

Legislative Analysis



REDUCE MINIMUM AGE FOR CERTAIN MARIJUANA-RELATED ACTIVITIES FROM 21 TO 19

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House Bill 4322 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Coleman
Committee: Regulatory Reform
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4322 would amend several sections of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act that provide for the minimum age of an individual who is performing certain actions and tasks involving marijuana. Currently, the minimum age is 21 years old. The bill would lower that age threshold to 19 years old if the individual is an agent acting on behalf of a marijuana establishment and performing certain tasks or actions.

Generally speaking, the act currently allows an individual who is 21 years of age or older to acquire, possess, transport or consume marijuana, including for purposes relating to actions performed on behalf of a licensee, including a marijuana grower, processor, secure transporter, a safety compliance facility, retailer, or microbusiness.

The bill would allow an individual who is 19 years or older to possess, consume, purchase, or otherwise obtain, cultivate, process, transport, or sell marijuana, but only if doing so as an agent of the marijuana licensees specified.

The bill also would allow an individual who is 19 years old (rather than the current 21 years old) to volunteer for a marijuana establishment.

Finally, the bill would amend references to the Marijuana Regulatory Agency throughout the act to refer instead to the Cannabis Regulatory Agency.¹

MCL 333.27953 et seq.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4322 would not have any notable fiscal impact on state or local governmental units.

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¹ The Marijuana Regulatory Agency was renamed the Cannabis Regulatory Agency under Executive Order 2022-1 in part to reflect a regulatory authority that includes hemp as well as marijuana. (Regulation of processors-handlers of hemp is the purview of the Cannabis Regulatory Agency, while regulation of industrial hemp cultivation remains the responsibility of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).)