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Thursday, May 23, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

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MS. SYDNEY EISELE

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1 Lansing, Michigan

2 Thursday, May 23, 2019 - 2:01 p.m.

3 MS. CURTIS: Good afternoon. We will bring this
4 public meeting to order. My name is Colleen Curtis, and I
5 work for the Marihuana Regulatory Agency. This is Kelly
6 Kronner, Sydney Eisele, and we will be facilitating this
7 hearing today on behalf of the agency.

8 MS. KRONNER: This is a public hearing on the
9 proposed Administrative Rules entitled Michigan Medical
10 Marihuana 2018-095 LR. This hearing is being conducted
11 pursuant to provisions required by the authority conferred
12 on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs by
13 Section 5 of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act 2008- IL 1,
14 MCL 333.26425. This hearing is being called to order at
15 2:02 p.m. on May 23rd, 2019 at the Williams Building, first
16 floor auditorium in Lansing, Michigan. This hearing was
17 published in three newspapers of general circulation as well
18 as the Michigan Register published on May 15, 2019.

19 MS. EISELE: Please note that we are here today to
20 receive your comments on the proposed Rules. If you wish to
21 speak, please fill out a comment card with your name and the
22 Rule number or citation that you're commenting on. When you
23 come forward to speak, please state your name and the Rule
24 number or citation that you're commenting on so that this
25 information may be transcribed into the hearing report.

1 Particularity will help with the staff review your comments
2 in the transcript after today.

3 Please try to limit your comments to five minutes.
4 If you need more time, please consider submitting your
5 comments to mra-legal@michigan.gov wherein comments may be
6 submitted until Thursday, May 30th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
7 Please remember that public comment is an opportunity for
8 members of the public to comment, not to obtain feedback,
9 engage in dialog or receive answers from the department.
10 Again, please give the Rule number and state your comments
11 with particularity. Thank you.

12 MS. KRONNER: And we're going to see if we have
13 any comment cards.

14 MS. CURTIS: If you wish to speak, please fill out
15 the comment cards. And you can bring them up, or we can
16 come get them whenever you're ready.

17 MR. LOVEDAY: I live down south in Ogden Township.
18 I myself am a patient. I've been growing, processing for
19 myself the past few years. Anyway, what -- what I can do,
20 is I can do things on, like, a batch basis. And that allows
21 me to, when I hurt, I got sit down. When I feel like I can
22 do something -- which the medicine does help with that -- I
23 go and I do it, and that's the way I progress throughout the
24 day with my chronic pain. I have, like, crushed nerves in
25 my back.

1 Anyway, I went to my local counsel and wanted to
2 become an extractor, and they said, "Mr. Loveday, no, no
3 thank you. We're not going to allow that business in our
4 area." Now, I have a little bit of an issue with that, and
5 that is I live out in the middle of farm country. The
6 people who are saying no are the wealthy farmers around the
7 area, and that kind of rubs me the wrong way from a business
8 perspective, especially on my own land where -- I'm small.
9 I only have, like, 25 acres, and most of it's woods. But I
10 would like to make a living of some sort on my own land, and
11 these gentlemen are restricting it for medical or
12 recreational purposes.

13 I'm now pursuing the hemp route, so then hopefully
14 I can do something to bring an income doing exactly the same
15 process that I would have done anyway. But this kind of
16 rubs me the wrong way that I'm dependent on my local
17 counsel -- or local counsel -- local township in this
18 instance in order to get a license from the State to go into
19 business, especially when the area, I think, I live in is
20 one of the target areas for those areas that we want more
21 business in in the state. Thank you for your consideration.

22 MS. KRONNER: Thank you. And, sir, once you're
23 done filling out your card, if you could, bring it up.
24 Thank you.

25 If there are no other people who wish to speak at

1 this time, we will stand at ease until 3:00 o'clock. The
2 meeting will still be open, but we will be off the record
3 until someone wishes to speak. Please feel free to approach
4 the podium -- or the microphone if you wish to provide
5 comments. Thank you.

6 (Off the record)

7 MR. JUSTICE: My name is Jared. I just had a
8 quick question. I just wanted to make sure that I'm
9 interpreting this correctly, and I'm not missing it
10 elsewhere. On page 5 of the new Rules, R 333.115, it's
11 rescinded the number of qualifying patients a caregiver can
12 hold. Does that mean that there's no longer the limit of --
13 of five patients, that you can have six, seven, eight?

14 MS. KRONNER: Unfortunately, we're here on behalf
15 of the Agency, so we're unable to answer your questions, but
16 if you email our legal inbox, we can take care of that for
17 you.

18 MR. JUSTICE: Okay.

19 MS. KRONNER: But today we're just here to
20 represent the Agency, so we can't answer your questions.

21 MR. JUSTICE: Gotcha. What is the legal email?

22 MS. KRONNER: That would be mra -- it's on the
23 legal Notice. It's mra-legal@michigan.gov.

24 MR. JUSTICE: Okay. Thank you.

25 (Off the record)

1 MS. KRONNER: If there are no other further
2 comments, I hereby declare the hearing closed. Any
3 additional comments regarding the proposed Rules that you
4 may wish to share must be submitted in writing to
5 mra-legal@michigan.gov. Written testimony on these Rules
6 will be received until Thursday, May 30th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
7 The current time is 3:00 o'clock. Thank you for coming.

8 (Hearing concluded at 3:00 p.m.)

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