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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to cannabis; modifying cannabis license application periods and issuance;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.14, subdivisions 1b, 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.14, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 1b. **Maximum number of licenses.** (a) Before July 1, 2026, the office may issue
1.7 up to the maximum total number of licenses in each license category listed in paragraphs
1.8 (b) and (c).

1.9 (b) For licenses that are available to social equity applicants, the maximum number of
1.10 licenses that the office may issue are:

- 1.11 (1) cannabis cultivator licenses, 25;
- 1.12 (2) cannabis manufacturer licenses, 12;
- 1.13 (3) cannabis retailer licenses, 75; and
- 1.14 (4) cannabis mezzobusiness licenses, 50.

1.15 (c) For licenses that are available to all applicants, the maximum number of licenses
1.16 that the office may issue are:

- 1.17 (1) cannabis cultivator licenses, 25;
- 1.18 (2) cannabis manufacturer licenses, 12;
- 1.19 (3) cannabis retailer licenses, 75; and
- 1.20 (4) cannabis mezzobusiness licenses, 50.

2.1 (d) Beginning July 1, 2026, the office must determine the number of cannabis cultivator
 2.2 licenses, cannabis manufacturer licenses, cannabis retailer licenses, and cannabis
 2.3 mezzobusiness licenses that the office will issue consistent with the goals identified in
 2.4 subdivision 1a. If the office makes any of those types of licenses available, the number of
 2.5 licenses available to social equity applicants must be equal to or greater than the number
 2.6 of licenses available to all applicants.

2.7 (e) The office may issue as many cannabis microbusiness licenses as the office deems
 2.8 necessary ~~of a license type that is not listed in this subdivision. If the office limits the number~~
 2.9 ~~of license types not listed in this subdivision available in any licensing period;~~ The office
 2.10 must identify the number of cannabis microbusiness licenses available to social equity
 2.11 applicants and the number of cannabis microbusiness licenses available to all applicants.
 2.12 The number of cannabis microbusiness licenses available to social equity applicants must
 2.13 be equal to or greater than the number of cannabis microbusiness licenses available to all
 2.14 applicants. The office must not limit the number of cannabis wholesaler licenses, cannabis
 2.15 transporter licenses, cannabis testing facility licenses, cannabis event organizer licenses, or
 2.16 cannabis delivery service licenses. The office is not required to issue a license for a license
 2.17 type that is ~~not~~ listed in this ~~subdivision~~ paragraph.

2.18 (f) The office is not required to issue licenses to meet the maximum number of licenses
 2.19 that may be issued under paragraphs (b) and (c).

2.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.21 Subd. 2. **Licensing periods; initial application.** (a) The office must announce the
 2.22 commencement of a licensing period in advance of accepting applications for ~~cannabis~~
 2.23 ~~business licenses~~ cannabis cultivator licenses, cannabis manufacturer licenses, cannabis
 2.24 retailer licenses, cannabis microbusiness licenses, or cannabis mezzobusiness licenses. At
 2.25 a minimum, the announcement must include:

2.26 (1) the types of licenses that will be available during the licensing period;

2.27 (2) if the office limits the number of a type of license that will be available, the number
 2.28 of that type of license available in the licensing period;

2.29 (3) the date on which the office will begin accepting applications; and

2.30 (4) the date on which the office will no longer accept applications.

2.31 (b) The office must accept applications for cannabis wholesaler licenses, cannabis
 2.32 transporter licenses, cannabis testing facility licenses, cannabis event organizer licenses, or
 2.33 cannabis delivery service licenses at any time.

3.1 ~~(b)~~ (c) An applicant must submit all required information and the applicable application
3.2 fee to the office on the forms and in the manner prescribed by the office.

3.3 ~~(e)~~ (d) If the office receives an application that fails to provide the required information
3.4 or pay the applicable application fee, the office shall issue a deficiency notice to the applicant.
3.5 The applicant may submit the required information or pay the required application fee within
3.6 14 calendar days from the date of the deficiency notice.

3.7 ~~(d)~~ (e) Failure by an applicant to submit all required information or pay the application
3.8 fee to the office will result in the application being rejected.