



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4286

Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 705/10-45

Amends the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. In provisions regarding the Cannabis Equity Commission, adds to the ex officio membership the chairperson of the Agriculture Committee of the Senate, or his or her designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the Commission, and the chairperson of the Agriculture and Conservation Committee of the House of Representatives, or his or her designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the Commission, as well as members of the Illinois Black Caucus and the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus (previously, the Governor, or his or her designee, served as chair of the Commission). Further adds to the membership of the Commission one individual who is a journalist and representative of the news media with work experience covering the national and local cannabis market as well as issues related to disproportionately impacted areas. Requires appointment by the co-chairs of the Commission within 90 days after a vacancy in membership under certain provisions. Provides that the Commission shall issue an annual report to the General Assembly that includes, without limitation, an evaluation of the current market, data regarding social equity operations in the State, community reinvestment data from the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program, and tax revenues, as well as recommendations for policy changes that focus on supporting social equity applicants, operators, and communities harmed the most by the failed war on drugs.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act is amended
5 by changing Section 10-45 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 705/10-45)

7 Sec. 10-45. Cannabis Equity Commission.

8 (a) The Cannabis Equity Commission is created and shall
9 reflect the diversity of the State of Illinois, including
10 geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity. The Cannabis Equity
11 Commission shall be responsible for the following:

12 (1) Ensuring that equity goals in the Illinois
13 cannabis industry, as stated in Section 10-40, are met.

14 (2) Tracking and analyzing minorities in the
15 marketplace.

16 (3) Ensuring that revenue is being invested properly
17 into R3 areas under Section 10-40.

18 (4) Recommending changes to make the law more
19 equitable to communities harmed the most by the war on
20 drugs.

21 (5) Create standards to protect true social equity
22 applicants from predatory businesses.

23 (b) The Cannabis Equity Commission's ex officio members

1 shall, within 4 months after March 23, 2021 (the effective
2 date of Public Act 101-658), convene the Commission to appoint
3 a full Cannabis Equity Commission and oversee, provide
4 guidance to, and develop an administrative structure for the
5 Cannabis Equity Commission. The ex officio members are:

6 (1) The Governor, or his or her designee, ~~who shall~~
7 ~~serve as chair.~~

8 (2) The Attorney General, or his or her designee.

9 (3) The Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity,
10 or his or her designee.

11 (4) The Director of Public Health, or his or her
12 designee.

13 (5) The Director of Corrections, or his or her
14 designee.

15 (6) The Secretary of Financial and Professional
16 Regulation, or his or her designee.

17 (7) The Director of Agriculture, or his or her
18 designee.

19 (8) The Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal
20 Justice Information Authority, or his or her designee.

21 (9) The Secretary of Human Services, or his or her
22 designee.

23 (10) A member of the Senate, designated by the
24 President of the Senate.

25 (11) A member of the House of Representatives,
26 designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 (12) A member of the Senate, designated by the
2 Minority Leader of the Senate.

3 (13) A member of the House of Representatives,
4 designated by the Minority Leader of the House of
5 Representatives.

6 (14) The chairperson of the Agriculture Committee of
7 the Senate, or his or her designee, who shall serve as
8 co-chair.

9 (15) The chairperson of the Agriculture and
10 Conservation Committee of the House of Representatives, or
11 his or her designee, who shall serve as co-chair.

12 (16) A member of the Senate who is a member of the
13 Illinois Black Caucus, designated by the Illinois Black
14 Caucus Senate Chair.

15 (17) A member of the House of Representatives who is a
16 member of the Illinois Black Caucus, designated by the
17 Illinois Black Caucus House Chair.

18 (18) A member of the Senate who is a member of the
19 Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus, designated by the
20 Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Co-Chair who is a
21 member of the Senate.

22 (19) A member of the House of Representatives who is a
23 member of the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus,
24 designated by the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus
25 Co-Chair who is a member of the House of Representatives.

26 (c) Within 90 days after the ex officio members convene,

1 as well as within 90 days after a vacancy in membership under
2 this subsection, the following members shall be appointed to
3 the Commission by the co-chairs ~~chair~~:

4 (1) Four community-based providers or community
5 development organization representatives who provide
6 services to treat violence and address the social
7 determinants of health, or promote community investment,
8 including, but not limited to, services such as job
9 placement and training, educational services, workforce
10 development programming, and wealth building. No more than
11 2 community-based organization representatives shall work
12 primarily in Cook County. At least one of the
13 community-based providers shall have expertise in
14 providing services to an immigrant population.

15 (2) Two experts in the field of violence reduction.

16 (3) One male who has previously been incarcerated and
17 is over the age of 24 at the time of appointment.

18 (4) One female who has previously been incarcerated
19 and is over the age of 24 at the time of appointment.

20 (5) Two individuals who have previously been
21 incarcerated and are between the ages of 17 and 24 at the
22 time of appointment.

23 (6) One individual who is a journalist and
24 representative of the news media with work experience
25 covering the national and local cannabis market as well as
26 issues related to disproportionately impacted areas.

1 As used in this subsection (c), "an individual who has
2 been previously incarcerated" has the same meaning as defined
3 in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 10-40.

4 (d) The Cannabis Equity Commission shall issue a report to
5 the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2028, and
6 annually thereafter, that includes, without limitation, an
7 evaluation of the current market, data regarding social equity
8 operations in the State, community reinvestment data from the
9 Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program, and tax revenues,
10 as well as recommendations for policy changes that focus on
11 supporting social equity applicants, operators, and
12 communities harmed the most by the failed war on drugs.

13 (Source: P.A. 104-417, eff. 8-15-25.)