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### NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

**To:** To All Interested Parties

From: Shellie Hughes, Executive Director, Department of Taxation

**Date:** November 1, 2022

**Re:** Workshop on LCB Draft of Temporary Proposed Regulation T004-22

The Department of Taxation will hold a workshop to solicit comments from interested parties on the following temporary proposed regulation:

LCB File No. T004-22 is a temporary proposed regulation, relating to taxation; concerning cannabis excise tax; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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This regulation clarifies how the excise taxes shall be collected and reported to the Department, what records need to be retained by the cannabis establishment and how a claim for refund can be filed on any overpayment of excise tax on cannabis.

Date and Time of Meeting: November 17, 2022 11:00 a.m.

The workshop will be held at the following location:

#### **Place of Meeting:**

Nevada Department of Taxation 1550 College Parkway STE 115 Room 139 Carson City, Nevada 89706

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All interested parties will have the opportunity to present their ideas. Please submit all suggestions in writing at least one week prior to the Workshop so the suggestions can be disseminated at the meeting. Written comments may be accepted at any time. Please email any comments to Tina Padovano at <a href="mailto:tpadovano@tax.state.nv.us">tpadovano@tax.state.nv.us</a> so they may be posted to the Departments website. All public input will be considered in preparing a proposed regulation to be presented to the Nevada Tax Commission for adoption.

Members of the public who are disabled and require accommodations or assistance at the Workshop are requested to notify the Department of Taxation in writing or by calling 775-684-2096 no later than five working days prior to the Workshop.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sarah Glazner at 775-684-2059.

### Nevada Department of Taxation Regulatory Workshop Draft of Temporary Proposed Regulation T004-22

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION 1550 College Pkwy STE 115 Large Conference Room Carson City, Nevada 89706

> November 17, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Note: <u>Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed.</u>

<u>Items may be combined for consideration by the Department of Taxation.</u>

Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.

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- I. Public Comment In consideration of others, who may also wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition and limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Please email any comments to Tina Padovano at <a href="mailto:tpadovano@tax.state.nv.us">tpadovano@tax.state.nv.us</a> so they may be posted to the Departments website.
- II. The Department will hold a workshop to solicit comments from interested parties on the following topic:

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III. \*\*Public Comment – In consideration of others, who may also wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition and limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes.

#### IV. Adjourn

\*\*This item is to receive public comment on any issue and any discussion of those issues, provided that comment will be limited to areas relevant to and within the authority of the Nevada Department of Taxation. No action will be taken on any items raised in the public comment period. Public Comment may not be limited based on viewpoint.

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## SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY NRS 233B.0608 and NRS 233B.0609

#### LCB File No. T004-22

#### 1. Background

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2. A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their responses, and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

The Department of Taxation prepared and disseminated a questionnaire seeking information from small businesses regarding the possible impact of LCB File No T004-22. The temporary proposed language and questionnaire were dispersed to the following:

- Emailed by the Department to 199 members of its interested parties list.
- Emailed by the Nevada Taxpayers Association to its list of interested taxpayers.

The content of the response is summarized below:

• No response was received for LCB Draft of temporary proposed regulation - File No. T004-22.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the completed small business impact questionnaire used for this summary, can contact:

Sarah Glazner Nevada Department of Taxation 1550 College Parkway Ste 115 Carson City, NV 89706 Phone: (775) 684-2059

Fax: (775) 684-2020 sglazner@tax.state.nv.us

3. The manner in which the analysis was conducted, including the methods used to determine the impacts of the temporary proposed regulation on small businesses.

No response was received for LCB Draft of temporary proposed regulation T004-22. Since no response was received, the Department analyzed the temporary proposed language and used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the nature of the regulatory changes.

**4.** The estimated economic effect of the temporary proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate:

#### Direct and indirect adverse effects

The Department finds that there is no reasonable, foreseeable or anticipated direct or indirect adverse economic effect on small businesses.

#### Direct and indirect beneficial effects

The Department finds that there is no reasonable, foreseeable or anticipated direct or indirect beneficial economic effect on small businesses.

