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**Administrative Rules Division (ARD)**

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**REQUEST FOR RULEMAKING (RFR)**

**1. Department:**

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

**2. Bureau:**

Marijuana Regulatory Agency

**3. Promulgation type:**

Full Process

**4. Title of proposed rule set:**

Industrial Hemp Rules for Marihuana Businesses

**5. Rule numbers or rule set range of numbers:**

R 420.1001 – 420.1004

**6. Estimated time frame:**

12 months

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**7. Describe the general purpose of these rules, including any problems the changes are intended to address.**

To update the rules as required by 2021 PA 56, which amends the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act; 2021 PA 57, which amends the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act; 2021 PA 59, which amends the Marihuana Tracking Act; and 2021 PA 62, which amends the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act to change the definitions of both industrial hemp and marijuana and requires the Marijuana Regulatory Agency to promulgate rules under the acts. Also to update the rules to account for the conversion of industrial hemp to marijuana by marijuana producers.

**8. Please cite the specific promulgation authority for the rules (i.e. department director, commission, board, etc.).**

The Executive Director of the Agency is authorized to promulgate these rules.

**A. Please list all applicable statutory references (MCLs, Executive Orders, etc.).**

The Executive Director of the Agency is authorized to promulgate these rules based upon section 5 of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26425; section 206 of the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, 2016 PA 281, MCL 333.27206; sections 7 and 8 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, 2018 IL 1, MCL 333.27957 and 333.27958; The Marihuana Tracking Act, 2016 PA 282, MCL 333.27901 to 333.27904; and Executive Reorganization Order No. 2019-2, MCL 333.27001.

**B. Are the rules mandated by any applicable constitutional or statutory provision? If so, please explain.**

Yes. A portion of the rules are required by 2021 PA 56, 2021 PA 57, 2021 PA 59, and 2021 PA 62.

**9. Please describe the extent to which the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.**

The rules do not conflict with, duplicate, or exceed any other regulations. There are no existing compliance standards for marihuana other than our rules.

**10. Is the subject matter of the rules currently contained in any guideline, handbook, manual, instructional bulletin, form with instructions, or operational memoranda?**

No.

**11. Are the rules listed on the department's annual regulatory plan as rules to be processed for the current year?**

No.

**12. Will the proposed rules be promulgated under Section 44 of the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.244, or under the full rulemaking process?**

Full Process

**13. Please describe the extent to which the rules exceed similar regulations, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.**

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**14. Do the rules incorporate the recommendations received from the public regarding any complaints or comments regarding the rules? If yes, please explain.**

No.

**15. If amending an existing rule set, please provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed the regulatory activity covered by the rules since the last evaluation.**

March 2020.

**16. Are there any changes or developments since implementation that demonstrate there is no continued need for the rules, or any portion of the rules?**

No.

**17. Is there an applicable decision record (as defined in MCL 24.203(6) and required by MCL 24.239(2))? If so, please attach the decision record.**

No