

#### SENATE BILL 23-290

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CONCERNING NATURAL MEDICINE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-170-102, amend (1)(b); and add (2) as follows:

- **12-170-102.** Legislative declaration. (1) The voters of the state of Colorado find and declare that:
- (b) Coloradans are experiencing problematic mental health issues, including but not limited to suicidality, addiction, END-OF-LIFE DISTRESS, depression, and anxiety.
  - (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:
  - (a) Considerable harm may occur to the federally

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RECOGNIZED AMERICAN TRIBES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, CULTURES, AND RELIGIONS IF NATURAL MEDICINE IS OVERLY COMMODIFIED, COMMERCIALIZED, AND EXPLOITED IN A MANNER THAT RESULTS IN THE ERASURE OF IMPORTANT CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS CONTEXT;

- (b) Considerable harm may occur to the federally recognized American tribes and Indigenous people, communities, cultures, and religions if facilitators, healing centers, and other natural medicine licensees with minimal or no connection to traditional use of natural medicine misappropriate or exploit tribal and Indigenous cultures and religions;
- (c) It is the general assembly's intent to ensure that the federally recognized American tribes and Indigenous people, communities, cultures, and religions are honored and respected as the state legalizes and regulates natural medicine. By enacting laws, rules, and orders to implement this article 170 and article 50 of title 44, the general assembly, division, and state licensing authority shall consider the potential for direct and indirect harm that may occur to the federally recognized American tribes and Indigenous people, communities, cultures, and religions that have a connection to natural medicine; and
- (d) ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL IN UTILIZING NATURAL MEDICINE FOR MANAGING VARIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, HEALING, AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH, THIS POTENTIAL MUST BE APPROPRIATELY BALANCED WITH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS THAT IT COULD POSE TO CONSUMERS AS WELL AS THE CULTURAL HARMS IT COULD POSE TO THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN TRIBES AND INDIGENOUS AND TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE CONNECTIONS TO NATURAL MEDICINE.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal and reenact, with amendments, 12-170-103 as follows:

**12-170-103. Applicability of common provisions.** ARTICLES 1 AND 20 OF THIS TITLE 12 APPLY, ACCORDING TO THEIR TERMS, TO THIS ARTICLE 170.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal and reenact,

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with amendments, 12-170-104 as follows:

**12-170-104. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 170, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

- (1) "ADMINISTRATION SESSION" MEANS A SESSION CONDUCTED AT A HEALING CENTER, OR ANOTHER LOCATION AS ALLOWED BY THIS ARTICLE 170 AND ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, DURING WHICH A PARTICIPANT CONSUMES AND EXPERIENCES THE EFFECTS OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FACILITATOR.
- (2) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE NATURAL MEDICINE ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 12-170-106.
- (3) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.
- (4) "DIVISION" MEANS THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-20-103.
- (5) "FACILITATION" MEANS THE PERFORMANCE AND SUPERVISION OF NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES FOR A PARTICIPANT.
- (6) "FACILITATOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; HAS THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, AND KNOWLEDGE, AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 OR RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170, TO PERFORM AND SUPERVISE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES FOR A PARTICIPANT; AND IS LICENSED BY THE DIRECTOR TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF FACILITATION.
- (7) "FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN TRIBE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS "INDIAN TRIBE" AS DEFINED BY THE FEDERAL "FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE LIST ACT OF 1994", AS AMENDED.
- (8) "HEALING CENTER" MEANS A FACILITY WHERE AN ENTITY IS LICENSED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44 THAT PERMITS A FACILITATOR TO PROVIDE AND SUPERVISE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES FOR A PARTICIPANT.

- (9) "HEALTH-CARE FACILITY" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW TO ADMINISTER MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING A HOSPITAL, CLINIC, HOSPICE ENTITY, COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, RURAL HEALTH CLINIC, ORGANIZATION PROVIDING A PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY, CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, OR OTHER TYPE OF ENTITY WHERE HEALTH CARE IS PROVIDED.
- (10) "INTEGRATION SESSION" MEANS A MEETING BETWEEN A PARTICIPANT AND FACILITATOR THAT OCCURS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF AN ADMINISTRATION SESSION.
- (11) "LOCAL JURISDICTION" MEANS A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY AND COUNTY.
  - (12)(a) "NATURAL MEDICINE" MEANS THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANCES:
  - (I) PSILOCYBIN; OR
  - (II) PSILOCYN.
- (b) In addition to the substances listed in subsection (12)(a) of this section, "Natural medicine" includes:
- (I) DIMETHYLTRYPTAMINE, IF RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR INCLUSION ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2026;
- (II) IBOGAINE, IF RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY; OR
- (III) MESCALINE, IF RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR INCLUSION ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2026.
- (c) "NATURAL MEDICINE" DOES NOT MEAN A SYNTHETIC OR SYNTHETIC ANALOG OF THE SUBSTANCES LISTED IN SUBSECTIONS (12)(a) AND (12)(b) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING A DERIVATIVE OF A NATURALLY

OCCURRING COMPOUND OF NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS PRODUCED USING CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS, CHEMICAL MODIFICATION, OR CHEMICAL CONVERSION.

- (d) Notwithstanding subsection (12)(b)(III) of this section, "mescaline" does not include peyote, meaning all parts of the plant classified botanically as lophophora williamsii lemaire, whether growing or not; its seed; any extract from any part of the plant, and every compound, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant; or its seeds or extracts.
- (13) "NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT" MEANS A PRODUCT INFUSED WITH NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS INTENDED FOR CONSUMPTION.
- (14) "NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES" MEANS A PREPARATION SESSION, ADMINISTRATION SESSION, AND INTEGRATION SESSION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170.
- (15) "PARTICIPANT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND WHO RECEIVES NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES PERFORMED BY AND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FACILITATOR.
- (16) "PREPARATION SESSION" MEANS A MEETING BETWEEN A PARTICIPANT AND FACILITATOR THAT OCCURS BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATION SESSION. "PREPARATION SESSION" DOES NOT MEAN AN INITIAL CONSULTATION, AN INQUIRY, OR RESPONSE ABOUT NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES.
- (17) "REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE" MEANS NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS CULTIVATED, MANUFACTURED, TESTED, STORED, DISTRIBUTED, TRANSPORTED, TRANSFERRED, OR DISPENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44.
- (18) "REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT" MEANS NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT THAT IS CULTIVATED, MANUFACTURED, TESTED, STORED, DISTRIBUTED, TRANSPORTED, TRANSFERRED, OR DISPENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44.
- (19) "REMUNERATION" MEANS ANYTHING OF VALUE, INCLUDING MONEY, REAL PROPERTY, TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY,

CONTRACT RIGHT, CHOSE IN ACTION, SERVICE, AND ANY RIGHT OF USE OR EMPLOYMENT OR PROMISE OR AGREEMENT CONNECTED THEREWITH, BUSINESS PROMOTION, OR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.

(20) "STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY" MEANS THE AUTHORITY CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE LICENSING OF THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TESTING, STORING, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORTATION, TRANSFER, AND DISPENSATION OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IN THIS STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-50-201.

**SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-105 as follows:

- 12-170-105. Director powers and duties prohibition rules. (1) In addition to any other powers and duties granted or imposed on the director pursuant to this article 170 or by any other law, the director has the following powers and duties:
- (a) TO PROMULGATE RULES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-20-204 CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:
- (I) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAFE PROVISION OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE, REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES TO A PARTICIPANT, INCLUDING:
- (A) PARAMETERS FOR A PREPARATION SESSION, AN ADMINISTRATION SESSION, AND AN INTEGRATION SESSION, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDING AND VERIFYING THE COMPLETION OF EACH SESSION; WHETHER ANY OF THE SESSIONS MAY BE CONDUCTED USING TELEPHONE OR AUDIO-VISUAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY; AND ANY TIMELINESS REQUIREMENTS FOR WHEN EACH SESSION MUST BE COMPLETED IN RELATION TO THE OTHER SESSIONS;
- (B) HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNINGS THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO A PARTICIPANT BEFORE THE PREPARATION SESSION, ADMINISTRATION SESSION, AND INTEGRATION SESSION BEGIN;
- (C) EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO A PARTICIPANT BEFORE THE PREPARATION SESSION, ADMINISTRATION SESSION,

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#### AND INTEGRATION SESSION BEGIN;

- (D) A FORM THAT A PARTICIPANT, FACILITATOR, AND AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HEALING CENTER MUST SIGN, UNLESS THE FACILITATOR IS A SOLE PRACTITIONER, THEN ONLY THE PARTICIPANT AND FACILITATOR MUST SIGN, BEFORE THE PREPARATION SESSION, ADMINISTRATION SESSION, AND INTEGRATION SESSION BEGIN. AT A MINIMUM, THE FORM MUST PROVIDE THAT THE PARTICIPANT PROVIDED THE PARTICIPANT'S COMPLETE AND ACCURATE HEALTH INFORMATION TO THE FACILITATOR AND THAT THE FACILITATOR PROVIDED TO THE PARTICIPANT IDENTIFIED RISK FACTORS BASED UPON THE PARTICIPANT'S PROVIDED HEALTH INFORMATION AND DRUG CONTRAINDICATIONS; PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS OF THE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES; PARAMETERS FOR PHYSICAL CONTACT DURING NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES, THE REQUIREMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT PERMITTING PHYSICAL CONTACT, AND THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW CONSENT FOR PHYSICAL CONTACT; AND RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES.
- (E) PROPER SUPERVISION BY THE FACILITATOR DURING THE ADMINISTRATION SESSION, AND REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTICIPANT HAS A DISCHARGE PLAN OR SAFE TRANSPORTATION FROM THE HEALING CENTER;
- (F) Provisions for group administration sessions, including requirements for an administration session that has one or more facilitators performing and supervising the administration session for more than one participant;
- (G) PROVISIONS TO PERMIT A FACILITATOR TO REFUSE TO PROVIDE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES TO A PERSON BASED UPON HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS, OR CIRCUMSTANCES PROMULGATED BY RULE; AND
- (H) THE DOSAGE LIMIT OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT THAT MAY BE PROVIDED TO A PARTICIPANT FOR CONSUMPTION DURING AN ADMINISTRATION SESSION.
- (II) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSING OF FACILITATORS, PRACTICE OF FACILITATION, AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF FACILITATORS, INCLUDING:

- (A) THE FORM AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR A NEW LICENSE OR RENEWING OR REINSTATING A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170;
- (B) The educational and experiential requirements and qualifications for an individual to become a facilitator, including education and training on participant safety, drug interactions, contraindications, mental health and state, physical health and state, social and cultural considerations, preparation, administration, integration, and ethics. The educational requirements must not require a professional license or professional degree other than a facilitator license issued pursuant to this article 170, except that if there are multiple tiers of facilitator licenses, an advanced tier of facilitator licenses may require another professional license or professional degree;
- (C) OVERSIGHT AND SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY STANDARDS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:
- (D) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT TO PRACTICE FACILITATION, OR A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170;
- (E) PARAMETERS FOR PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A PARTICIPANT DURING NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING SIGNED INFORMED CONSENT FOR PERMISSIBLE PHYSICAL CONTACT AND PERMITTING A PARTICIPANT TO WITHDRAW CONSENT FOR PERMISSIBLE PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A PARTICIPANT IN ANY MANNER AND AT ANY TIME;
- (F) PERMITTING REMUNERATION FOR THE PROVISION OF NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES;
- (G) PERMITTING PROVISION OF GROUP ADMINISTRATION SESSIONS BY ONE FACILITATOR WHO IS PERFORMING AND SUPERVISING THE ADMINISTRATION SESSION FOR MORE THAN ONE PARTICIPANT, AND ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP ADMINISTRATION SESSION THAT IS PERFORMED AND SUPERVISED BY ONE FACILITATOR;

- (H)RECORD-KEEPING, PRIVACY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSEES, REGISTRANTS, PERMITTEES, AND CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, INCLUDING PROTECTIONS PREVENTING DISCLOSURE OF A PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANT'S OR PARTICIPANT'S PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC, THIRD PARTIES, OR ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY, EXCEPT AS ALLOWED FOR PURPOSES EXPRESSLY STATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170, RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170, ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, OR FOR STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ACCESS RECORDS AND INFORMATION FOR OTHER STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE INFORMATION OR RECORDS RELATED TO A PARTICIPANT CONSTITUTE MEDICAL DATA AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-72-204 (3)(a)(I), AND THE INFORMATION OR RECORDS MAY ONLY BE DISCLOSED TO THOSE PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION OR PROCEEDING.
- (I) PARAMETERS FOR A FACILITATOR'S PERMISSIBLE AND PROHIBITED FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN A HEALING CENTER, LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170, OR LICENSE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44; EXCEPT THAT A FACILITATOR MAY NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN MORE THAN FIVE NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESS LICENSES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44.
- (J) PARAMETERS FOR A FACILITATOR TO PROVIDE AND SUPERVISE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES AT AN AUTHORIZED LOCATION THAT IS NOT A HEALING CENTER'S LICENSED PREMISES, INCLUDING A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY OR A PRIVATE RESIDENCE;
- (K) STANDARDS FOR ADVERTISING AND MARKETING A LICENSEE'S SERVICES, INCLUDING: AVOIDING THE MISAPPROPRIATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN TRIBES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, CULTURES, AND RELIGIONS; AVOIDING THE EXCESSIVE COMMERCIALIZATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES; PROHIBITING ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OF NATURAL MEDICINE, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES DIRECTED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE; AND OTHER PARAMETERS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE DIRECTOR.
  - (III) ANY RULES NECESSARY TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE TYPES

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OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT PROVIDED FOR PARTICIPANT CONSUMPTION DURING AN ADMINISTRATION SESSION BASED ON QUALITIES, TRADITIONAL USES, AND SAFETY PROFILE;

- (IV) ANY RULES DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE DIRECTOR RELATED TO THE POWERS OR DUTIES GRANTED OR IMPOSED ON THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 OR BY ANY OTHER LAW; AND
- (V) ANY OTHER MATTERS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT OR ADMINISTER THIS ARTICLE 170.
- (b) Beginning on or before December 31, 2024, to review applications in the form and manner determined by the director for new licenses, registrations, permits, or certificates after payment of the required fee and to grant or deny licenses, registrations, permits, or certificates as provided in this article 170 or a rule promulgated pursuant to this article 170. The division shall prioritize reviewing applications from applicants who have established residency in Colorado.
- (c) To establish licenses, registrations, permits, or certificates determined necessary by the director to implement or administer this article 170, and to establish eligibility requirements and privileges under the licenses, registrations, permits, or certificates;
- (d) To establish, when financially feasible, procedures, policies, and programs to ensure this article 170 and rules promulgated pursuant to this article 170 are equitable and inclusive and promote the licensing, registration, and permitting of, and provision of natural medicine and natural medicine product to, persons from communities that have been disproportionately harmed by high rates of arrest for controlled substances, persons who face barriers to health-care access, persons who have traditional, tribal, or Indigenous history with natural medicine or natural medicine product, or to persons who are veterans. The director may consult the board when considering procedures, policies, and programs pursuant to this subsection (1)(d).

