California Releases Emergency Regulations for Cannabis Businesses; Comments Due Next Week

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The three California state cannabis licensing authorities have released proposed emergency regulations for commercial medicinal and adult-use cannabis businesses. Any comments to the proposed emergency regulations must be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law and the Bureau of Cannabis Control by November 21, 2017. The state licensing authorities expect the emergency regulations will become effective in December 2017.

These emergency regulations will be the initial state regulatory scheme for licensing and operations of permitted cannabis businesses. A commercial cannabis business will not be able to obtain a license from any of the state licensing authorities unless the business is in compliance with local ordinances and regulations.

The Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Cannabis Control is charged with licensing and regulating retailers, distributors, testing laboratories, and microbusinesses. The Department of Public Health's Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch will license and regulate manufacturers. The Department of Food and Agriculture's CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Division will license and regulate commercial cultivation businesses.

The proposed emergency regulations and summaries of those regulations can be viewed by clicking the following links:

Bureau of Cannabis Control:

Bureau of Cannabis Control - Proposed Text of Regulations

Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act - Regulations Overview

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California Department of Food and Agriculture:

Text of Proposed Regulations - Emergency Regulations for Cannabis Cultivation

CDFA Cannabis Cultivation Regulations at a Glance

California Department of Public Health:

California Code of Regulations - Manufactured Cannabis Safety

Emergency Regulations - Summary for Cannabis Manufacturing

If you have any questions about the emergency regulations or any cannabis related issues, please contact Maricela Marroquin.