5. A description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the temporary proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.

The temporary proposed regulation presents no reasonable, foreseeable or anticipated adverse impact to small businesses; therefore, no efforts were required to reduce the impact on small businesses.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the temporary proposed regulation.

The temporary proposed regulation presents no significant foreseeable or anticipated cost or decrease in costs for enforcement.

7. If the temporary proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

The temporary proposed permanent regulation does not include new fees or increase an existing fee.

8. If the temporary proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.

The temporary proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate any regulation of other federal, state or local government entities.

9. The reasons for the conclusion of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.

The Department has determined that there will be no adverse impacts to small businesses based on its analysis of comment received.

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the temporary proposed regulation on small businesses and that this statement was properly prepared and the information contained herein is accurate.

Shellie Hughes, Executive Director

September 22, 2022

#### TEMPORARY PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

#### NEVADA TAX COMMISSION

#### **LCB File No. T004-22**

November 1, 2022

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 360.090, NRS 372A.050, Assembly Bill (AB) 341 (2021).

A REGULATION relating to taxation; concerning cannabis excise tax; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

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- **Section 1.** Chapter 372A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 29, inclusive of this regulation.
- Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 27 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
  - Sec. 3. "Adult- use cannabis establishment" means:
  - 1. An adult-use cannabis independent testing laboratory;
  - 2. An adult-use cannabis cultivation facility;
  - 3. An adult-use cannabis production facility;
  - 4. An adult-use cannabis retail store;

- 5. An adult-use cannabis distributor;
- 6. A retail cannabis consumption lounge; or
- 7. An independent cannabis consumption lounge.
- Sec. 4. "Adult-use cannabis cultivation facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.025.
- Sec. 5. "Adult-use cannabis-infused product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.050.
  - Sec. 6. "Adult-use cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.055.
  - Sec. 7. "Adult-use cannabis retail store" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.065.
  - Sec. 8. "Adult-use edible cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.070.
  - Sec. 9. "Cannabis" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 372A.015.
  - Sec. 10. "Cannabis Consumption lounge" means:
  - 1. A retail cannabis consumption lounge; or
  - 2. An independent cannabis consumption lounge.
  - Sec. 11. "Cannabis cultivation facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.090.
  - Sec. 12. "Cannabis establishment" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.095.
  - Sec. 13. "Cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.120.
  - Sec. 14. "Cannabis production facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.125.
  - Sec. 15. "Cannabis sales facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.130.
  - Sec. 16. "Excise Tax on cannabis" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 372A.220.
  - Sec. 17. "Independent cannabis consumption lounge" means a business that:
  - 1. Is licensed by the Cannabis Compliance Board pursuant to NRS 678B.250;
  - 2. Is not attached or immediately adjacent to an adult-use cannabis retail store; and

- 3. Allows single-use cannabis products or ready-to-consume cannabis products to be consumed on the premises of the business by persons 21 years of age or older.
- Sec. 18. "Medical cannabis cultivation facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.170.
  - Sec. 19. "Medical cannabis dispensary" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.175.
- Sec. 20. "Medical cannabis-infused product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.195.
  - Sec. 21. "Medical cannabis product" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 678A.200.
  - Sec. 22. "Medical edible cannabis product" has the meaning scribed to it in NRS 678A.210.
  - Sec. 23. "Purchase" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 372.045.
- Sec. 24. "Ready-to-consume cannabis product" means an adult-use edible cannabis product that is:
  - 1. Prepared on the premises of a cannabis consumption lounge;
  - 2. Presented in the form of a foodstuff or beverage;
  - 3. Sold in a heated or unheated state; and
  - 4. Intended for immediate consumption; or
  - 5. Further defined by the Cannabis Compliance Board by regulation.
  - Sec. 25. "Retail cannabis consumption lounge" means a business that:
  - 1. Is licensed by the Cannabis Compliance Board pursuant to NRS 678B.250;
  - 2. Is attached or immediately adjacent to an adult-use cannabis retail store; and
- 3. Allows single-use cannabis products or ready-to-consume cannabis products to be consumed on the premises of the business by persons 21 years of age or older.