- (e) To conduct investigations and hearings, gather evidence, and pursue disciplinary actions pursuant to sections 12-20-403, 12-20-404, and 24-4-105, and this article 170, with respect to licenses, registrations, permits, or certificates when the director has reasonable cause to believe that an individual or entity is violating this article 170 or a rule promulgated pursuant to this article 170;
- (f) To take disciplinary or other action as authorized in section 12-20-404 or limit the scope of practice of an applicant, licensee, registrant, permittee, or certificate holder upon proof of a violation of this article 170 or a rule promulgated pursuant to this article 170;
- (g) TO ISSUE CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDERS UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-20-405;
- (h) (I) TO PETITION A DISTRICT COURT FOR AN INVESTIGATIVE SUBPOENA APPLICABLE TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT LICENSED, REGISTERED, PERMITTED, OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION NECESSARY TO ENFORCE A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 170 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 AFTER REASONABLE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN REQUESTED DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION WITHOUT A SUBPOENA;
- (II) TO APPLY TO ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO TEMPORARILY RESTRAIN OR PRELIMINARILY OR PERMANENTLY ENJOIN THE ACT IN QUESTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OR ENTITY THAT IS NOT LICENSED, REGISTERED, PERMITTED, OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 AND TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 170 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 WHENEVER IT APPEARS TO THE DIRECTOR UPON SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE DIRECTOR THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY HAS BEEN OR IS COMMITTING AN ACT PROHIBITED BY THIS ARTICLE 170 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170, AND THE ACT:
  - (A) THREATENS PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY; OR
  - (B) CONSTITUTES AN UNLAWFUL ACT FOR WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL OR

ENTITY DOES NOT HOLD THE REQUIRED LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170;

- (i) TO MAINTAIN AND UPDATE AN ONLINE LIST THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC OF LICENSEES, REGISTRANTS, PERMITTEES, AND CERTIFICATE HOLDERS THAT INCLUDES WHETHER THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, PERMITTEE, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER HAS HAD ITS LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE LIMITED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DISCIPLINARY ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170;
- (j) In coordination with the state licensing authority pursuant to section 44-50-202 (1)(k), annually publish a publicly available report concerning the implementation and administration of this article 170 and article 50 of title 44. The report must use relevant data, as determined by the director and the state licensing authority, and must not disclose the identity of any participant or include any information that could disclose the identity of a participant.
- (k) Perform other functions and duties necessary to administer this article 170.
- (2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSULT THE BOARD WHEN CONSIDERING AND PROMULGATING RULES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170.
- (3) THE DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO COLLECT AVAILABLE AND RELEVANT DATA NECESSARY TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THIS ARTICLE 170.
- (4) The director or a division employee with regulatory oversight responsibilities for licensees, permittees, registrants, or certificate holders pursuant to this article 170 shall not work for, represent, provide consulting services to, or otherwise derive pecuniary gain from a licensee, permittee, registrant, or certificate holder that is regulated pursuant to this article 170 or any other business established for the primary purpose of providing services to the natural medicine industry for a period of six months after the employee's last day of employment with the division.

**SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-106 as follows:

12-170-106. Board - creation - appointment - duties - report. (1) There is created within the division a natural medicine advisory board, which consists of fifteen members, to advise the division and the state licensing authority concerning the implementation of this article 170 and article 50 of title 44.

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- (2) The governor shall appoint initial board members on or before January 31, 2023, with consent of the senate. The members must include:
- (a) SEVEN MEMBERS WITH SIGNIFICANT EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS: NATURAL MEDICINE THERAPY, MEDICINE, AND RESEARCH; MYCOLOGY AND NATURAL MEDICINE CULTIVATION; LICENSEE QUALIFICATIONS; EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY FIRST RESPONDERS; MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE; HEALTH-CARE INSURANCE AND HEALTH-CARE POLICY; AND PUBLIC HEALTH, DRUG POLICY, AND HARM REDUCTION; AND
- (b) EIGHT MEMBERS WITH SIGNIFICANT EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS: RELIGIOUS USE OF NATURAL MEDICINES; ISSUES CONFRONTING VETERANS; TRADITIONAL TRIBAL OR INDIGENOUS USE OF NATURAL MEDICINES; LEVELS AND DISPARITIES IN ACCESS TO HEALTH-CARE SERVICES AMONG DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES; AND PAST CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM EFFORTS IN COLORADO. AT LEAST ONE OF THE EIGHT MEMBERS MUST HAVE EXPERTISE OR EXPERIENCE IN TRADITIONAL, TRIBAL, OR INDIGENOUS USE OF NATURAL MEDICINES.
- (3) THE BOARD INCLUDES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, SERVING AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER.
- (4) (a) FOR THE INITIAL BOARD, SEVEN OF THE MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO A TERM OF TWO YEARS AND EIGHT MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AS DESIGNATED IN THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT.
- (b) At the expiration of the terms of the members of the PAGE 13-SENATE BILL 23-290

INITIAL BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE BOARD, WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE SENATE. EACH MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IS APPOINTED TO A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

- (c) EXCEPT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY SERVE UP TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS. MEMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FOR MISCONDUCT, INCOMPETENCE, NEGLECT OF DUTY, OR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.
- (5) THE BOARD SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR AND STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY RELATED TO, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
- (a) ACCURATE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACHES REGARDING USE, BENEFITS, HARMS, AND RISK REDUCTION FOR NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT AND THE CONTENT AND SCOPE OF EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS RELATED TO NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT;
- (b) RESEARCH RELATED TO THE EFFICACY AND REGULATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO PRODUCT SAFETY, HARM REDUCTION, AND CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY;
- (c) THE PROPER CONTENT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENTS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR FACILITATORS. WHEN CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)(c), THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER:
- (I) TIERED FACILITATOR LICENSING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUIRING VARYING LEVELS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING DEPENDENT UPON THE TYPE OF PARTICIPANT THAT THE FACILITATOR WILL BE PROVIDING SERVICES TO AND THE TYPE OF SERVICES THE FACILITATOR WILL BE PROVIDING;
- (II) LIMITED WAIVERS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS BASED UPON THE APPLICANT'S PRIOR EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, OR SKILLS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT; AND

- (III) THE REMOVAL OF UNREASONABLE FINANCIAL OR LOGISTICAL BARRIERS THAT MAKE OBTAINING A FACILITATOR LICENSE COMMERCIALLY UNREASONABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS.
- (d) Affordable, Equitable, Ethical, and culturally responsible access to natural medicine and natural medicine product and requirements to ensure this article 170 is equitable and inclusive. In performing this requirement, the board may consider making recommendations on ways to reduce the costs of licensure for low-income individuals, for providing incentives for the provision of natural medicine services at a reduced cost to individuals with low income, and providing incentives for the provision of natural medicine services in Geographic and culturally diverse regions of the state.
- (e) APPROPRIATE REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS FOR EACH TYPE OF NATURAL MEDICINE, AND THE PREPARATION SESSION, ADMINISTRATION SESSION, AND INTEGRATION SESSION;
- (f) The addition of other types of natural medicine to this article 170 and article 50 of title 44 pursuant to section 12-170-104 (12)(b)(I), (12)(b)(II), or (12)(b)(III) based on available medical, psychological, and scientific studies, research, and other information related to the safety and efficacy of each natural medicine, and shall prioritize considering the addition of ibogaine pursuant to section 12-170-104 (12)(b)(II), to this article 170, and article 50 of title 44;
- (g) All rules to be promulgated by the director pursuant to this article 170, and the state licensing authority pursuant to article 50 of title 44; and
- (h) REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DATA COLLECTION, REPORTING, AND PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ARTICLE 170.
- (6) THE BOARD SHALL, ON AN ONGOING BASIS, REVIEW AND EVALUATE EXISTING AND CURRENT RESEARCH, STUDIES, AND REAL-WORLD DATA RELATED TO NATURAL MEDICINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES AS TO

WHETHER NATURAL MEDICINE, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES, AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES SHOULD BE COVERED UNDER HEALTH FIRST COLORADO OR OTHER INSURANCE PROGRAMS AS A COST-EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION FOR VARIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, END-OF-LIFE DISTRESS, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, ALCOHOL USE DISORDER, DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS, NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS, CLUSTER HEADACHES, AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

- (7) THE BOARD SHALL, ON AN ONGOING BASIS, REVIEW AND EVALUATE SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES RELATED TO NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT AND THE IMPACT ON TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS CULTURES AND DOCUMENT EXISTING RECIPROCITY EFFORTS AND CONTINUING SUPPORT MEASURES THAT ARE NEEDED.
- (8) THE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH AN ANNUAL REPORT DESCRIBING ITS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE PROVIDED TO THE DIRECTOR, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- (9) THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE REASONABLE REQUESTED TECHNICAL, LOGISTICAL, AND OTHER SUPPORT TO THE BOARD TO ASSIST THE BOARD WITH ITS DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS.

**SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-107 as follows:

- 12-170-107. Federally recognized American tribes and Indigenous community working group creation duties. (1) The DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN TRIBES AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING AND CREATING A DIALOGUE TO IDENTIFY ISSUES RELATED TO THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES FOR TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, CULTURES, AND RELIGIONS. THE COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP SHALL STUDY THE FOLLOWING:
- (a) AVOIDING THE MISAPPROPRIATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN TRIBES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, CULTURES, AND RELIGIONS;

- (b) AVOIDING THE EXCESSIVE COMMERCIALIZATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES;
- (c) ANY CONSERVATION ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER DEPLETION OF PEYOTE DUE TO PEYOTE BEING A SOURCE OF MESCALINE; AND
- (d) BEST PRACTICES AND OPEN COMMUNICATION TO BUILD TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN TRIBES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES, THE BOARD, THE DIVISION, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING UNNECESSARY BURDENS AND CRIMINALIZATION OF TRADITIONAL TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS USES OF NATURAL MEDICINE.
- (2) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL ADVISE THE BOARD AND THE DIVISION ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO THE SUBJECTS IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.
- (3) THE DIRECTOR IS ENCOURAGED TO ENGAGE WITH THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN TRIBES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE WITH TRADITIONAL USE OF NATURAL MEDICINE AND OTHER PERSONS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DIRECTOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION.

**SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-108 as follows:

- 12-170-108. License required unauthorized practice mandatory disclosure of information rule. (1) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN FACILITATION, OR REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC OR IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL'S SELF AS A FACILITATOR, IN THIS STATE UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL HAS RECEIVED A LICENSE FROM THE DIRECTOR.
- (2) A FACILITATOR SHALL CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAY THE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR IN THE HEALING CENTER, INCLUDING INFORMATION CONCERNING HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE FACILITATOR WITH THE DIRECTOR.

- (3) EVERY LICENSEE, PERMITTEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN WRITING TO EACH PARTICIPANT PRIOR TO A PREPARATION SESSION, ADMINISTRATION SESSION, AND INTEGRATION SESSION:
- (a) The name, address, and phone number of the licensee, permittee, registrant, or certificate holder;
- (b) AN EXPLANATION OF THE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE LICENSEE, PERMITTEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 OR RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170;
- (c) A LISTING OF TRAINING, EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENTS, AND QUALIFICATIONS THE LICENSEE, PERMITTEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 OR RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 SATISFIED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATE;
- (d) A STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THE LICENSEE, PERMITTEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS REGULATED BY THE DIVISION, AND AN ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE DIVISION; AND
- (e) A STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THE PARTICIPANT IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES, MAY TERMINATE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES AT ANY TIME, AND MAY TERMINATE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED INFORMED CONSENT FOR PHYSICAL CONTACT AT ANY TIME.
- (4) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS AN INDIVIDUAL FROM PERFORMING A BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS, CULTURALLY TRADITIONAL, OR SPIRITUAL CEREMONY, IF THE INDIVIDUAL INFORMS AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGING IN THE CEREMONY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT A LICENSED FACILITATOR, AND THAT THE CEREMONY IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, OR FOR-PROFIT ACTIVITY.

**SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-109 as follows:

**12-170-109. Grounds for discipline.** (1) THE DIRECTOR MAY TAKE DISCIPLINARY OR OTHER ACTION AS AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 12-20-404

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UPON PROOF THAT THE LICENSEE, PERMITTEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER:

- (a) VIOLATED A PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 170 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170;
- (b) Has been convicted of or has entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony. In considering the conviction of or the plea to any such crime, the director shall be governed by the provisions of sections 12-20-202 (5) and 24-5-101.
- (c) Made any misstatement on an application for a license, registration, or permit to practice pursuant to this article 170 or attempted to obtain a license, registration, permit, or certificate to practice by fraud, deception, or misrepresentation;
- (d) Committed an act or failed to perform an act necessary to meet the generally accepted professional standards of conduct to practice a profession licensed pursuant to this article 170 or promulgated by rule pursuant to 12-170-105 (1)(a)(II)(D), including performing services outside of the person's area of training, experience, or competence;
- (e) EXCESSIVELY OR HABITUALLY USES OR ABUSES ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES;
- (f) VIOLATED ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 170, AN APPLICABLE PROVISION OF ARTICLE 20 OF THIS TITLE 12, OR ANY VALID ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR;
  - (g) Is guilty of unprofessional or dishonest conduct;
  - (h) ADVERTISES BY MEANS OF FALSE OR DECEPTIVE STATEMENT;
- (i) Fails to display the license as provided in section 12-170-108 (2);
- (j) Fails to comply with the rules promulgated by the director pursuant to this article 170;

- (k) Is guilty of willful misrepresentation;
- (1) FAILS TO DISCLOSE TO THE DIRECTOR WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS A CONVICTION FOR A FELONY OR ANY CRIME THAT IS RELATED TO THE PRACTICE AS A FACILITATOR;
  - (m) AIDS OR ABETS THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF FACILITATION; OR
- (n) Fails to timely respond to a complaint sent by the director pursuant to section 12-170-110.
- **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal and reenact, with amendments, 12-170-110 as follows:
- 12-170-110. Disciplinary proceedings administrative law judges judicial review. (1) The director may, through the department, employ administrative law judges to conduct hearings as provided by this section or on any matter within the director's jurisdiction upon such conditions and terms as the director may determine.
- (2) A PROCEEDING FOR DISCIPLINE OF A LICENSEE, PERMITTEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER MUST BE COMMENCED WHEN THE DIRECTOR HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT A LICENSEE, PERMITTEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER HAS COMMITTED ACTS THAT MAY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 170 OR RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170. THE GROUNDS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY AN INVESTIGATION BEGUN BY THE DIRECTOR ON THE DIRECTOR'S OWN MOTION OR BY AN INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN COMPLAINT. SECTION 12-20-403 AND ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24 GOVERN PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- (3) ANY HEARING ON THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATE, OR ON THE DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATE, OR FOR RENEWAL OF A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED LICENSE, PERMIT, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATE MUST BE CONDUCTED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE.
- (4) FINAL ACTION BY THE DIRECTOR MAY BE JUDICIALLY REVIEWED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-20-408.

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**SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-111 as follows:

- 12-170-111. Fees cash fund created. (1) Based upon the appropriation made and subject to the approval of the executive director of the department of regulatory agencies, the director shall establish and adjust fees that the director is authorized by law to collect so that the revenue generated from the fees approximates its direct and indirect costs; except that fees must not exceed the amount necessary to administer this article 170.
- (2) The natural medicine facilitator cash fund, referred to in this section as the "fund", is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of fees credited to the fund pursuant to this article 170 and any other money that the general assembly may appropriate or transfer to the fund.
- (3) The state treasurer shall credit all interest and income derived from the deposit and investment of money in the fund to the fund.
- (4) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the department for the administration of this article 170.
- **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-112 as follows:
- 12-170-112. Local jurisdiction. (1) A LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A FACILITATOR FROM PROVIDING NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A LICENSED FACILITATOR PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170.
- (2) A LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL NOT ADOPT ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE UNREASONABLE OR IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ARTICLE 170.
- **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-113 as follows:
- 12-170-113. Protections. (1) Subject to the limitations in this PAGE 21-SENATE BILL 23-290

ARTICLE 170 AND ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, BUT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW:

- (a) ACTIONS AND CONDUCT PERMITTED PURSUANT TO A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170, OR BY THOSE WHO ALLOW PROPERTY TO BE USED PURSUANT TO A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170, ARE LAWFUL AND ARE NOT AN OFFENSE UNDER STATE LAW, OR THE LAWS OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION WITHIN THIS STATE; ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE, PENALTY, OR SANCTION; ARE NOT A BASIS FOR DETENTION, SEARCH, OR ARREST; AND ARE NOT A BASIS TO DENY ANY RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE, OR TO SEIZE OR FORFEIT ASSETS UNDER STATE LAW OR THE LAWS OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION WITHIN THIS STATE.
- (b) A CONTRACT IS NOT UNENFORCEABLE ON THE BASIS THAT NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170, IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW;
- (c) Mental Health Care, substance use disorder intervention services, or behavioral Health Services otherwise covered pursuant to the "Colorado Medical Assistance Act", articles 4 to 6 of title 25.5, must not be denied on the basis that they are covered in conjunction with natural medicine services, or that natural medicine and natural medicine product are prohibited by federal law. Insurance or an insurance provider is not required to cover the cost of natural medicine or natural medicine product.
- (d) Nothing in this section may be construed or interpreted to prevent the director from enforcing rules promulgated by the director against a licensee, registrant, permittee, or certificate holder or limit a state or local law enforcement agency's ability to investigate unlawful activity in relation to a licensee, registrant, permittee, or certificate holder.
- (2) A PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS NOT SUBJECT TO PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE OR LOSS OF A PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE FOR PROVIDING ADVICE OR

SERVICES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO A NATURAL MEDICINE LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44 OR APPLICATION FOR LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170 OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44 ON THE BASIS THAT NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT ARE PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW, OR FOR PERSONAL USE OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 170. THIS ARTICLE 170 DOES NOT AUTHORIZE AN INDIVIDUAL TO ENGAGE IN CONDUCT THAT IN THE COURSE OF PRACTICING UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE, REGISTRATION, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE WOULD VIOLATE STANDARDS OF CARE OR SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION AS REQUIRED BY ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE.

**SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-114 as follows:

**12-170-114. Liberal construction.** This article 170 must be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

**SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**, with amendments, 12-170-115 as follows:

**12-170-115. Preemption.** A LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL NOT ADOPT, ENACT, OR ENFORCE ANY ORDINANCE, RULE, OR RESOLUTION THAT IS OTHERWISE IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 170.

**SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 12-170-116 as follows:

12-170-116. Self-executing, severability, conflicting provisions. All provisions of this article 170 are self-executing except as specified herein, are severable, and, except when otherwise indicated, shall supersede conflicting state statutory, local charter, ordinance, or resolution provisions, and other state and local provisions. If any provision of this article 170 or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this article 170 that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article 170

- **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-170-117 as follows:
- 12-170-117. Repeal of article review of functions. This article 170 is repealed, effective September 1,2032. Before the Repeal, this article 170 is scheduled for review in accordance with section 24-34-104.
- **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-407, **amend** (1)(a)(V)(V) and (1)(a)(V)(W); and **add** (1)(a)(V)(X) as follows:
- 12-20-407. Unauthorized practice of profession or occupation penalties exclusions. (1) (a) A person commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501 if the person:
- (V) Practices or offers or attempts to practice any of the following professions or occupations without an active license, certification, or registration issued under the part or article of this title 12 governing the particular profession or occupation:
- (V) Respiratory therapy, as regulated under article 300 of this title 12; or
- (W) Veterinary medicine or as a veterinary technician, as regulated under article 315 of this title 12; OR
- (X) FACILITATING NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES, AS REGULATED UNDER ARTICLE 170 OF THIS TITLE 12.
- SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1-117, amend (4)(a)(X) and (4)(a)(XI); and add (4)(a)(XII) as follows:
- **24-1-117. Department of revenue creation.** (4) (a) The department of revenue consists of the following divisions:
- (X) The auto industry division, created in section 44-20-105. The division is a **type 2** entity, as defined in section 24-1-105, and exercises its powers and performs its duties and functions under the department of

## revenue; and

- (XI) The state licensing authority created in section 44-10-201; AND
- (XII) THE NATURAL MEDICINE DIVISION, CREATED IN SECTION 44-50-201, WHICH IS A TYPE 2 ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-1-105.
- SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, add (33)(a)(VII) and (33)(a)(VIII) as follows:
- 24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment legislative declaration repeal. (33) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2032:
- (VII) THE "NATURAL MEDICINE HEALTH ACT OF 2022", ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12;
- (VIII) THE "COLORADO NATURAL MEDICINE CODE", ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44.
- **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 25-1.5-120 as follows:
- 25-1.5-120. Natural medicine testing and standards rules. (1) The department of public health and environment, in coordination with the department of revenue, to ensure consistency between rules, shall promulgate rules concerning testing standards and certification requirements of natural medicine and natural medicine product regulated by the department of revenue pursuant to article 50 of title 44.
  - (2) AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES MUST:
- (a) ESTABLISH NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT TESTING STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;
- (b) ESTABLISH A NATURAL MEDICINE INDEPENDENT TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR LICENSEES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, WITHIN AN IMPLEMENTATION TIME FRAME ESTABLISHED BY THE

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, REQUIRING LICENSEES TO TEST NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT TO ENSURE, AT A MINIMUM, THAT PRODUCTS TRANSFERRED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION BY NATURAL PERSONS OR ENTITIES LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44 DO NOT CONTAIN CONTAMINANTS THAT ARE INJURIOUS TO HEALTH AND TO ENSURE CORRECT LABELING;

- (c) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES THAT ENSURE NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT ARE QUARANTINED AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES IF TEST RESULTS INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF QUANTITIES OF ANY SUBSTANCE DETERMINED TO BE INJURIOUS TO HEALTH;
- (d) Ensure that testing verifies concentration representations and homogeneity for correct labeling;
- (e) ESTABLISH AN ACCEPTABLE VARIANCE FOR CONCENTRATION REPRESENTATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONCENTRATION MISREPRESENTATIONS; AND
- (f) ESTABLISH THE PROTOCOLS AND FREQUENCY OF NATURAL MEDICINE TESTING BY LICENSEES.

**SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 50 to title 44 as follows:

## ARTICLE 50 Natural Medicine

## PART 1 COLORADO NATURAL MEDICINE CODE

- **44-50-101. Short title.** The short title of this article 50 is the "Colorado Natural Medicine Code".
- **44-50-102. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:
- (a) THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO APPROVED STATUTORY MEASURES THAT, IN PART, INTENDED TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE IN COLORADO HAVE ACCESS TO REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL

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### MEDICINE PRODUCT;

- (b) THE DEPARTMENT IS UNIQUELY SUITED TO REGULATE THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TESTING, STORING, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORTATION, TRANSFERRING, AND DISPENSATION OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT BECAUSE OF ITS EXPERIENCE AND EXISTING RESOURCES IN REGULATING ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND MARIJUANA; AND
- (c) It is necessary to entrust the regulation of the cultivation, manufacturing, testing, storing, distribution, transportation, transferring, and dispensation of regulated natural medicine and regulated natural medicine product to the department in order to implement the regulatory measures in a manner that honors the intent of the people, promotes public trust, supports the integrity and sustainability of the regulatory measures, and ensures regulatory efficiency.
- (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT THIS ARTICLE 50 IS DEEMED AN EXERCISE OF THE POLICE POWERS OF THE STATE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE HEALTH, PEACE, AND MORALS OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE.
- (3) The general assembly declares that it is unlawful under state law to cultivate, manufacture, test, store, distribute, transport, transfer, and dispense natural medicine or natural medicine product, except in compliance with the terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions in this article 50; rules promulgated pursuant to this article 50; article 170 of title 12; rules promulgated pursuant to article 170 of title 12; article 1.5 of title 25; rules promulgated pursuant to article 1.5 of title 25; title 16; and title 18.
- **44-50-103. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 50, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
- (1) "ADMINISTRATION SESSION" MEANS A SESSION CONDUCTED AT A HEALING CENTER, OR OTHER LOCATION IF PERMITTED BY THIS ARTICLE 50 OR RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50, DURING WHICH A PARTICIPANT CONSUMES AND EXPERIENCES THE EFFECTS OF NATURAL

MEDICINE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FACILITATOR.

- (2) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE NATURAL MEDICINE ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 12-170-106.
- (3) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.
- (4) "DIVISION" MEANS THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-20-103.
- (5) "FACILITATOR" MEANS A NATURAL PERSON WHO IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, HAS THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, AND KNOWLEDGE TO PERFORM AND SUPERVISE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES FOR A PARTICIPANT, AND IS LICENSED BY THE DIRECTOR TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF FACILITATION.
- (6) "HEALING CENTER" MEANS A FACILITY WHERE AN ENTITY IS LICENSED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY THAT PERMITS A FACILITATOR TO PROVIDE AND SUPERVISE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES FOR A PARTICIPANT.
- (7) "HEALTH-CARE FACILITY" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW TO ADMINISTER MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING A HOSPITAL, HOSPICE FACILITY, COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, RURAL HEALTH CLINIC, ORGANIZATION PROVIDING A PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY, CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, OR OTHER TYPE OF ENTITY WHERE HEALTH CARE IS PROVIDED.
- (8) "INTEGRATION SESSION" MEANS A MEETING BETWEEN A PARTICIPANT AND FACILITATOR THAT OCCURS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF AN ADMINISTRATION SESSION.
- (9) "License" means to grant a license, permit, or registration pursuant to this article 50 or rules promulgated pursuant to this article 50.

