

(Without Reference to File)**CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

AB 166 (Committee on Budget)

As Amended September 5, 2021

2/3 vote. Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately

SUMMARY

This cannabis trailer bill contains changes related to the 2021 Budget Act. The bill provides a statewide definition of equity applicants and licensees for the purpose of providing waivers for applications fees, licensing fees and renewal fees required under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulations and Safety Act (MAUCRSA).

Senate Amendments

Delete the previous version of this bill and instead inserts the following:

- 1) Requires the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) to develop and implement a program to provide waivers for application fees, licensing fees, and renewal fees required under MAUCRSA by January 1, 2022.
- 2) Requires DCC to develop and implement a program to provide deferrals for application fees, licensing fees, and renewal fees required under MUACRSA by January 1, 2023.
- 3) Deletes the term "local" in "local equity applicants and licensees" in the California Cannabis Equity Act of 2018.
- 4) Provides specified criteria for classification as an equity applicant and licensees, including a requirement that applicants and licensees individually or in combination with other persons who qualify as equity applicants or licensees own no less than 50% of the business that is in the process of being licensed or is licensed.
- 5) Appropriates \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Cannabis Control for the purposes of implementing the provisions of the bill.

COMMENTS

This bill is a budget bill within the overall 2021-22 budget package to clarify the definition of equity applicant and licensees and the process by which the Department of Cannabis Control may offer fee waivers or deferrals.

According to the Author**Arguments in Support**

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill allocates \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Cannabis Control for the purposes of implementing the provisions of this bill.

VOTES:**ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 56-18-5**

YES: Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Bonta, Burke, Calderon, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chiu, Cooley, Cooper, Daly, Friedman, Gabriel, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Lorena Gonzalez, Gray, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Lee, Levine, Low, Maienschein, McCarty, Medina, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, O'Donnell, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Stone, Ting, Villapudua, Ward, Wicks, Wood, Rendon

NO: Bigelow, Chen, Choi, Cunningham, Megan Dahle, Davies, Flora, Fong, Gallagher, Kiley, Lackey, Mathis, Nguyen, Patterson, Seyarto, Smith, Voepel, Waldron

ABS, ABST OR NV: Frazier, Kamlager, Mayes, Quirk, Valladares

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