
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator Nancy Skinner, Chair

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Bill No:	AB 166	Hearing Date:	September 7, 2021
Author:	Committee on Budget		
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Urgency:	Yes	Fiscal:	Yes
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Subject: Department of Cannabis Control: licensure: fee waivers and deferrals

Summary: This bill contains statutory provisions related to cannabis necessary to implement the Budget Act of 2021.

Proposed Law: This bill makes the following statutory changes:

- 1) Requires the Department of Cannabis Control to develop and implement a fee waiver program by January 1, 2022.
- 2) Requires the Department of Cannabis Control to develop and implement a fee deferral program by January 1, 2023.
- 3) Defines social equity applicants and licensees for purposes of cannabis fee waivers and deferrals, who must demonstrate the following:
 - a) In local jurisdictions with equity programs, applicants must be local equity applicants or licensees. In local jurisdictions without equity programs, applicants must be local applicants or licensees.
 - b) They, individually or in combination with other equity applicants who qualify, own at least 50 percent of the business.
 - c) They satisfy at least one of the following:
 - i. Have a prior arrest or conviction for past criminal justice policies related to cannabis prohibition.
 - ii. Reside in a low-income house.
 - iii. Reside in an area that has been disproportionately impacted by past criminal justice policies related to cannabis prohibition.
 - d) Allows the Department to further refine criteria.
- 4) Makes technical changes to the statutes related to provisional licensing.

Fiscal Impact: Appropriates \$10,000 to the State Department of Cannabis Control for purposes of implementing this act.

Support: None on file.

Opposed: None on file.

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