- (10) "Licensed premises" means the premises specified in an application for a license pursuant to this article 50 that the licensee owns or is in possession of and within which the licensee is authorized to cultivate, manufacture, test, store, distribute, transport, transfer, or dispense natural medicine or natural medicine product in accordance with this article 50.
- (11) "Licensee" means a person licensed, registered, or permitted pursuant to this article 50 or rules promulgated pursuant to this article 50.
- (12) "LOCAL JURISDICTION" MEANS A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY AND COUNTY.
  - (13) (a) "NATURAL MEDICINE" MEANS THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANCES:
  - (I) PSILOCYBIN; OR
  - (II) PSILOCYN.
- (b) In addition to the substances listed in subsection (13)(a) of this section, "natural medicine" includes:
- (I) DIMETHYLTRYPTAMINE, IF RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR INCLUSION ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2026;
- (II) IBOGAINE, IF RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR INCLUSION; OR
- (III) MESCALINE, IF RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR INCLUSION ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2026.
- (c) "NATURAL MEDICINE" DOES NOT MEAN A SYNTHETIC OR SYNTHETIC ANALOG OF THE SUBSTANCES LISTED IN SUBSECTIONS (13)(a) AND (13)(b) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING A DERIVATIVE OF A NATURALLY OCCURRING COMPOUND OF NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS PRODUCED USING CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS, CHEMICAL MODIFICATION, OR CHEMICAL

- (d) Notwithstanding subsection (13)(b)(III) of this section, "mescaline" does not include peyote, meaning all parts of the plant classified botanically as lophophora williamsii lemaire, whether growing or not; its seeds; any extract from any part of the plant, and every compound, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant; or its seeds or extracts.
- (14) "NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESS" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50: A NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER, A NATURAL MEDICINE CULTIVATION FACILITY, A NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER, OR A NATURAL MEDICINE TESTING FACILITY, OR ANOTHER LICENSED ENTITY CREATED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.
- (15) "NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT" MEANS A PRODUCT INFUSED WITH NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS INTENDED FOR CONSUMPTION.
- (16) "NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES" MEANS A PREPARATION SESSION, ADMINISTRATION SESSION, AND INTEGRATION SESSION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12.
- (17) "PARTICIPANT" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND WHO RECEIVES NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES PERFORMED BY AND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FACILITATOR.
  - (18) "PERSON" MEANS A NATURAL PERSON OR AN ENTITY.
- (19) "Preparation session" means a meeting between a participant and facilitator that occurs before the start of an administration session. "Preparation session" does not mean an initial consultation or an inquiry response about natural medicine services.
- (20) "PRINCIPLE FILE" MEANS A FILE THAT IS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY AND CONTAINS LICENSING AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR AN APPLICANT SEEKING LICENSES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50.

- (21) "REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE" MEANS NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS CULTIVATED, MANUFACTURED, TESTED, STORED, DISTRIBUTED, TRANSPORTED, TRANSFERRED, OR DISPENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50.
- (22) "REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT" MEANS NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT THAT IS CULTIVATED, MANUFACTURED, TESTED, STORED, DISTRIBUTED, TRANSPORTED, TRANSFERRED, OR DISPENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50.
- (23) "REMUNERATION" MEANS ANYTHING OF VALUE, INCLUDING MONEY, REAL PROPERTY, TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, CONTRACT RIGHT, CHOSE IN ACTION, SERVICE, AND ANY RIGHT OF USE OR EMPLOYMENT OR PROMISE OR AGREEMENT CONNECTED THEREWITH, BUSINESS PROMOTION, OR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.
- (24) "STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY" MEANS THE AUTHORITY CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE LICENSING OF THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TESTING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORTATION, TRANSFER, AND DISPENSATION OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IN THIS STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-50-201.
- (25) "Transfer" means to grant, convey, hand over, assign, sell, exchange, donate, or barter, in any manner and by any means, with or without remuneration.
- **44-50-104. Applicability.** (1) All businesses, for the purpose of cultivation, manufacturing, testing, storage, distribution, transport, transfer, and dispensation of regulated natural medicine or regulated natural medicine product, as defined in this article 50, are subject to the terms and conditions of this article 50 and rules promulgated pursuant to this article 50.
- (2) A PERSON APPLYING FOR LICENSURE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 MUST COMPLETE FORMS AS PROVIDED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY AND MUST PAY THE APPLICATION FEE AND THE LICENSING FEE, WHICH MUST BE CREDITED TO THE REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE DIVISION CASH FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-50-601. THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL PRIORITIZE REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FROM APPLICANTS WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED RESIDENCY IN COLORADO.

- (3) This article 50 sets forth the exclusive means that cultivation, manufacturing, testing, storage, distribution, transport, transfer, and dispensation of regulated natural medicine and regulated natural medicine product may occur in this state.
- (4) (a) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 50 IS INTENDED TO REQUIRE AN EMPLOYER TO PERMIT OR ACCOMMODATE THE USE, CONSUMPTION, POSSESSION, CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TESTING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORT, TRANSFER, AND DISPENSATION OF OR IMPAIRMENT FROM NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IN THE WORKPLACE OR TO AFFECT THE ABILITY OF EMPLOYERS TO HAVE POLICIES RESTRICTING THE USE OF OR IMPAIRMENT FROM NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT BY EMPLOYEES IN THE WORKPLACE.
- (b) Nothing in this article 50 prohibits a person, employer, school, hospital, detention facility, corporation, or any other entity that occupies, owns, or controls a property from prohibiting or otherwise regulating the cultivation, manufacturing, testing, storage, distribution, transport, transfer, and dispensation of natural medicine or natural medicine product on or in that property.
- (5) (a) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY ENACT ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF THE OPERATION OF LICENSES ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES.
- (b) A local jurisdiction may not prohibit the establishment or operation of licenses pursuant to this article 50 within its boundaries.
- (c) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES ON PUBLIC ROADS BY A PERSON LICENSED TO EXERCISE SUCH PRIVILEGES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50.
- (d) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY NOT ADOPT ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE UNREASONABLE OR CONFLICT WITH THIS ARTICLE 50.

## PART 2 STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY

- 44-50-201. State licensing authority creation. (1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING AND LICENSING THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TESTING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORT, TRANSFER, AND DISPENSATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT BY AND BETWEEN NATURAL MEDICINE LICENSEES IN THIS STATE, THERE IS CREATED THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, WHICH IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL MEDICINE DIVISION IF DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
- (2) The executive director is the chief administrative officer of the state licensing authority and may employ, pursuant to section 13 of article XII of the state constitution, such officers and employees as determined to be necessary. The officers and employees are a part of the department.
- (3) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OR A STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE WITH REGULATORY OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE NATURAL MEDICINE LICENSEES THAT ARE LICENSED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL NOT WORK FOR, REPRESENT, PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO, OR OTHERWISE DERIVE PECUNIARY GAIN FROM A NATURAL MEDICINE LICENSEE THAT IS LICENSED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OR ANY OTHER BUSINESS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE NATURAL MEDICINE INDUSTRY FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EMPLOYEE'S LAST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

# **44-50-202.** Powers and duties of state licensing authority - report. (1) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL:

(a) BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, GRANT OR REFUSE STATE LICENSES FOR THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TESTING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORT, TRANSFER, AND DISPENSATION OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT; SUSPEND, FINE, RESTRICT, OR REVOKE SUCH LICENSES, WHETHER ACTIVE, EXPIRED, OR SURRENDERED, UPON A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 50 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50; AND IMPOSE ANY PENALTY AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 50 OR A RULE PROMULGATED

PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50. THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO A REGISTRATION OR PERMIT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 AS IT MAY WITH RESPECT TO A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50.

- (b) Promulgate rules for the proper regulation and control of the cultivation, manufacturing, testing, storage, distribution, transport, transfer, and dispensation of regulated natural medicine or regulated natural medicine product and for the enforcement of this article 50 and promulgate amended rules and such special rulings and findings as necessary;
- (c) Conduct investigations and hearings, gather evidence, and pursue disciplinary actions with respect to licenses when the state licensing authority has reasonable cause to believe that a person or entity is violating this article 50 or a rule promulgated pursuant to this article 50;
- (d) (I) Petition a district court for an investigative subpoena applicable to a person who is not licensed pursuant to this article 50 to obtain documents or information necessary to enforce a provision of this article 50 or a rule promulgated pursuant to this article 50 after reasonable efforts have been made to obtain requested documents or information without a subpoena;
- (II) APPLY TO ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO TEMPORARILY RESTRAIN OR PRELIMINARILY OR PERMANENTLY ENJOIN THE ACT IN QUESTION OF A PERSON WHO IS NOT LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 AND TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 50 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 WHENEVER IT APPEARS TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL MEDICINE DIVISION UPON SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL MEDICINE DIVISION THAT A PERSON HAS BEEN OR IS COMMITTING AN ACT PROHIBITED BY THIS ARTICLE 50 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50, AND THE ACT:
  - (A) THREATENS PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY; OR

- (B) CONSTITUTES AN UNLAWFUL ACT FOR WHICH THE PERSON DOES NOT HOLD THE REQUIRED LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50;
- (e) Hear and determine at a public hearing any contested state license denial and any complaints against a licensee, and administer oaths and issue subpoenas to require the presence of persons and the production of papers, books, and records necessary to the determination of any hearing so held, all in accordance with article 4 of title 24. The state licensing authority may, in its discretion, delegate to the department's hearing officers the authority to conduct licensing, disciplinary, and rule-making hearings pursuant to section 24-4-105. When conducting the hearings, the hearing officers are employees of the state licensing authority under the direction and supervision of the executive director and the state licensing authority.
- (f) Develop forms, licenses, identification cards, and applications as necessary or convenient in the discretion of the state licensing authority for the administration of this article 50 or a rule promulgated pursuant to this article 50;
- (g) In coordination with the division of professions and occupations within the department of regulatory agencies pursuant to section 12-170-105 (1)(j), annually publish a publicly available report concerning the implementation and administration of this article 50 and article 170 of title 12. The report must use relevant data, as determined by the state licensing authority and the director, and must not disclose the identity of any participant or include any information that could disclose the identity of a participant.
- (h) DEVELOP AND PROMOTE ACCURATE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS RELATED TO THE USE OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, INCLUDING PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, AND APPROPRIATE CRISIS RESPONSE MATERIALS, AND DEVELOP AND PROMOTE TRAINING MATERIALS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MULTI-RESPONDERS, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDERS, SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND FIRE FIGHTERS.
  - (2) Nothing in this article 50 delegates to the state

LICENSING AUTHORITY THE POWER TO FIX PRICES FOR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT.

- (3) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 50 LIMITS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY IN RELATION TO A NATURAL MEDICINE LICENSEE. A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO RUN A COLORADO CRIME INFORMATION CENTER CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK OF A LICENSEE OR EMPLOYEE OF A LICENSEE DURING AN INVESTIGATION OF UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY RELATED TO NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT.
- (4) The state licensing authority shall coordinate with the executive director of the department of public health and environment concerning the establishment of standards for licensing laboratories pursuant to the requirements outlined in section 25-1.5-120 for regulated natural medicine and regulated natural medicine product.
- (5) The state licensing authority shall, when financially feasible, establish procedures, policies, and programs to ensure this article 50 and rules promulgated pursuant to this article 50 are equitable and inclusive, promote the licensing, registration, and permitting of, and provision of natural medicine and natural medicine product to, persons from communities that have been disproportionately harmed by high rates of arrest for controlled substances, persons who face barriers to health-care access, persons who have traditional, tribal, or Indigenous history with natural medicine or natural medicine product, or to persons who are veterans. The state licensing authority may consult the board when considering procedures, policies, and programs pursuant to this subsection (5).
- (6) The state licensing authority has authority to collect available and relevant data necessary to perform functions and duties necessary to administer this article 50.
- (7) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES, SHALL REQUEST AVAILABLE AND RELEVANT DATA CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT INCIDENCES, ADVERSE HEALTH EVENTS, IMPACTS TO HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS, CONSUMER PROTECTION

CLAIMS, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPACTS RELATED TO NATURAL MEDICINE, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESSES. THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE THE AVAILABLE AND RELEVANT DATA IN THE REPORT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(g) OF THIS SECTION.