- Sec. 26. "Retail Sale" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 372.050.
- Sec. 27. "Retailer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 372.055.
- Sec 28. "Seller" means a taxpayer who makes any sale of cannabis or cannabis product.
- Sec. 29. "Single-use cannabis product" means a type of cannabis or adult-use cannabis product, other than a ready-to-consume cannabis product, that the Cannabis Compliance Board has determined to be appropriate for consumption in a cannabis consumption lounge as further defined by the Cannabis Compliance Board by regulation.
- Sec. 30. Cannabis and adult-use cannabis products obtained by a retail cannabis consumption lounge from an adult-use cannabis retail store are not subject to the excise tax on cannabis and should not be included in the taxable measure on the return as provided in NAC 372A.160 until the retail cannabis consumption lounge sells the cannabis or adult-use cannabis products to a consumer.
- Sec. 31. 1. Cannabis and adult-use cannabis products purchased by an independent cannabis consumption lounge from an adult-use cannabis retail store to be resold by the independent cannabis consumption lounge are not subject to the excise tax until the adult-use cannabis product is sold by the independent cannabis consumption lounge to a consumer.
- 2. Sales by an adult-use cannabis retail store to an independent cannabis consumption lounge shall be reported by the adult-use cannabis retail store to the Department on a form prescribed by the Department and remitted with the return as provided in NAC 372A.160. These sales shall also be exempted from the taxable measure on the return.
- 3. Cannabis and adult-use cannabis products sold are subject to sales tax when sold at an adult-use retail store, a medical cannabis dispensary, a retail cannabis consumption lounge or an independent cannabis consumption lounge. These cannabis establishments must register

with the Department pursuant to NRS 372.125. Sales tax returns and payments must be submitted as provided in NRS 372.354 to 372.395, inclusive.

Sec. 32. Pursuant to NRS 372A.290, the excise tax imposed on each retail sale of cannabis or adult-use cannabis products by an adult-use cannabis retail store or cannabis consumption lounge is the obligation of the seller, whether an adult-use cannabis retail store or a cannabis consumption lounge. The sellers of cannabis or adult-use cannabis products are not statutorily authorized collection agents and therefore cannot collect this tax from the customer.

Sec. 33. 1. For the purposes of NRS 372A.290, the Nevada Tax Commission will interpret the term "sales price" to mean the total amount for which cannabis or cannabis products are sold, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, without any deduction for:

(a) The cost to the seller for the cannabis or cannabis products sold;

(b) The cost of materials used, the cost of labor or services, interest, losses, costs of transportation to the seller or any other expenses of the seller;

(c) Any amount for which credit is given to the purchaser by the seller;

(d) Any charges by the seller for any services necessary to complete the sale; or (e) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any tax imposed upon the seller or the seller's predecessors in the supply chain.

2. For the purposes of this section, the legal incidents of the excise tax on cannabis is deemed to be on the seller regardless of whether the seller passes the cost of the tax on to the purchaser in the sales price.

