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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; controlled substances; creating a cannabis task force; requiring
1.3 a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 152.

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

1.5 Section 1. [152.38] CANNABIS TASK FORCE.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The Cannabis Task Force is established to advise the
1.7 legislature on the legalization, taxation, and regulation of cannabis production, sale, and
1.8 use by those 21 years of age or older in the state.

1.9 Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The Cannabis Task Force consists of:

- 1.10 (1) the governor or a designee;
1.11 (2) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
1.12 and two senators appointed by the president of the senate;
1.13 (3) the commissioner of agriculture or a designee;
1.14 (4) the commissioner of health or a designee;
1.15 (5) the commissioner of public safety or a designee;
1.16 (6) the attorney general or a designee;
1.17 (7) the state public defender or a designee;
1.18 (8) the commissioner of revenue or a designee;
1.19 (9) the commissioner of labor and industry or a designee;
1.20 (10) the commissioner of human services or a designee;

- 2.1 (11) the commissioner of commerce or a designee; and
- 2.2 (12) eight members appointed by the governor who have relevant knowledge and
- 2.3 experience, including:
- 2.4 (i) one person who is a county attorney;
- 2.5 (ii) one person who is an elected official in a statutory or home rule charter city;
- 2.6 (iii) one person who is a sheriff;
- 2.7 (iv) one person who is a chief of police;
- 2.8 (v) one person who is an elected county official or administrator;
- 2.9 (vi) one person with experience working in the medical cannabis industry;
- 2.10 (vii) one person with experience with enforcement of the state's medical cannabis laws;
- 2.11 and
- 2.12 (viii) one person with expertise in the treatment of cannabis addiction.
- 2.13 (b) Members shall serve without compensation.
- 2.14 Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) The governor or the governor's designee shall convene the
- 2.15 first meeting of the task force.
- 2.16 (b) The task force shall meet monthly or as determined by the chair.
- 2.17 (c) The members of the task force shall elect a chair and other officers as the members
- 2.18 deem necessary.
- 2.19 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The commissioner of health shall provide support staff, office space, and
- 2.20 administrative services for the task force.
- 2.21 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The task force shall develop a comprehensive plan that covers:
- 2.22 (1) statutory changes necessary for the legalization of cannabis;
- 2.23 (2) taxation of cannabis sales and appropriate dedicated uses for the tax revenue raised;
- 2.24 (3) state and local regulation of cannabis growth, processing, transport, packaging,
- 2.25 labeling, sale, possession, and use;
- 2.26 (4) funding for, and provision of, treatment to persons who are dependent on cannabis;
- 2.27 (5) expungement of low level marijuana convictions;
- 2.28 (6) security of cannabis retail and manufacturing locations and the safe handling of
- 2.29 proceeds from cannabis sales, including banking options;

3.1 (7) incentives for minority-owned businesses to participate in the cannabis industry; and
3.2 (8) recommendations to the legislature and others about necessary and appropriate actions
3.3 related to legalization of cannabis in the state.

3.4 Subd. 6. **Report.** By February 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a report to the chairs
3.5 and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and
3.6 divisions having jurisdiction over health, human services, revenue, public safety, labor and
3.7 industry, and agriculture policy and finance that details the task force's comprehensive plan
3.8 developed pursuant to subdivision 5.

3.9 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** This section expires February 1, 2020.