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Ohio Revised Code

Section 3780.33 Liabilities and immunities.

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Liabilities and immunities.

(A) The holder of a license, as defined in section 4776.01 of the Revised Code, or other license, certification, or registration issued by any professional board in the state of Ohio, or pursuant to 2923.125 of the Revised Code, are not subject to disciplinary action solely for engaging in professional or occupational activities related to adult use cannabis in accordance with this chapter, for owning or providing professional assistance to prospective or licensed adult use operators, adult use testing laboratories or to other individuals for activity in accordance with this chapter, or for obtaining, possessing, transporting, or using adult use cannabis in accordance with this chapter.

(B) Unless there is clear and convincing evidence that a child is unsafe, the use, possession, or administration of adult use cannabis in accordance with this chapter shall not be the sole or primary basis for any of the following:

(1) An adjudication under section 2151.28 of the Revised Code determining that a child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child;

(2) An allocation of parental rights and responsibilities under section 3109.04 of the Revised Code; or

(3) A parenting time order under section 3109.051 or 3109.12 of the Revised Code.

(C) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, the use or possession of adult use cannabis in accordance with this chapter shall not be used as a reason for disqualifying an individual from medical care or from including an individual on a transplant waiting list.

(D) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, the use, possession, administration, cultivation, processing, testing, dispensing, transporting, sale, delivery, or



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transferring of adult use cannabis in accordance with this chapter shall not be used as the sole or primary reason for taking action under any criminal or civil statute.

(E) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, when an adult use consumer engages in activities related to adult use cannabis in compliance with this chapter, such activities alone do not constitute sufficient basis for conducting a field sobriety test on the individual or for suspending the individual's driver's license. To conduct any field sobriety test, a law enforcement officer must have an independent, factual basis giving reasonable suspicion that the individual is operating a vehicle under the influence of adult use cannabis or with a prohibited concentration of marijuana in the person's whole blood, blood serum, plasma, breath, or urine.

(F) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, an individual's status as an adult use consumer shall not be used as the sole or primary basis for rejecting the individual as a tenant unless the rejection is required by federal law. Notwithstanding this division, a landlord may prohibit the consumption of cannabis by combustion so long as such prohibition is included in the applicable lease agreement.

(G) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code, the use or possession of adult use cannabis in accordance with this chapter shall not be used as a reason for disqualifying an individual from a public benefit program administered by any state or local authority, or for otherwise denying an individual a public benefit administered by the state or any locality.

(H) This chapter does not do any of the following:

(1) Permit the use, possession, cultivation, processing, dispensing, or transportation of adult use cannabis other than as authorized by this chapter;

(2) Permit the cultivation, processing, and dispensing of adult use cannabis by any person unless licensed as an adult use cannabis operator by the division of cannabis control except as authorized under this chapter;

(3) Permit the use, cultivation, dispensing, or processing of adult use cannabis on federal, state, or locally owned land located in the state of Ohio;



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(4) Require any public place to accommodate an individual's use of adult use cannabis;

(5) Prohibit any public place from accommodating an individual's use of adult use cannabis; or

(6) Restrict research related to cannabis at a state university, academic medical center, or private research and development organization as part of a research protocol approved by an institutional review board or equivalent entity.

(I) It is the public policy of the state of Ohio that contracts related to adult use cannabis operators and adult use cannabis testing laboratories are enforceable.