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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE AVERAGE MARKET RATE OF UNPROCESSED RETAIL

102 MARIJUANA.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law imposes a tax on the first sale or transfer of unprocessed retail marijuana at a rate of 15% of the average market rate of the unprocessed retail marijuana. The "average market rate" is currently defined as the average price, as determined by the department of revenue, of all unprocessed retail marijuana that is sold or transferred from retail marijuana cultivation facilities in the state to retail marijuana

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product manufacturing facilities or retail marijuana stores.

Effective July 1, 2026, the bill defines "indoor unprocessed retail marijuana" and "outdoor unprocessed retail marijuana." The bill also amends the existing definition of "average market rate" to require separate rates for indoor unprocessed retail marijuana and outdoor unprocessed retail marijuana, which must be lower than the rates for indoor unprocessed retail marijuana. In addition, the existing definition of "average market rate" requires that unprocessed retail marijuana for extractions have a separate average market rate that is lower than the rate for unprocessed retail marijuana for direct sale to consumers. The bill clarifies that this requirement applies to both outdoor and indoor unprocessed retail marijuana.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-28.8-101, **amend**
3 (1.5); and **add** (4.5) and (6.5) as follows:

4 **39-28.8-101. Definitions.**

5 Unless the context otherwise requires, any terms not defined in this
6 article 28.8 have the meanings set forth in article 26 of this title 39. As
7 used in this article 28.8, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (1.5) "Average market rate" means the average price, as
9 determined by the department on a quarterly basis, of all unprocessed
10 retail marijuana that is sold or transferred from retail marijuana
11 cultivation facilities in the state to retail marijuana product manufacturing
12 facilities or retail marijuana stores, less taxes paid on the sales or
13 transfers. An "average market rate" may be based on the purchaser or
14 transferee of unprocessed retail marijuana or on the nature of the
15 unprocessed retail marijuana that is sold or transferred. The "average
16 market rate" must include ~~one or more rates that cover unprocessed~~
17 ~~marijuana that is allocated to extractions, and the initial rates for these~~
18 ~~product types must be lower than the rate for unprocessed marijuana that~~
19 ~~is allocated for direct sale to consumers.~~ SEPARATE RATES THAT COVER

1 INDOOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA AND OUTDOOR UNPROCESSED
2 RETAIL MARIJUANA AS FOLLOWS:

3 (a) (I) (A) ONE OR MORE RATES THAT COVER INDOOR
4 UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA, INCLUDING FRESH FROZEN MARIJUANA,
5 THAT IS ALLOCATED TO EXTRACTIONS; AND

6 (B) ONE OR MORE RATES THAT COVER INDOOR UNPROCESSED
7 RETAIL MARIJUANA THAT IS ALLOCATED FOR DIRECT SALE TO CONSUMERS;
8 AND

9 (II) THE INITIAL RATES FOR INDOOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL
10 MARIJUANA THAT IS ALLOCATED TO EXTRACTIONS MUST BE LOWER THAN
11 THE RATE FOR INDOOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA THAT IS
12 ALLOCATED FOR DIRECT SALE TO CONSUMERS.

13 (b) (I) (A) ONE OR MORE RATES THAT COVER OUTDOOR
14 UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA, INCLUDING FRESH FROZEN MARIJUANA,
15 THAT IS ALLOCATED TO EXTRACTIONS; AND

16 (B) ONE OR MORE RATES THAT COVER OUTDOOR UNPROCESSED
17 RETAIL MARIJUANA THAT IS ALLOCATED FOR DIRECT SALE TO CONSUMERS;

18 (II) THE INITIAL RATES FOR OUTDOOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL
19 MARIJUANA THAT IS ALLOCATED TO EXTRACTIONS MUST BE LOWER THAN
20 THE RATE FOR OUTDOOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA THAT IS
21 ALLOCATED FOR DIRECT SALE TO CONSUMERS; AND

22 (III) THE INITIAL RATES FOR OUTDOOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL
23 MARIJUANA MUST BE LOWER THAN THE RATE FOR INDOOR UNPROCESSED
24 RETAIL MARIJUANA.

25 (4.5) "INDOOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA" MEANS
26 UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATED WITHIN AN INDOOR
27 STRUCTURE USING ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING OR CULTIVATED IN ANY MANNER

1 OTHER THAN OUTDOOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA, AS DEFINED IN
2 SUBSECTION (6.5) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (6.5) "OUTDOOR UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA" MEANS
4 UNPROCESSED RETAIL MARIJUANA THAT WAS CULTIVATED UNDER
5 NATURAL SUNLIGHT AND WEATHER CONDITIONS, WITHOUT THE USE OF
6 ARTIFICIAL LIGHT OR LIGHT DEPRIVATION IN THE CANOPY AREA; EXCEPT
7 THAT ARTIFICIAL LIGHT IS PERMISSIBLE TO MAINTAIN VEGETATIVE PLANTS
8 UNDER TWENTY-FOUR INCHES IN HEIGHT AND MOTHER PLANTS.

9 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026.

10 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
13 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
14 institutions.