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Fiscal Note

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H.321 – An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis amendments

As recommended by the House Committee on Ways and Means, Draft 1.2^{1,2}

Bill Summary

This bill, as recommended by the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, would make amendments to various cannabis regulations, including:

- Clarifying regulation of hemp and hemp-infused products;
- Creating a new \$500 trim and harvest services license for businesses that provide specified maintenance services to cannabis cultivators;
- Allowing for longer employee licenses (extended up to two years instead of the current annual renewal) and product licenses (at the discretion of the Cannabis Control Board) for cannabis establishments;
- Repealing the intent to apply fee for cannabis establishment licenses;
- Requiring that a business that collects the cannabis excise tax notify the Department of Taxes before transferring the business to a new entity;
- Expanding the definition of other tobacco products and new smokeless tobacco to include products made from either natural or synthetic nicotine; and
- Creating a new Enforcement Attorney within the Cannabis Control Board in fiscal year 2026.

Fiscal Impact

The bill would have a minimal impact on fee revenue for the Cannabis Regulation Fund. Fewer than 10 establishments are expected to apply for the proposed \$500 harvest and trim license. In addition, Section 12 would allow establishments to apply for a two-year employee license for \$100, or longer-term product license, prorated at the current \$50 annual rate. This would change the timing of revenues received by the Cannabis Regulation Fund for those fees, but long-term total revenue received is not expected to change.

In addition, the Enforcement Attorney is estimated to cost \$150,000 per year, which is not accounted for in the bill.

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