- (8) The state licensing authority shall perform other functions and duties necessary to administer this article 50.
- 44-50-203. State licensing authority rules legislative declaration. (1) Mandatory rule-making. Rules Promulgated Pursuant to Section 44-50-202 (1)(b) Must include the following subjects:
- (a) Procedures and requirements consistent with this article 50 for the issuance, denial, renewal, reinstatement, modification, suspension, and revocation of licenses;
  - (b) OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSEES;
- (c) A SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION, LICENSING, AND RENEWAL FEES FOR LICENSES;
- (d) Qualifications and eligibility requirements for Licensure pursuant to this article 50, including continuing eligibility expectations, including timely paying taxes owed to the department of revenue, timely filing tax returns, and timely curing any tax deficiencies, and authorization for the department of revenue to have access to licensing information to ensure tax payment for the effective administration of this article 50;
- (e) Permissible and prohibited financial interests in a license issued pursuant to this article 50 or a license issued pursuant to article 170 of title 12; except that a person may not have a financial interest in more than five natural medicine business licenses;
- (f) (I) ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATURAL MEDICINE INDEPENDENT TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR LICENSEES WITHIN AN IMPLEMENTATION TIME FRAME ESTABLISHED BY THE DIVISION, REQUIRING

LICENSEES TO TEST REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT TO ENSURE, AT A MINIMUM, THAT REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT TRANSFERRED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION BY PERSONS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 DO NOT CONTAIN CONTAMINANTS THAT ARE INJURIOUS TO HEALTH AND TO ENSURE CORRECT LABELING, AS WELL AS:

- (A) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LABORATORIES THAT TEST REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND REQUIREMENTS THAT THE TEST RESULTS PRODUCED BY A LABORATORY MUST NOT BE USED UNLESS THE LABORATORY IS CERTIFIED;
- (B) TESTING PROCEDURES AND FREQUENCY OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT BY LICENSEES;
- (C) WHETHER TO ALLOW FOR ANY NATURAL PERSON TO REQUEST AND UTILIZE TESTING SERVICES OF NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IF THE NATURAL PERSON IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER;
- (D) DEFINITIONS, PERMISSIONS, AND PROHIBITIONS CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RELATED TO, AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS FOR, PERSONS WHO OWN OR ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A NATURAL MEDICINE TESTING LICENSE AND OTHER LICENSES; AND
- (E) PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE COORDINATION OF DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NATURAL MEDICINE TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.
- (II) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f) IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN RULES.
- (g) THE REGULATION OF A LICENSED PREMISES, INCLUDING RULES THAT ALLOW A NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEE'S LICENSED PREMISES TO BE CO-LOCATED WITH ANOTHER NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEE'S LICENSED PREMISES OR A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY;

- (h) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, INCLUDING:
  - (I) SECURITY REQUIREMENTS;
- (II) TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SURVEILLANCE;
- (III) LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT THAT MAY BE CARRIED IN A TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE;
  - (IV) RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS; AND
  - (V) TRANSPORTATION MANIFEST REQUIREMENTS;
- (i) LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT THAT IS ALLOWED FOR PRODUCTION BY A NATURAL MEDICINE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSE BASED ON A METRIC OR SET OF METRICS. WHEN CONSIDERING ANY LIMITATIONS, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL CONSIDER THE TOTAL CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED DEMAND FOR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IN COLORADO AND ATTEMPT TO MINIMIZE THE MARKET FOR UNLAWFUL NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT.
- (j) RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY LICENSEES AND THE REQUIRED AVAILABILITY OF THE RECORDS FOR INSPECTION BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY;
- (k) REQUIREMENTS TO PREVENT THE TRANSFER OR DIVERSION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT TO PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE;
- (1) PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED TRANSFERS OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE AND REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT BETWEEN LICENSEES;

- (m) STANDARDS FOR ADVERTISING AND MARKETING A LICENSEE'S SERVICES, INCLUDING: AVOIDING THE MISAPPROPRIATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN TRIBES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-170-104 (7), AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, CULTURES, AND RELIGIONS; AVOIDING THE EXCESSIVE COMMERCIALIZATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES; PROHIBITING ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OF NATURAL MEDICINE, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES DIRECTED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE; AND OTHER PARAMETERS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.
- (n) The Standards for Qualification as a licensee, including environmental, social, and governance criteria directed to the findings and declarations set forth in section 12-170-102.
- (2) **Permissive rule-making.** RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-50-202 (1)(b) MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:
- (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF LICENSES, AND THE PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS PURSUANT TO SUCH LICENSES, DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT OR ADMINISTER THIS ARTICLE 50;
- (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRINCIPLE FILE PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AN APPLICANT SEEKING TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A LICENSE TYPE IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS OR SEEKING TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF MULTIPLE LICENSE TYPES;
- (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF CO-LOCATION PERMITS TO A LICENSEE AUTHORIZING CO-LOCATION WITH ANOTHER LICENSED PREMISES;
- (d) REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT;
- (e) PACKAGING AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, INCLUDING:

- (I) WARNING LABELS;
- (II) INDIVIDUAL SERVING AND PER-PACKAGE SERVING AMOUNTS;
- (III) CONCENTRATION OF THE REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT;
- (f) SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED PREMISES, INCLUDING LIGHTING, PHYSICAL SECURITY, VIDEO, AND ALARM REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER MINIMUM PROCEDURES FOR INTERNAL CONTROL AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO PROPERLY ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 50, INCLUDING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHANGES, ALTERATIONS, MODIFICATIONS TO THE PREMISES, OR ACTIVITIES OR INCIDENTS ON THE PREMISES;
  - (g) HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS;
  - (h) SANITARY REQUIREMENTS;
- (i) WASTE, DISPOSAL, AND DESTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, INCLUDING RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS;
- (j) STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT;
- (k) REQUIREMENTS OF LICENSEES TO TRACK AND MANAGE INVENTORY;
- (1) COMPLIANCE WITH, ENFORCEMENT OF, OR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 50, ARTICLE 18 OF TITLE 18, OR ANY RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50, INCLUDING PROCEDURES AND GROUNDS FOR DENYING, SUSPENDING, FINING, MODIFYING, RESTRICTING, OR REVOKING A STATE LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 OR ANY RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50;
- (m) ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES;

- (n) Specifications of Duties of Officers and Employees of the State Licensing authority;
  - (o) GUIDANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS;
- (p) REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, SEARCHES, SEIZURES, FORFEITURES, EMBARGO, QUARANTINE, RECALLS, AND SUCH ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AS MAY BECOME NECESSARY;
- (q) Prohibition of misrepresentation and unfair practices; and
- (r) SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE FAIR, IMPARTIAL, STRINGENT, AND COMPREHENSIVE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ARTICLE 50.
- (3) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL CONSULT THE BOARD WHEN CONSIDERING AND PROMULGATING RULES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- (4) (a) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY, BY RULE, ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL ISSUANCE OF AN EMPLOYEE LICENSE IDENTIFICATION CARD AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.
- (b) (I) The state licensing authority shall base its issuance of an employee license identification card pursuant to this subsection (4) on the results of an initial investigation that demonstrates the applicant is qualified to hold a license. The employee license application for which an employee license identification card was issued pursuant to this subsection (4) remains subject to denial pending the complete results of the applicant's initial fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
- (II) RESULTS OF A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK THAT DEMONSTRATE THAT AN APPLICANT POSSESSING AN EMPLOYEE LICENSE IDENTIFICATION CARD PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS NOT QUALIFIED TO HOLD A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 ARE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF THE EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION. IF THE EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION IS DENIED, THE APPLICANT SHALL RETURN

THE EMPLOYEE LICENSE IDENTIFICATION CARD TO THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY WITHIN A TIME PERIOD THAT THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES BY RULE.

(III) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO HAVE THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS TAKEN BY A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S APPROVED LIFESCAN EQUIPMENT. A THIRD PARTY SHALL NOT KEEP THE APPLICANT INFORMATION FOR MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT. THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL SEND THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS TO THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINGERPRINT PROCESSING BY UTILIZING THE FILES AND RECORDS OF THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

### **44-50-204. Confidentiality.** (1) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF:

(a) REPORTS OR OTHER INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM A LICENSEE OR A LICENSE APPLICANT CONTAINING ANY INDIVIDUALIZED DATA, INFORMATION, OR RECORDS RELATED TO THE APPLICANT; LICENSEE; LICENSEE'S OPERATION, INCLUDING SALES INFORMATION, LEASES, BUSINESS ORGANIZATION RECORDS, FINANCIAL RECORDS, TAX RETURNS, CREDIT REPORTS, CULTIVATION INFORMATION, TESTING RESULTS, AND SECURITY INFORMATION AND PLANS; ANY PARTICIPANT INFORMATION; OR ANY OTHER RECORDS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC INSPECTION PURSUANT TO STATE LAW. SUCH REPORTS OR OTHER INFORMATION MAY BE USED ONLY FOR A PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 50 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 FOR INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY INTERNATIONAL, FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL SECURITIES LAW OR REGULATION, OR FOR ANY OTHER STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSE. ANY INFORMATION RELEASED RELATED TO A PARTICIPANT MAY BE USED ONLY FOR A PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 50, AS A PART OF AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION, AS A PART OF A PROCEEDING AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 50, OR FOR ANY STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSE INVOLVING EVIDENCE OF SALES TRANSACTIONS IN VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 50 OR EVIDENCE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THE INFORMATION OR

RECORDS RELATED TO A PARTICIPANT CONSTITUTE MEDICAL DATA AS DESCRIBED BY SECTION 24-72-204 (3)(a)(I), AND THE INFORMATION OR RECORDS MAY ONLY BE DISCLOSED TO THOSE PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION OR PROCEEDING.

- (b) Investigative records and documents related to ongoing investigations. Those records and documents may be used only for a purpose authorized by this article 50 or rules promulgated by this article 50, or for any other state or local law enforcement purpose.
- (c) Computer systems maintained by the state licensing authority and the vendors with which the state licensing authority has contracted.
- (2) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION:
  - (a) DOCUMENTS RELATED TO FINAL AGENCY ACTIONS AND ORDERS;
- (b) RECORDS RELATED TO TESTING ON AN AGGREGATED AND DE-IDENTIFIED BASIS;
- (c) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION RELATED TO APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES AVAILABLE ON AN AGGREGATED AND DE-IDENTIFIED BASIS; AND
  - (d) ENFORCEMENT FORMS AND COMPLIANCE CHECKLISTS.

### PART 3 LICENSE TYPES

44-50-301. Classes of licenses. (1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TESTING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORT, TRANSFER, AND DISPENSATION OF REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY IN ITS DISCRETION, UPON APPLICATION IN THE PRESCRIBED FORM, MAY ISSUE AND GRANT TO THE APPLICANT A LICENSE FROM ANY OF THE CLASSES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS AND RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED BY THIS ARTICLE 50 OR A RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50.

- (2) (a) THE FOLLOWING ARE NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESS LICENSES:
- (I) NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSE;
- (II) NATURAL MEDICINE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSE;
- (III) NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSE;
- (IV) NATURAL MEDICINE TESTING FACILITY LICENSE; AND
- (V) ANY NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESS LICENSE DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.
- (b) The following are natural medicine licenses or registrations: Occupational licenses and registrations for owners, managers, operators, employees, contractors, and other support staff employed by, working in, or having access to restricted areas of the licensed premises, as determined by the statelicensing authority. The statelicensing authority may take any action with respect to a registration or permit pursuant to this article 50 as it may, with respect to a license issued pursuant to this article 50 or rules promulgated pursuant to this article 50.
- (3) A STATE CHARTERED BANK OR A CREDIT UNION MAY LOAN MONEY TO ANY PERSON LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 OR RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 FOR THE OPERATION OF A LICENSED NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESS.
- (4) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 AT THE SAME LOCATION AS A LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3,4,5, OR 10 OF THIS TITLE 44.
- **44-50-302. Restrictions for applications for new licenses.** (1) The STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL NOT RECEIVE OR ACT UPON AN APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESS LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50:

- (a) If the application for a license concerns a particular location that is the same as or within one thousand feet of a location for which, within the two years immediately preceding the date of the application, the state licensing authority denied an application for the same class of license due to the nature of the use or other concern related to the location;
- (b) Until it is established that the applicant is, or will be, entitled to possession of the premises for which application is made under a lease, rental agreement, or other arrangement for possession of the premises or by virtue of ownership of the premises;
- (c) FOR A LOCATION IN AN AREA WHERE THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TESTING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFER, AND DISPENSATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT AS CONTEMPLATED IS NOT PERMITTED UNDER THE APPLICABLE ZONING LAWS OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION;
- (d) (I) IF THE BUILDING WHERE NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IS WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF A CHILD CARE CENTER; PRESCHOOL; ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, JUNIOR, OR HIGH SCHOOL; OR A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT AFFECT THE RENEWAL OR REISSUANCE OF A LICENSE ONCE GRANTED OR APPLY TO LICENSED PREMISES LOCATED OR TO BE LOCATED ON LAND OWNED BY A MUNICIPALITY, NOR DO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO AN EXISTING LICENSED PREMISES ON LAND OWNED BY THE STATE OR APPLY TO A LICENSE IN EFFECT AND ACTIVELY DOING BUSINESS BEFORE THE SCHOOL OR FACILITY WAS CONSTRUCTED. THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY, BY ORDINANCE; AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY, BY RESOLUTION, MAY VARY THE DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d)(I) FOR A LICENSE OR MAY ELIMINATE ONE OR MORE TYPES OF SCHOOLS OR FACILITIES FROM THE APPLICATION OF A DISTANCE RESTRICTION ESTABLISHED BY OR PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d)(I).
- (II) THE DISTANCES REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d) MUST BE COMPUTED BY DIRECT MEASUREMENT FROM THE NEAREST PROPERTY LINE OF THE LAND USED FOR A SCHOOL OR FACILITY TO THE NEAREST PORTION OF THE BUILDING IN WHICH NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED, USING A ROUTE OF DIRECT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS.

- (III) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE AND MAKE A SPECIFIC FINDING OF FACT AS TO WHETHER THE BUILDING IN WHICH THE NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESS IS LOCATED IS WITHIN ANY DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS ESTABLISHED BY OR PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d).
- (2) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL NOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESS LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 UNTIL THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES THAT THE APPLICANT IS, OR WILL BE, ENTITLED TO POSSESSION OF THE PREMISES FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE UNDER A LEASE, RENTAL AGREEMENT, OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT FOR POSSESSION OF THE PREMISES OR BY VIRTUE OF OWNERSHIP OF THE PREMISES.

