

## Act 52-24

An Act amending Title 15, chapter 5 to enact protocols for obtaining a provisional cannabis license, prohibit retail cannabis sales in establishments physically attached to casinos, and remove the prohibition on using animal likenesses in cannabis branding and logos. This bill also adds the option to hire an initial executive director of the Department of Cannabis Regulation so as to not delay the operations of the Department any further.

The District II Representative introduced the following Bill on the 18th day of September, 2024.

### **BE IT ENACTED BY THE BAND ASSEMBLY OF THE NON-REMOVABLE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE:**

#### **Section 1. Amending Title 15, chapter 5, section 1207, subsection (c).**

- (c) **Products out of compliance.** The Department shall deem any cannabinoid products out of compliance, and thus prohibited from retail sale, that:
- (1) appear to be a lollipop or ice cream;
  - (2) appear to be the likeness, or contains characteristics of, a real or fictional person, ~~animal~~, or fruit;

#### **Section 2. Amending Title 15, chapter 5, section 1224.**

Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, or a subsidiary thereof, shall obtain a provisional, non-transferable cannabis license for each license as listed in § 1210(a)(2). All provisional licenses may be granted by a Resolution of the Band Assembly starting on the effective date of this Code and shall expire on ~~December 31, 2024~~ June 31, 2025. After expiration of all provisional cannabis licenses, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures shall obtain any and all cannabis licenses through the Department's processes as listed above.

- (a) A provisional license shall only be issued by the Band Assembly once the following materials have been provided and reviewed by the Band Assembly:
- (1) A letter from Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, or a subsidiary thereof, stating their request for a provisional license for each license they are requesting.
  - (2) All documents as listed in §1210(b)(2)(i)-(xiv). If Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, or its subsidiary, is unable to provide any document, they shall provide a description as to why they are unable to provide said document.

**Section 3. Amending Title 15, chapter 5, section 1205 to add a new subsection.**

- (e) **Initial Executive Director.** The Chief Executive and Band Assembly shall by majority vote hire a qualified individual, as determined in §1205(a), to serve as the initial executive director for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

**Section 4. Amending Title 15, chapter 5, section 1210, subsection (b), paragraph (3).**


- (3) No license shall be issued that would:
- (i) place the Band in violation of applicable Band law, grant or funding conditions, or inter-governmental compacts;
  - (ii) pose a threat to the public interest or health and welfare of the Band and its communities; or
  - (iii) pose a threat to the effective regulation of cannabis within the Band's sovereign territory; or
  - (iv) sell cannabis in a casino or in an establishment physically attached to a casino.~~on Band-owned casino property.~~

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon signature by the Chief Executive, or lack of a veto, as provided in 3 MLBS § 17.

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**(Band Assembly Bill 21-02-52-24)**

Introduced to the Band Assembly on this  
Eighteenth day of September in the year  
Two thousand twenty-four.

Passed by the Band Assembly on this  
Eighteenth day of September in the year  
Two thousand twenty-four.

  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

APPROVED

Date: 9-25-24

  
Virgil Wind, Chief Executive

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