A bill to be entitled
An act relating to state taxes or fees; amending s.
381.986, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to
impose initial application and biennial renewal fees
for the licensing of medical marijuana retail
facilities; providing a contingent effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section
381.986, Florida Statutes, as amended by SB ____, is amended to
read:

381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—
(9) MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL FACILITIES.—The department
shall license medical marijuana retail facilities to ensure
reasonable statewide accessibility and availability as necessary
for qualified patients registered in the medical marijuana use
registry and who are issued a physician certification under this
section. The department shall begin issuing medical marijuana
retail facility licenses by August 1, 2020.

(a) An applicant for licensure as a medical marijuana
retail facility shall apply to the department on a form
prescribed by the department and adopted in rule. The department
shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54
establishing a procedure for the issuance and biennial renewal
of licenses. The department shall impose initial application and
biennial renewal fees sufficient to cover the costs of
implementing and administering this subsection. The department
shall identify applicants with strong diversity plans reflecting
this state’s commitment to diversity and it shall implement training programs and other educational programs to enable minority persons and minority business enterprises, as defined in s. 288.703, and veteran business enterprises, as defined in s. 295.187, to qualify for medical marijuana retail facility licensure and contracts. The department shall issue a license to an applicant if the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection and rules adopted under this subsection. The department shall renew the licensure of a medical marijuana retail facility biennially if the licensee meets the requirements of this subsection and rules adopted under this subsection. An individual may not be an applicant, owner, officer, board member, or manager on more than one application for licensure as a medical marijuana retail facility. An individual or entity may not be awarded more than one license as a medical marijuana retail facility. Each medical marijuana retail facility license is valid for one physical location. A medical marijuana treatment center may not be awarded a license to operate a medical marijuana retail facility.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that SB ____ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.