shall assess the need
for additional licenses and shall, if demonstrated, increase
Beginning November 1, 2020, there shall be no limit to the number of
medical marijuana waste disposal licenses as deemed necessary issued
by the Authority.

B. Entities applying for a medical marijuana waste disposal
license shall undergo the following screening process:

1. Complete an application form, as prescribed by the
   Authority, which shall include:

   a. an attestation that the applicant is authorized to
      make application on behalf of the entity,

   b. full name of the organization,

   c. trade name, if applicable,

   d. type of business organization,
e. complete mailing address,

f. an attestation that the commercial entity will not be located on tribal land,

g. telephone number and email address of the entity, and

h. name, residential address and date of birth of each owner and each member, manager and board member, if applicable;

2. The application for a medical marijuana waste disposal license made by an individual on his or her own behalf shall be on the form prescribed by the Authority and shall include, but not be limited to:

  a. the first, middle and last name of the applicant and suffix, if applicable,
  b. the residence address and mailing address of the applicant,
  c. the date of birth of the applicant,
  d. the preferred telephone number and email address of the applicant,
  e. an attestation that the information provided by the applicant is true and correct, and
  f. a statement signed by the applicant pledging not to divert marijuana to any individual or entity that is not lawfully entitled to possess marijuana; and
3. Each application shall be accompanied by the following documentation:
   a. a list of all persons or entities that have an ownership interest in the entity,
   b. a certificate of good standing from the Oklahoma Secretary of State, if applicable,
   c. an Affidavit of Lawful Presence for each owner,
   d. proof that the proposed location of the disposal facility is at least one thousand (1,000) feet from a public or private school. The distance shall be measured from any entrance of the school to the nearest property line point of the facility, and
   e. documents establishing the applicant, the members, managers and board members, if applicable, and seventy-five percent (75%) of the ownership interests are Oklahoma residents as established in Section 420 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title, as it relates to proof of residency.

C. No license shall be issued except upon proof of sufficient liability insurance and financial responsibility. Liability insurance shall be provided by the applicant and shall apply to sudden and nonsudden bodily injury or property damage on, below or above the surface, as required by the rules of the Authority. Such insurance shall be maintained for the period of operation of the
facility and shall provide coverage for damages resulting from
operation of the facility during operation and after closing. In
lieu of liability insurance required by this subsection, an
equivalent amount of cash, securities, bond or alternate financial
assurance, of a type and in an amount acceptable to the Authority,
may be substituted; provided, that such deposit shall be maintained
for a period of five (5) years after the date of last operation of
the facility.

D. Submission of an application for a medical marijuana waste
disposal license shall constitute permission for entry to and
inspection of the facility of the licensee during hours of operation
and other reasonable times. Refusal to permit such entry of
inspection shall constitute grounds for the nonrenewal, suspension
or revocation of a license. The Authority may perform an annual
unannounced, on-site inspection of the operations and facility of
the licensee. If the Authority receives a complaint concerning
noncompliance by a licensee with the provisions of this act, the
Authority may conduct additional unannounced, on-site inspections
beyond an annual inspection. The Authority shall refer all
complaints alleging criminal activity that are made against a
licensed facility to appropriate state or local law enforcement
authorities.

E. The Authority shall issue a permit for each medical
marijuana waste disposal facility operated by a licensee. A permit
shall be issued only upon proper application by a licensee and
determination by the Authority that the proposed site and facility
are physically and technically suitable. Upon a finding that a
proposed medical marijuana waste disposal facility is not physically
or technically suitable, the Authority shall deny the permit. The
Authority shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon a finding
that the site and facility are not physically and technically
suitable for processing. The Authority may, upon determining that
public health or safety requires emergency action, issue a temporary
permit for treatment or storage of medical marijuana waste for a
period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

F. The cost of a medical marijuana waste disposal license shall
be Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for the initial license. The
cost of a medical marijuana waste disposal facility permit shall be
Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00). A medical marijuana waste disposal
facility permit that has been revoked shall be reinstated upon
remittance of a reinstatement fee of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00)
to restore the facility permit. All license and permit fees shall
be deposited into the Public Health Special Fund as provided in
Section 1-107 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title.

G. The holder of a medical marijuana waste disposal license
shall not be required to obtain a medical marijuana transporter
license provided for in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient
Protection Act for purposes of transporting medical marijuana waste.
H. All commercial licensees, as defined in Section 2 428 of this act title, shall utilize a licensed medical marijuana waste disposal service to process all medical marijuana waste generated by the licensee.

I. The State Commissioner of Health shall promulgate rules for the implementation of this act the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act. Promulgated rules shall address disposal process standards, site security and any other subject matter deemed necessary by the Authority.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/18/2020 - DO PASS.