# PART 4 NATURAL MEDICINE LICENSE TYPES

- **44-50-401.** Natural medicine healing center license rules. (1) A NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A PERSON THAT EMPLOYS OR CONTRACTS WITH A FACILITATOR WHO PROVIDES NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12.
- (2) A NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEE MAY TRANSFER REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE OR REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT TO ANOTHER NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEE PURSUANT TO RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.
- (3) PRIOR TO INITIATING NATURAL MEDICINE SERVICES, THE FACILITATOR OF THE NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEE SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PARTICIPANT IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.
- (4) A NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEE SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 34 OF TITLE 24, AS THE PROVISIONS RELATE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
- (5) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEE SHALL NOT TRANSFER, INDIVIDUALLY OR IN ANY COMBINATION, MORE THAN AN AMOUNT PROMULGATED BY RULE OF NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE

- (b) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS TO THE NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT LIMITATION AND MAY ESTABLISH RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEES PURSUANT TO ANY EXEMPTION TO THE ADMINISTRATION LIMITATION.
- 44-50-402. Natural medicine cultivation facility license. (1) A NATURAL MEDICINE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A PERSON WHO CULTIVATES REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE FOR TRANSFER AND DISTRIBUTION TO NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEES, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSEES, OR OTHER NATURAL MEDICINE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSEES.
- (2) NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MUST NOT BE CONSUMED ON THE NATURAL MEDICINE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSEE'S LICENSED PREMISES, UNLESS THE LICENSED PREMISES IS CO-LOCATED WITH A NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEE'S LICENSED PREMISES.
- 44-50-403. Natural medicine product manufacturer license. (1) (a) A NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON WHO MANUFACTURES REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 50 AND RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50.
- (b) A NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSEE MAY CULTIVATE ITS OWN REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE PURSUANT TO A NATURAL MEDICINE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSEE.
- (c) A NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSEE SHALL NOT:
- (I) ADD ANY REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE TO A FOOD PRODUCT IF THE MANUFACTURER OF THE FOOD PRODUCT HOLDS A TRADEMARK TO THE FOOD PRODUCT'S NAME; EXCEPT THAT A NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSEE MAY USE A TRADEMARKED FOOD PRODUCT IF THE MANUFACTURER USES THE PRODUCT AS A COMPONENT OR AS PART OF A RECIPE AND IF THE NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSEE

DOES NOT STATE OR ADVERTISE TO THE CONSUMER THAT THE FINAL NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT CONTAINS A TRADEMARKED FOOD PRODUCT;

- (II) INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY LABEL OR PACKAGE NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IN A MANNER THAT WOULD CAUSE A REASONABLE CONSUMER CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER THE NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT WAS A TRADEMARKED FOOD PRODUCT; OR
- (III) LABEL OR PACKAGE A PRODUCT IN A MANNER THAT VIOLATES ANY FEDERAL TRADEMARK LAW OR REGULATION.
- (2) NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MUST NOT BE CONSUMED ON A NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSEE'S LICENSED PREMISES, UNLESS THE LICENSED PREMISES IS CO-LOCATED WITH A NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER LICENSEE'S LICENSED PREMISES.
- 44-50-404. Natural medicine testing facility license rules. (1) (a) A NATURAL MEDICINE TESTING FACILITY LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON WHO PERFORMS TESTING AND RESEARCH ON NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT.
- (b) THE TESTING OF NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AND THE ASSOCIATED STANDARDS, IS A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN.
- (2) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES RELATED TO ACCEPTABLE TESTING AND RESEARCH PRACTICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TESTING, STANDARDS, QUALITY CONTROL ANALYSIS, EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION AND CALIBRATION, IDENTIFICATION OF CHEMICALS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES USED IN BONA FIDE RESEARCH METHODS, AND WHETHER TO ALLOW A NATURAL PERSON TO REQUEST AND UTILIZE TESTING SERVICES OF NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IF THE NATURAL PERSON IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.
- (3) A PERSON WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN A NATURAL MEDICINE TESTING FACILITY LICENSE SHALL NOT HAVE ANY INTEREST IN A LICENSED NATURAL MEDICINE HEALING CENTER, A LICENSED NATURAL MEDICINE CULTIVATION FACILITY, A LICENSED NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER, OR A NATURAL MEDICINE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE

LICENSING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 OR RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50.

### PART 5 UNLAWFUL ACTS

- **44-50-501. Unlawful acts.** (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE 50, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A LICENSEE TO:
- (a) KNOWINGLY TRANSFER NATURAL MEDICINE OR A NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT TO A PERSON UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE; OR
- (b) Knowingly adulterate or alter, or attempt to adulterate or alter, any sample of regulated natural medicine or a natural medicine product for the purpose of circumventing testing requirements.

#### PART 6 FEES

- 44-50-601. Regulated natural medicine cash fund created rules. (1) (a) All money collected by the state licensing authority pursuant to this article 50 or rules promulgated pursuant to this article 50 must be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the regulated natural medicine division cash fund, which is hereby created. The regulated natural medicine division cash fund, referred to in this section as the "fund", consists of:
- (I) THE MONEY COLLECTED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY; AND
- (II) ANY ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.
- (b) Money in the fund is subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to the department for the direct and indirect costs associated with implementing this article 50.

- (c) ANY MONEY IN THE FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION MAY BE INVESTED BY THE STATE TREASURER AS PROVIDED BY LAW. ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR REMAINS IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND.
- (2) The executive director by rule or as otherwise provided by law may reduce the amount of one or more of the fees if necessary pursuant to section 24-75-402 (3) to reduce the uncommitted reserves of the fund to which all or any portion of one or more of the fees is credited. After the uncommitted reserves of the fund are sufficiently reduced, the executive director by rule or as otherwise provided by law may increase the amount of one or more of the fees as provided in section 24-75-402 (4).
- (3)(a) The state licensing authority shall establish fees for processing the applications or licenses pursuant to section 44-50-301.
- (b) The amounts of such fees, when added to the other fees transferred to the fund pursuant to this section, must reflect the actual direct and indirect costs of the state licensing authority in the administration and enforcement of this article 50 so that the fees avoid exceeding the statutory limit on uncommitted reserves in administrative agency cash funds as set forth in section 24-75-402 (3).
- (c) The state licensing authority may charge applicants licensed pursuant to this article 50 a fee for the cost of each fingerprint analysis and background investigation undertaken to qualify new officers, directors, managers, or employees.
- (d) AT LEAST ANNUALLY, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL REVIEW THE AMOUNTS OF THE FEES AND, IF NECESSARY, ADJUST THE AMOUNTS TO REFLECT THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

- (e) The fees established and collected pursuant to this section must not exceed the amount necessary to administer this article 50.
- (4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH A BASIC FEE THAT SHALL BE PAID AT THE TIME OF SERVICE OF ANY SUBPOENA UPON THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, PLUS A FEE FOR MEALS AND A FEE FOR MILEAGE AT THE RATE PRESCRIBED FOR STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN SECTION 24-9-104 FOR EACH MILE ACTUALLY AND NECESSARILY TRAVELED IN GOING TO AND RETURNING FROM THE PLACE NAMED IN THE SUBPOENA. IF THE PERSON NAMED IN THE SUBPOENA IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE PLACE NAMED IN THE SUBPOENA FOR MORE THAN ONE DAY, THERE SHALL BE PAID, IN ADVANCE, A SUM TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR EACH DAY OF ATTENDANCE TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF THE PERSON NAMED IN THE SUBPOENA.
- (5) The subpoena fee established pursuant to subsection (4) of this section does not apply to any federal, state, or local governmental agency.
- **44-50-602. Fees allocation.** (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, ALL FEES AND FINES PROVIDED FOR BY THIS ARTICLE 50 SHALL BE PAID TO THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, WHICH SHALL TRANSMIT THE FEES TO THE STATE TREASURER. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT THE FEES TO THE REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE DIVISION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 44-50-601.
- (2) THE EXPENDITURES OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY ARE PAID OUT OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE REGULATED NATURAL MEDICINE DIVISION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 44-50-601.

# PART 7 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

**44-50-701. Suspension - revocation - fines.** (1) In addition to any other sanctions prescribed by this article 50 or rules promulgated pursuant to this article 50, the state licensing authority has the power, on its own motion or on complaint, after investigation and opportunity for a public hearing at which the

LICENSEE MUST BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, TO FINE A LICENSEE OR TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY FOR A VIOLATION BY THE LICENSEE OR BY ANY OF THE AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE LICENSEE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 50, OR ANY OF THE RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50, OR OF ANY OF THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, OR PROVISIONS OF THE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY. THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY HAS THE POWER TO ADMINISTER OATHS AND ISSUE SUBPOENAS TO REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF PERSONS AND THE PRODUCTION OF PAPERS, BOOKS, AND RECORDS NECESSARY TO THE DETERMINATION OF A HEARING THAT THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT.

(2) The state licensing authority shall provide notice of suspension, revocation, fine, or other sanction, as well as the required notice of the hearing pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, by mailing the same in writing to the licensee at the address contained in the license and, if different, at the last address furnished to the authority by the licensee. Except in the case of a summary suspension, a suspension may not exceed six months. If a license is suspended or revoked, a part of the fees paid for the license are not returned to the licensee. Any license, registration, or permit may be summarily suspended by the state licensing authority without notice pending any prosecution, investigation, or public hearing pursuant to the terms of section 24-4-104 (4). Nothing in this section prevents the summary suspension of a license pursuant to section 24-4-104 (4).

# PART 8 JUDICIAL REVIEW

**44-50-801. Judicial review.** Decisions by the state licensing authority are subject to judicial review pursuant to section 24-4-106.

### PART 9 PROTECTIONS, CONSTRUCTION, PREEMPTION, AND SEVERABILITY

**44-50-901. Protections.** (1) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IN THIS ARTICLE 50 AND ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, BUT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY

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#### OTHER PROVISION OF LAW:

- (a) ACTIONS AND CONDUCT PERMITTED PURSUANT TO A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR PERMIT ISSUED BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50, OR BY THOSE WHO ALLOW PROPERTY TO BE USED PURSUANT TO A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50, ARE LAWFUL AND ARE NOT AN OFFENSE UNDER STATE LAW OR THE LAWS OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION WITHIN THE STATE; ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE, PENALTY, OR SANCTION; ARE NOT A BASIS FOR DETENTION, SEARCH, OR ARREST; ARE NOT A BASIS TO DENY ANY RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE; AND ARE NOT A BASIS TO SEIZE OR FORFEIT ASSETS UNDER STATE LAW OR THE LAWS OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION WITHIN THIS STATE;
- (b) A CONTRACT IS NOT UNENFORCEABLE ON THE BASIS THAT NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50, IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW;
- (c) A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR PERMITTEE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50 IS NOT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE OR LOSS OF A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION FOR PROVIDING ADVICE OR SERVICES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES ON THE BASIS THAT NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW, OR FOR PERSONAL USE OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 50. THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c) DOES NOT PERMIT A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR PERMITTEE TO ENGAGE IN MALPRACTICE.
- (d) Mental Health Care, substance use disorder intervention, or behavioral Health Services otherwise covered under the "Colorado Medical Assistance Act", articles 4 to 6 of title 25.5, must not be denied on the basis that they are covered in conjunction with natural medicine services, or that natural medicine or natural medicine product is prohibited by federal Law. Insurance or an insurance provider is not required to cover the cost of natural medicine or natural medicine product.
- (e) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED OR INTERPRETED TO PREVENT THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL MEDICINE DIVISION FROM ENFORCING ITS RULES AGAINST A LICENSEE OR TO LIMIT A STATE OR LOCAL

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY IN RELATION TO A LICENSEE.

- **44-50-902. Liberal construction.** This article 50 must be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.
- **44-50-903. Preemption.** A LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL NOT ADOPT, ENACT, OR ENFORCE ANY ORDINANCE, RULE, OR RESOLUTION THAT ARE OTHERWISE IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 50.
- 44-50-904. Severability. If any provision of this article 50 is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this article 50 are valid, unless it appears to the court that the valid provisions of the statute are so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the void provision that it cannot be presumed that the general assembly would have enacted the valid provisions without the void one; or unless the court determines that the valid provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

### PART 10 SUNSET REVIEW - ARTICLE REPEAL

- **44-50-1001. Sunset review repeal of article.** (1) This article 50 is repealed, effective September 1, 2032.
- (2) PRIOR TO THE REPEAL OF THIS ARTICLE 50, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES SHALL CONDUCT A SUNSET REVIEW AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-34-104 (5).
- **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-13-303, amend (9) as follows:
- 16-13-303. Class 1 public nuisance. (9) A person acting in compliance with the "Natural Medicine Health Act of 2022", article 170 of title 12 does not violate this section IT IS NOT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IF A PERSON IS ACTING IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44.

**SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-13-304, **amend** (2) as follows:

16-13-304. Class 2 public nuisance. (2) A person acting in compliance with the "Natural Medicine Health Act of 2022", article 170 of title 12 does not violate this section IT IS NOT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IF A PERSON IS ACTING IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44.

**SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-18-403.5, amend (1) as follows:

18-18-403.5. Unlawful possession of a controlled substance - notice to revisor of statutes - repeal. (1) Except as authorized by part 1 or 3 of article 280 of title 12, part 2 of article 80 of title 27, section 18-1-711, section 18-18-428 (1)(b), part 2 or 3 of this article 18, or the "Natural Medicine Health Act of 2022", article 170 of title 12 SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, it is unlawful for a person knowingly to possess a controlled substance.

**SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-18-404, amend (1)(a) as follows:

18-18-404. Unlawful use of a controlled substance. (1) (a) Except as is otherwise provided for offenses concerning marijuana and marijuana concentrate in sections 18-18-406 and 18-18-406.5, or by the "Natural Medicine Health Act of 2022", article 170 of title 12 OR FOR NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IN SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, any person who uses any controlled substance, except when it is dispensed by or under the direction of a person licensed or authorized by law to prescribe, administer, or dispense the controlled substance for bona fide medical needs, commits a level 2 drug misdemeanor.

**SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-18-405, amend (1)(a) as follows:

18-18-405. Unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, or sale. (1) (a) Except as authorized by part 1 of article 280 of title 12, part 2 of article 80 of title 27, part 2 or 3 of this article 18, or by the "Natural"

Medicine Health Act of 2022", article 170 of title 12 SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, it is unlawful for any person knowingly to manufacture, dispense, sell, or distribute, or to possess with intent to manufacture, dispense, sell, or distribute, a controlled substance; or induce, attempt to induce, or conspire with one or more other persons, to manufacture, dispense, sell, distribute, or possess with intent to manufacture, dispense, sell, or distribute, a controlled substance; or possess one or more chemicals or supplies or equipment with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

**SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 18-18-410 as follows:

18-18-410. Declaration of class 1 public nuisance. Except as permitted by the "Natural Medicine Health Act of 2022", article 170 of title 12 AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, any store, shop, warehouse, dwelling house, building, vehicle, boat, or aircraft or any place whatsoever which THAT is frequented by controlled substance addicts for the unlawful use of controlled substances or which is used for the unlawful storage, manufacture, sale, or distribution of controlled substances is declared to be a class 1 public nuisance and subject to the provisions of section 16-13-303. C.R.S. Any real or personal property which THAT is seized or confiscated as a result of an action to abate a public nuisance shall be disposed of pursuant to part 7 of article 13 of title 16. C.R.S.

**SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-18-411, **repeal** (5); and **add** (3.5) as follows:

- 18-18-411. Keeping, maintaining, controlling, renting, or making available property for unlawful distribution or manufacture of controlled substances. (3.5) It is not a violation of this section if a person is acting in compliance with section 18-18-434, article 170 of title 12, or article 50 of title 44.
- (5) A person acting in compliance with the "Natural Medicine Health Act of 2022", article 170 of title 12 does not violate this section.

**SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-18-412.7, **repeal** (3); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

- 18-18-412.7. Sale or distribution of materials to manufacture controlled substances. (1.5) It is not a violation of this section if a person is acting in compliance with section 18-18-434, article 170 of title 12, or article 50 of title 44.
- (3) A person acting in compliance with the "Natural Medicine Health Act of 2022", article 170 of title 12 does not violate this section.
- **SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-18-430.5, **amend** (1)(c) as follows:
- 18-18-430.5. Drug paraphernalia exemption. (1) A person is exempt from sections 18-18-425 to 18-18-430 if the person is:
- (c) Using equipment, products, or materials in compliance with the "Natural Medicine Health Act of 2022", article 170 of title 12 SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44. The manufacture, possession, and distribution of such equipment, products, or materials shall be is authorized within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. 863 sec. (f).
- **SECTION 31.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-18-434 as follows:
- 18-18-434. Offenses relating to natural medicine and natural medicine product definitions. (1) A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE WHO KNOWINGLY POSSESSES OR CONSUMES NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT COMMITS A DRUG PETTY OFFENSE AND, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR NOT MORE THAN FOUR HOURS OF SUBSTANCE USE EDUCATION OR COUNSELING; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, NOT MORE THAN FOUR HOURS OF SUBSTANCE USE EDUCATION OR COUNSELING, AND NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF USEFUL PUBLIC SERVICE.
- (2) A PERSON WHO OPENLY AND PUBLICLY DISPLAYS OR CONSUMES NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT COMMITS A DRUG PETTY OFFENSE AND, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NOT MORE THAN

- (3) (a) A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY CULTIVATES NATURAL MEDICINE THAT CUMULATIVELY EXCEEDS AN AREA OF MORE THAN TWELVE FEET WIDE BY TWELVE FEET LONG IN ONE OR MORE CULTIVATION AREAS ON THE PRIVATE PROPERTY, OR KNOWINGLY ALLOWS SUCH CULTIVATION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT THE PERSON OWNS, OCCUPIES, OR CONTROLS, COMMITS A DRUG PETTY OFFENSE, AND UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
- (b) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY CULTIVATES NATURAL MEDICINE ON THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF AN ENCLOSED AND LOCKED SPACE, OR KNOWINGLY ALLOWS SUCH CULTIVATION ON THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF AN ENCLOSED AND LOCKED SPACE, THAT THE PERSON OWNS, OCCUPIES, OR CONTROLS, COMMITS A DRUG PETTY OFFENSE, AND UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
- (II) IT IS NOT A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) IF THE PERSON WHO IS CULTIVATING NATURAL MEDICINE IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, IF THE CULTIVATION AREA IS LOCATED IN A DWELLING ON THE PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND:
- (A) If a person under twenty-one years of age lives at the dwelling, the cultivation area itself is enclosed and locked; or
- (B) If no person under twenty-one years of age lives at the dwelling, the external locks on the dwelling constitute an enclosed and locked space, but if a person under twenty-one years of age enters the dwelling, the person cultivating the natural medicine shall ensure that access to the cultivation area is reasonably restricted for the duration of the person under twenty-one years of age's presence in the private property.
- (c) It is not a violation of subsection (3)(a) of this section if a county, municipality, or city and county law expressly permits the cultivation of natural medicine that cumulatively exceeds an area of more than twelve feet wide by twelve feet long in one or more cultivation areas on the private property and the person

CULTIVATES THE NATURAL MEDICINE IN AN ENCLOSED AND LOCKED SPACE WITHIN THE LIMIT SET BY THE COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY AND COUNTY WHERE THE NATURAL MEDICINE IS LOCATED.

- (4) (a) It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed pursuant to article 50 of title 44 to knowingly manufacture natural medicine product using an inherently hazardous substance.
- (b) It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed pursuant to article 50 of title 44 who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls the use of a property to knowingly allow natural medicine product to be manufactured on the premises using an inherently hazardous substance.
- (c) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (4) COMMITS A LEVEL 2 DRUG FELONY.
- (5) (a) Unless expressly limited by this section, article 170 of title 12, or article 50 of title 44, a person who for the purpose of personal use and without remuneration, possesses, consumes, shares, cultivates, or manufactures natural medicine or natural medicine product, does not violate state law, or county, municipality, or city and county ordinance, rule, or resolution.
- (b) Unless expressly limited by this section, a person who performs testing on natural medicine or natural medicine product, and possesses natural medicine or natural medicine product in conjunction therewith, for another person who is twenty-one years of age or older who submits for testing natural medicine or natural medicine product intended for personal use, does not violate state law, or county, municipality, or city and county ordinance, rule, or resolution, article 170 of title 12, or article 50 of title 44, if:
- (I) THE PERSON PERFORMING THE TESTING PROVIDES WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PERSON SUBMITTING FOR TESTING NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT INTENDED FOR PERSONAL USE, THAT THE PERSON IS NOT LICENSED BY THE STATE TO CONDUCT TESTING; AND

- (II) THE PERSON WHO SUBMITS FOR TESTING NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT PROVIDES A SIGNED STATEMENT THAT THE NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT IS INTENDED FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY.
  - (c) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PERMITS A PERSON TO:
- (I) DISPENSE, SELL, DISTRIBUTE, OR POSSESS WITH INTENT TO DISPENSE, SELL, OR DISTRIBUTE, NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT TO A PERSON UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE;
- (II) DISPENSE, SELL, DISTRIBUTE, OR POSSESS WITH INTENT TO DISPENSE, SELL, OR DISTRIBUTE, NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT FOR REMUNERATION, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12 AND ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44;
- (III) MANUFACTURE, CULTIVATE, POSSESS, CONSUME, USE, DISPENSE, OR DISTRIBUTE NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, OR POSSESS WITH INTENT TO MANUFACTURE, CULTIVATE, POSSESS, CONSUME, USE, DISPENSE, OR DISTRIBUTE NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN PERSONAL USE OR AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12 AND ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44;
- (IV) DISPENSE, DISTRIBUTE, OR POSSESS WITH INTENT TO DISPENSE OR DISTRIBUTE, NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT AS A PART OF A BUSINESS PROMOTION OR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12 AND ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44; OR
- (V) DISPENSE, SELL, OR DISTRIBUTE, OR POSSESS WITH INTENT TO DISPENSE, SELL, OR DISTRIBUTE, IBOGAINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT THAT CONTAINS IBOGAINE TO ANOTHER PERSON, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12 AND ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44.
- (d) A PEACE OFFICER SHALL NOT ARREST A PERSON, AND A DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHALL NOT CHARGE OR PROSECUTE A PERSON FOR A CRIMINAL OFFENSE INVOLVING NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT PURSUANT TO THIS PART 4, EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.
  - (e) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE

CONTRARY, A PEACE OFFICER MAY ARREST A PERSON, OR A DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY CHARGE OR PROSECUTE A PERSON FOR A CRIMINAL OFFENSE THAT IS NOT EXPRESSLY LAWFUL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12 AND ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44.

- (6) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an action that is lawful pursuant to this section, article 170 of title 12, or article 50 of title 44, individually or in combination with another action that is lawful pursuant to this section, must not be the sole reason to:
  - (a) SUBJECT A PERSON TO A CIVIL FINE, PENALTY, OR SANCTION;
  - (b) DENY A PERSON A RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE; OR
  - (c) SEIZE OR FORFEIT ASSETS.
- (7) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION, AN ACTION THAT IS LAWFUL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, INDIVIDUALLY OR IN COMBINATION WITH ANOTHER ACTION THAT IS LAWFUL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, MUST NOT SOLELY BE USED AS A FACTOR IN A PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION OF ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE.
- (b) AN ACTION THAT IS LAWFUL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY BE USED AS A FACTOR IN A PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION OF ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE IF THE ORIGINAL STOP OR SEARCH WAS LAWFUL AND OTHER FACTORS ARE PRESENT TO SUPPORT A PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION OF ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE.
- (8) THE FACT THAT A PERSON IS ENTITLED TO CONSUME NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A DEFENSE AGAINST ANY CHARGE FOR VIOLATION OF AN OFFENSE RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF A VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, BOAT, MACHINERY, OR OTHER DEVICE.
- (9) A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY AND COUNTY SHALL NOT ADOPT, ENACT, OR ENFORCE ANY ORDINANCE, RULE, OR RESOLUTION IMPOSING ANY GREATER CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PENALTY THAN PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION OR THAT IS OTHERWISE IN CONFLICT WITH THIS SECTION.

- (10) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS A PERSON OR ANY ENTITY WHO OCCUPIES, OWNS, OR CONTROLS A PROPERTY FROM PROHIBITING OR OTHERWISE REGULATING THE CULTIVATION OR MANUFACTURE OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT ON OR IN THAT PROPERTY.
- (11) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE OFFENSES PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A PERSON POSSESSING, DISPLAYING, CULTIVATING, PURCHASING, OR SELLING A LIVING PLANT FOR ORNAMENTAL PURPOSES ONLY THAT WAS COMMONLY AND LAWFULLY SOLD PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "LIVING PLANT" DOES NOT INCLUDE MUSHROOMS OR OTHER FUNGAL MATTER.
- (12) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
- (a) "INHERENTLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE" MEANS ANY LIQUID CHEMICAL, COMPRESSED GAS, OR COMMERCIAL PRODUCT THAT HAS A FLASH POINT AT OR LOWER THAN THIRTY-EIGHT DEGREES CELSIUS OR ONE HUNDRED DEGREES FAHRENHEIT, INCLUDING BUTANE, PROPANE, AND DIETHYL ETHER, AND EXCLUDING ALL FORMS OF ALCOHOL AND ETHANOL.
  - (b) (I) "NATURAL MEDICINE" MEANS THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANCES:
  - (A) DIMETHYLTRYPTAMINE;
  - (B) MESCALINE;
  - (C) IBOGAINE;
  - (D) PSILOCYBIN; OR
  - (E) PSILOCYN.
- (II) "NATURAL MEDICINE" DOES NOT MEAN A SYNTHETIC OR SYNTHETIC ANALOG OF THE SUBSTANCES LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (12)(b), INCLUDING A DERIVATIVE OF A NATURALLY OCCURRING COMPOUND OF NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS PRODUCED USING CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS, CHEMICAL MODIFICATION, OR CHEMICAL CONVERSION.

- (III) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (12)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, "MESCALINE" DOES NOT INCLUDE PEYOTE, MEANING ALL PARTS OF THE PLANT CLASSIFIED BOTANICALLY AS LOPHOPHORA WILLIAMSII LEMAIRE, WHETHER GROWING OR NOT; ITS SEEDS; ANY EXTRACT FROM ANY PART OF THE PLANT, AND EVERY COMPOUND, SALT, DERIVATIVE, MIXTURE, OR PREPARATION OF THE PLANT; OR ITS SEEDS OR EXTRACTS.
- (c) "NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT" MEANS A PRODUCT INFUSED WITH NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS INTENDED FOR CONSUMPTION.
- (d) "PERSONAL USE" MEANS THE CONSUMPTION OR USE OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT; OR THE AMOUNT OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT A PERSON MAY LAWFULLY POSSESS, CULTIVATE, OR MANUFACTURE THAT IS NECESSARY TO SHARE WITH ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF COUNSELING, SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, BENEFICIAL COMMUNITY-BASED USE AND HEALING, SUPPORTED USE, OR RELATED SERVICES. "PERSONAL USE" DOES NOT MEAN THE SALE OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT FOR REMUNERATION; THE POSSESSION, CULTIVATION, OR MANUFACTURE OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT WITH INTENT TO SELL THE NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT FOR REMUNERATION; OR THE POSSESSION, CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT FOR BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12 AND ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44. Nothing in this section precludes remuneration for bona fide HARM REDUCTION SERVICES OR BONA FIDE SUPPORT SERVICES USED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE SHARING OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, PROVIDED THAT THERE IS NO ADVERTISEMENT RELATED TO THE SHARING OF NATURAL MEDICINE, NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, OR THE SERVICES PROVIDED, AND PROVIDED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING THE SERVICES INFORMS AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGING IN THE SERVICES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT A LICENSED FACILITATOR PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12.
- (e) "PRIVATE PROPERTY" MEANS A DWELLING, ITS CURTILAGE, AND A STRUCTURE WITHIN THE CURTILAGE THAT IS BEING USED BY A NATURAL PERSON OR NATURAL PERSONS FOR HABITATION AND THAT IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

(f) "REMUNERATION" MEANS ANYTHING OF VALUE, INCLUDING MONEY, REAL PROPERTY, TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, CONTRACT RIGHT, CHOSE IN ACTION, SERVICE, ANY RIGHT OF USE OR EMPLOYMENT OR PROMISE OR AGREEMENT CONNECTED THEREWITH, BUSINESS PROMOTION, OR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.

