



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3796.05 Number of cultivator and dispensary licenses; testing standards and procedures.

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(A) When establishing the number of cultivator licenses that will be permitted at any one time, the division of cannabis control shall consider all of the following:

- (1) The population of this state;
- (2) The number of patients seeking to use medical marijuana;
- (3) The number of adult-use consumers seeking to use adult-use marijuana.

(B)(1) Not more than four hundred licensed dispensaries shall be permitted to operate in this state at any one time.

(2)(a) The division may revoke a dispensary license for failure to secure a certificate of operation within eighteen months after issuance of a provisional license.

(b) The holder of a provisional license may apply to the division for not more than two six-month extensions of the deadline prescribed by division (B)(2)(a) of this section. The division shall approve the extension if the provisional license holder demonstrates that the provisional license holder has made a good-faith effort to become operational.

(3) When issuing retail dispensary licenses, the division of cannabis control shall ensure that the geographic distribution of dispensary sites does not result in the oversaturation of any geographic area.

(4) The division shall not, on or after the effective date of this amendment, issue a retail dispensary license for, or approve the relocation of a licensed retail dispensary to, a location or facility:



- (a) That is within one mile of another licensed dispensary;
- (b) For which a permit has been issued under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code to sell beer and intoxicating liquor, as those terms are defined in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code.
- (C) No person shall own or operate more than eight licensed dispensaries, more than one licensed cultivator, or more than one licensed processor license at any time.
- (D) When establishing standards and procedures for the testing of medical marijuana and adult-use marijuana, the division shall do all of the following:
 - (1) Specify when testing must be conducted;
 - (2) Determine the minimum amount of medical marijuana or adult-use marijuana that must be tested;
 - (3) Specify the manner in which testing is to be conducted in an effort to ensure uniformity of medical marijuana products and adult-use marijuana products;
 - (4) Specify the manner in which test results are provided.