- Sec. 34. 1. Every cannabis consumption lounge shall keep such records, receipts, invoices and other pertinent papers in such form as required by the Department to determine the amount of the liability of the taxpayer for the excise tax on cannabis.
- 2. Independent cannabis consumption lounges are required to contract with one or more adult-use cannabis retail stores to purchase cannabis and adult-use cannabis products. The records of each such contract must also be maintained and made available to the Department upon request by the Department.
- 3. Each contract must contain language granting the seller the ability to sell, to the independent cannabis consumption lounge, single-use products for resale and granting any such lounge the ability to purchase and prepay for the ready-to-consume products for sale to customers.
- 4. Preserve those records for not less than 4 years or until any proceedings pursuant to NRS 360.300 to 360.400, inclusive, are finally determined, whichever is longer; and
- 5. Make the records available for inspection by the Department upon demand at reasonable times during regular business hours.
- Sec. 35. A taxpayer who believes that it has made an overpayment of the excise tax on cannabis may file with the Department a claim for a refund or credit of the amount of the alleged overpayment. The claim must be filed as prescribed by NRS 363B.150 for claims filed pursuant to chapter 363B of NRS. The Department shall process and administer the claim as prescribed by NRS 363B.140 to 363B.230, inclusive, for claims filed pursuant to chapter 363B of NRS.
  - **Sec. 36.** NAC 372A.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 372A.155 1. Cannabis bud must be calculated on the basis of the total weight of all cannabis bud that is sold, excluding the inadvertent inclusion of an inconsequential amount of cannabis bud in a sale of cannabis trim.
- 2. Cannabis trim must be calculated on the basis of the total weight of all cannabis trim that is sold, including the total weight of an inconsequential amount of cannabis bud which is inadvertently included.
- 3. Immature cannabis plants must be calculated on the basis of the total number of immature cannabis plants sold.
- 4. Whole wet cannabis plants must be calculated on the basis of the total weight of the entire whole wet cannabis plant. A cannabis cultivation facility shall maintain records of the time each batch containing whole wet cannabis plants is harvested and weighed which contain the weight of each plant, are in writing and are created contemporaneously with the harvesting and weighing. To determine the total weight of the whole wet cannabis plant:
- (a) The plant must not undergo any further processing, including, without limitation, drying the plant and subsequently selling separately the cannabis bud and cannabis trim from the plant, before being weighed; and
- (b) The plant must be weighed within 2 hours after the harvesting of the batch containing the plant and without any further processing of the plant, including, without limitation, increasing the ambient temperature of the room in which the plant is held or drying, curing or trimming the plant. If the whole wet cannabis plant is not weighed within 2 hours after the harvest of the batch containing the plant or is subjected to further processing, the fair market value at wholesale of the plant must not be calculated using this subsection and must be calculated using subsection 1 or 2.

- 5. Cannabis seeds must be calculated on the basis of the total number of seeds sold.
- 6. Pre-rolls must be calculated on the basis of the total weight of cannabis sold in each pre-roll, as reported in the seed-to-sale tracking system. As used in this subsection, "pre-roll" means an individual cannabis cigarette or joint that has been prepared by an adult-use cannabis production facility before its intended time of consumption.
- <del>[6.]</del>7. Any other category of cannabis must be determined by the Department on a case-by-case basis.
  - Sec. 37. NAC 372A.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 372A.160 1. Each taxpayer *responsible for an excise tax pursuant to subsection 1, 2 or 3 of NRS 372A.290* shall, on or before the last day of the month immediately following each month for which the taxpayer is subject to the imposition of the excise tax on cannabis, file with the Department a return on a form prescribed by the Department and remit to the Department any tax due for the month covered by the return. Each taxpayer shall file a return even if the taxpayer has no liability for the tax.
- 2. Each taxpayer responsible for an excise tax on the wholesale sale of cannabis by an adult-use cannabis cultivation facility to another cannabis establishment pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 372.290 shall pay the excise tax on cannabis to the Department upon the first sale of cannabis or cannabis products to a cannabis establishment or consumer.
- 3. If a cannabis cultivation facility sells cannabis to another cannabis cultivation facility and pays to the Department the excise tax *on the wholesale sale of cannabis* imposed by subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 372A.290, as applicable, the excise tax imposed by subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 372A.290 is not required for any subsequent wholesale sale of that cannabis.
  - 4. Each taxpayer responsible for an excise tax on a retail sale of cannabis or cannabis products by an adult-use cannabis retail store or cannabis consumption lounge pursuant to

subsection 3 of NRS 372A.290 shall pay the excise tax on cannabis to the Department upon each retail sale based upon the sales price, as interpreted by Section 33 of this Regulation.

- **5.** Each taxpayer shall keep all supporting documentation for verification that the excise tax imposed by:
- (a) [s]Subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 372A.290 was paid on the first wholesale sale of cannabis[-]; or
  - (b) Subsection 3 of NRS 372A.290 was paid upon each retail sale of cannabis.
- [5] 6. The Department may require a cannabis establishment to submit a financial statement as determined to be necessary by the Department to ensure the collection of any taxes which may be owed by the cannabis establishment.