**SECTION 32.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-16-162 as follows:

- 10-16-162. Prohibition on discrimination for coverage based solely on natural medicine consumption definitions. (1) A CARRIER THAT OFFERS, ISSUES, OR RENEWS A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN SHALL NOT, SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF A PERSON'S CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT:
  - (a) DECLINE OR LIMIT COVERAGE OF A PERSON; OR
- (b) PENALIZE A COVERED PERSON OR REDUCE OR LIMIT COVERAGE FOR A PERSON.
- (2) A CARRIER THAT OFFERS, ISSUES, OR RENEWS A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR ANATOMICAL GIFTS, ORGAN TRANSPLANTS, OR RELATED TREATMENTS OR SERVICES SHALL NOT, SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF A COVERED PERSON'S CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT:
- (a) DENY COVERAGE TO A COVERED PERSON FOR AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT OR RELATED TREATMENT OR SERVICES;
- (b) DECLINE OR LIMIT COVERAGE OF A COVERED PERSON SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF A VOIDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION; OR
- (c) PENALIZE A COVERED PERSON OR REDUCE OR LIMIT COVERAGE FOR A COVERED PERSON FOR HEALTH-CARE SERVICES RELATED TO ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION, AS DETERMINED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN AND THE COVERED PERSON OR THE COVERED PERSON'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- (3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE DONATION OF AN ANATOMICAL GIFT, AN ORGAN

TRANSPLANT, OR RELATED TREATMENT OR SERVICES.

- (4) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
- (a) "ANATOMICAL GIFT" MEANS THE DONATION OF PART OF A HUMAN BODY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPLANTATION TO ANOTHER PERSON.
  - (b) (I) "NATURAL MEDICINE" MEANS THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANCES:
  - (A) DIMETHYLTRYPTAMINE;
  - (B) MESCALINE;
  - (C) IBOGAINE;
  - (D) PSILOCYBIN; OR
  - (E) PSILOCYN.
- (II) "NATURAL MEDICINE" DOES NOT MEAN A SYNTHETIC OR SYNTHETIC ANALOG OF THE SUBSTANCES LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b), INCLUDING A DERIVATIVE OF A NATURALLY OCCURRING COMPOUND OF NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS PRODUCED USING CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS, CHEMICAL MODIFICATION, OR CHEMICAL CONVERSION.
- (c) "NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT" MEANS A PRODUCT INFUSED WITH NATURAL MEDICINE THAT IS INTENDED FOR CONSUMPTION.

**SECTION 33.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-2-102, add (8.5)(d) as follows:

17-2-102. Division of adult parole - general powers, duties, and functions - definition. (8.5) (d) This subsection (8.5) does not apply to a parolee who possesses or uses natural medicine or natural medicine product as authorized pursuant to section 18-18-434, article 170 of title 12, or article 50 of title 44.

**SECTION 34.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-2-201, add (5.3) as follows:

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- 17-2-201. State board of parole duties definitions. (5.3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the possession or use of natural medicine or natural medicine product, as authorized pursuant to section 18-18-434, article 170 of title 12, or article 50 of title 44, must not be considered an offense such that its possession or use constitutes a violation of conditions of parole.
- SECTION 35. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.3-204, amend (2)(a)(VIII) introductory portion; and add (1)(c) as follows:
- 18-1.3-204. Conditions of probation interstate compact probation transfer cash fund creation. (1) (c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE POSSESSION OR USE OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, MUST NOT BE CONSIDERED ANOTHER OFFENSE SUCH THAT ITS USE CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF PROBATION.
- (2) (a) When granting probation, the court may, as a condition of probation, require that the defendant:
- (VIII) Refrain from excessive use of alcohol or any unlawful use of controlled substances, as defined in section 18-18-102 (5), or of any other dangerous or abusable drug without a prescription; except that the court shall not, as a condition of probation, PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OR USE OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT, AS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44. FURTHERMORE, THE COURT SHALL NOT, AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION, prohibit the possession or use of medical marijuana, as authorized pursuant to section 14 of article XVIII of the state constitution, unless:
- **SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-103, amend (1)(a)(I) and (5) as follows:
- 19-2.5-103. Jurisdiction. (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction in proceedings:
  - (a) Concerning any juvenile ten years of age or older who has

violated:

- (I) Any federal or state law, except nonfelony state traffic, game and fish, and parks and recreation laws or rules; the offense specified in section 18-13-122, concerning the illegal possession or consumption of ethyl alcohol or marijuana by an underage person or illegal possession of marijuana paraphernalia by an underage person; the offenses specified in section 18-18-406 (5)(b)(I) and (5)(b)(II), concerning marijuana and marijuana concentrate; THE OFFENSES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-18-434 CONCERNING NATURAL MEDICINE AND NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT; and the civil infraction in section 18-7-109 (3), concerning exchange of a private image by a juvenile;
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the juvenile court and the county court have concurrent jurisdiction over a juvenile who is under eighteen years of age and who is charged with a violation of section 18-13-122, 18-18-406 (5)(b)(I) and (5)(b)(II), 18-18-428, 18-18-429, 18-18-430, 18-18-434, or 42-4-1301; except that, if the juvenile court accepts jurisdiction over such a juvenile, the county court jurisdiction terminates.

**SECTION 37.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-103, **add** (4) as follows:

- 19-3-103. Child not neglected when. (4) (a) A PERSON WHO PERFORMS OR HAS PERFORMED AN ACTION THAT IS LAWFUL PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-434, ARTICLE 170 OF TITLE 12, OR ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44 DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 3, UNLESS IT THREATENS THE HEALTH OR WELFARE OF A CHILD.
- (b) The court shall not restrict or prohibit family time, or determine that family time is not in the child's best interests, based solely on the fact that a person performs or has performed an action that is lawful pursuant to section 18-18-434, article 170 of title 12, or article 50 of title 44, unless the court finds that the child's safety or mental, emotional, or physical health is at risk as a result of the family time.

SECTION 38. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-706, amend

(1)(h); and add (1)(f.5) as follows:

- 24-72-706. Sealing of criminal conviction and criminal justice records processing fee. (1) Sealing of conviction records. (f.5) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 7 TO THE CONTRARY, A MOTION FILED FOR THE SEALING OF CONVICTION RECORDS FOR AN OFFENSE THAT WAS UNLAWFUL AT THE TIME OF CONVICTION, BUT IS NO LONGER UNLAWFUL PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-434, MAY BE FILED AT ANY TIME. THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE RECORDS SEALED UNLESS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OBJECTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(f.5)(II) OF THIS SECTION.
- (II) IF A MOTION IS FILED FOR THE SEALING OF AN OFFENSE DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f.5), THE DEFENDANT SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE MOTION TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHO MAY OBJECT. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER TO OBJECT TO THE MOTION BASED ON WHETHER THE UNDERLYING CONVICTION FOR AN OFFENSE IS NO LONGER UNLAWFUL PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-434. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER TO OBJECT AND PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE COURT WITHIN FORTY-TWO DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE MOTION. IF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OBJECTS TO THE MOTION, THE COURT SHALL SET THE MATTER FOR HEARING AND THE BURDEN IS ON THE DEFENDANT TO SHOW BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE UNDERLYING FACTUAL BASIS OF THE CONVICTION SOUGHT TO BE SEALED IS NO LONGER UNLAWFUL PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-434.
- (III) (A) A DEFENDANT WHO FILES A MOTION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f.5) MUST NOT BE CHARGED FEES OR COSTS.
- (B) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION, A DEFENDANT WHO FILES A MOTION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f.5) IS NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A VERIFIED COPY OF THE DEFENDANT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY WITH A FILED MOTION.
- (C) Section 24-72-703 (2)(a)(V) does not apply to conviction Records sealed pursuant to this subsection (1)(f.5).
- (h) A defendant who files a motion to seal criminal justice records pursuant to this section shall pay a processing fee of sixty-five dollars to cover the actual costs related to the sealing of the criminal justice records.

The defendant shall pay to the Colorado bureau of investigation any costs related to the sealing of the defendant's criminal justice records in the custody of the bureau. The court shall waive the processing fee upon a determination that:

- (I) The defendant is indigent; or
- (II) The defendant's records should have been automatically sealed pursuant to section 13-3-117, 24-72-704, or 24-72-705; OR
- (III) THE DEFENDANT FILED A MOTION TO SEAL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(f.5) OF THIS SECTION.
- **SECTION 39.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-76.5-104 as follows:
- **24-76.5-104. Natural medicine consumption consideration prohibited exception.** Consideration of whether a person performs or has performed an action that is lawful pursuant to section 18-18-434, article 170 of title 12, or article 50 of title 44 is not a requirement for eligibility for a public assistance program, unless consideration is required pursuant to federal law.
- **SECTION 40.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-56-104.5 as follows:
- 25-56-104.5. Prohibition on discrimination for organ transplants based solely on natural medicine consumption applicability. (1) This ARTICLE 56 APPLIES TO ALL STAGES OF THE ORGAN TRANSPLANT PROCESS.
- (2) A COVERED ENTITY SHALL NOT, SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF A PERSON'S CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT:
- (a) CONSIDER THE INDIVIDUAL INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT OR ORGAN TRANSPLANT;
- (b) DENY MEDICAL SERVICES OR OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION, INCLUDING DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES, EVALUATION, SURGERY, COUNSELING, AND POST-OPERATIVE TREATMENT AND SERVICES;

- (c) REFUSE TO REFER THE INDIVIDUAL TO A TRANSPLANT CENTER OR OTHER RELATED SPECIALIST FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING EVALUATED FOR OR RECEIVING AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT;
- (d) REFUSE TO PLACE A QUALIFIED RECIPIENT ON AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST; OR
- (e) PLACE A QUALIFIED RECIPIENT ON AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST AT A LOWER PRIORITY POSITION THAN THE POSITION AT WHICH THE PERSON WOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED IF THE PERSON DID NOT CONSUME NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT.
- (3) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, A COVERED ENTITY MAY TAKE A PERSON'S CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT INTO ACCOUNT WHEN MAKING TREATMENT OR COVERAGE RECOMMENDATIONS OR DECISIONS, SOLELY TO THE EXTENT THAT THE NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT CONSUMPTION HAS BEEN FOUND BY A PHYSICIAN OR SURGEON, FOLLOWING AN INDIVIDUALIZED EVALUATION OF THE PERSON, TO BE MEDICALLY SIGNIFICANT TO THE PROVISION OF THE ANATOMICAL GIFT OR ORGAN TRANSPLANT.

#### (4) A COVERED ENTITY SHALL:

- (a) MAKE REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS TO ITS POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO CONSUMES NATURAL MEDICINE OR NATURAL MEDICINE PRODUCT ACCESS TO TRANSPLANTATION-RELATED SERVICES, INCLUDING DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES, SURGERY, COVERAGE, POST-OPERATIVE TREATMENT, AND COUNSELING, UNLESS THE COVERED ENTITY DEMONSTRATES THAT MAKING SUCH MODIFICATIONS WOULD FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE NATURE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED; AND
- (b) Take reasonable and necessary steps to ensure that a person's consumption of natural medicine or natural medicine product is not the reason the person is denied medical services or other services related to organ transplantation, including diagnostic services, surgery, post-operative treatment, or counseling, due to the absence of auxiliary aids or services, unless the covered entity demonstrates that taking such steps would fundamentally alter the nature of the medical services or

OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION OR WOULD RESULT IN AN UNDUE BURDEN FOR THE COVERED ENTITY.

- (5) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 56 REQUIRES A COVERED ENTITY TO MAKE A REFERRAL OR RECOMMENDATION FOR OR PERFORM A MEDICALLY INAPPROPRIATE ORGAN TRANSPLANT.
- **SECTION 41.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-36-102, amend (14)(b) as follows:
- **35-36-102.** Rules definitions. As used in this article 36, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (14) (b) "Farm products" does not include poultry and poultry products, timber products, nursery stock, commodities, or marijuana, OR NATURAL MEDICINE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-170-104 (12).
- **SECTION 42.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-104, add (4)(r.5) as follows:
- 39-22-104. Income tax imposed on individuals, estates, and trusts single rate report legislative declaration definitions repeal.

  (4) There shall be subtracted from federal taxable income:
- (r.5) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, IF A TAXPAYER IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THE "COLORADO NATURAL MEDICINE CODE", ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 44, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ANY EXPENDITURE THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO BE CLAIMED AS A FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION BUT IS DISALLOWED BY SECTION 280E OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE BECAUSE NATURAL MEDICINE IS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UNDER FEDERAL LAW;
- **SECTION 43.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-304, add (3)(m.5) as follows:
- 39-22-304. Net income of corporation legislative declaration definitions repeal. (3) There shall be subtracted from federal taxable income:
  - (m.5) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY

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- **SECTION 44. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$733,658 General Fund is appropriated to the department of revenue. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:
- (a) \$536,826 for use by the natural medicine division for the enforcement and regulation of natural medicines, which amount is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 4.7 FTE;
  - (b) \$6,500 for tax administration IT system (GenTax) support; and
  - (c) \$190,332 for the purchase of legal services.
- (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$190,332 is appropriated to the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(c) of this section and is based on an assumption that the department of law will require an additional 1.0 FTE. To implement this act, the department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the department of revenue.
- (3) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$101,150 is appropriated to the department of law. This appropriation is from the legal services cash fund created in section 24-31-108 (4), C.R.S., from revenue received from the department of regulatory agencies that is continuously appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies from the regulated natural medicine access program fund created in section 12-170-106 (1), C.R.S. The appropriation to the department of law is based on an assumption that the department of law will require an additional 0.5 FTE. To implement this act, the department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the department of regulatory agencies.
- (4) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$838,402 General Fund is appropriated to the department of public health and environment for use by the division of disease control and public health response. This

appropriation is based on an assumption that division will require an additional 4.1 FTE. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for the natural medicine program related to laboratory services.

**SECTION 45.** Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2023.

**SECTION 46.** Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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