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Senator Rouson moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (467840)

Delete lines 566 - 618

and insert:

qualified patients increasing by 75,000, the department shall
license five additional medical marijuana treatment centers if a
sufficient number of medical marijuana treatment center
applicants meet the registration requirements of this section
and department rule.

4. The department shall implement training programs and
other educational programs to enable minority persons and



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12 minority business enterprises, as defined in s. 288.703, and
13 veteran business enterprises, as defined in s. 295.187, to
14 compete for MMTC licenses and contracts. In reviewing
15 application forms for MMTC licenses, the department must
16 identify applicants that submit strong diversity plans
17 reflecting this state's commitment to diversity.

18 (b) An applicant for licensure as a medical marijuana
19 treatment center shall apply to the department on a form
20 prescribed by the department and adopted in rule. The department
21 shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54
22 establishing a procedure for the issuance and biennial renewal
23 of licenses, including initial application and biennial renewal
24 fees sufficient to cover the costs of administering this
25 licensure program. Subject to the requirements in subparagraphs
26 (a)2.-4., the department shall issue a license to an applicant
27 if the applicant meets the requirements of this section and pays
28 the initial application fee. The department shall renew the
29 licensure of a medical marijuana treatment center biennially if
30 the licensee meets the requirements of this section and pays the
31 biennial renewal fee. An individual may not be an applicant,
32 owner, officer, board member, or manager on more than one
33 application for licensure as a medical marijuana treatment
34 center. An individual or entity may not be awarded more than one
35 license as a medical marijuana treatment center. An applicant
36 for licensure as a medical marijuana treatment center must
37 demonstrate:

38 1. That, for the 5 consecutive years before submitting the
39 application, the applicant has been registered to do business in
40 in the state.



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41 2. Possession of a valid certificate of registration issued
42 by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant
43 to s. 581.131.

44 3. The technical and technological ability to cultivate and
45 produce marijuana, including, but not limited to, low-THC
46 cannabis.

47 4. The ability to secure the premises, resources, and
48 personnel necessary to operate as a medical marijuana treatment
49 center.

50 5. The ability to maintain accountability of all raw
51 materials, finished products, and any byproducts to prevent
52 diversion or unlawful access to or possession of these
53 substances.

54 6. An infrastructure reasonably located to dispense
55 marijuana to registered qualified patients statewide or
56 regionally as determined by the department.

57 7. The financial ability to maintain operations for the
58 duration of the 2-year approval cycle, including the provision
59 of certified financial statements to the department. Upon
60 approval, the applicant must post a \$5 million performance bond.
61 However, a medical marijuana treatment center serving at least
62 1,000 qualified patients is only required to maintain a \$2
63 million performance bond.

64 8. That all owners, officers, board members, and managers
65 have passed a background screening pursuant to subsection (9).

66 9. The ability to implement a diversity plan that promotes
67 and ensures the involvement of minority persons and minority
68 business enterprises, as defined in s. 288.703, or veteran
69 business enterprises, as defined in s. 295.187, in ownership,



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70 management, employment, and contracting opportunities.
71 a. A diversity plan must be submitted with an MMTC
72 application.
73 b. Upon license renewal, the MMTC must show the
74 effectiveness of the diversity plan by including the following:
75 (I) Representation of minority persons and veterans in the
76 MMTC's workforce;
77 (II) Efforts to recruit minority persons and veterans for
78 employment; and
79 (III) A record of contracts for services with minority
80 business enterprises and veteran business enterprises.
81 10. The employment of a medical director to supervise the