

What Does HB 1443 Do?

House Bill 1443 builds upon the Cannabis Regulation Tax Act (CRTA) by establishing more comprehensive criteria to award 110 adult use cannabis dispensary licenses in 2021. This bill represents the cooperative work of community, applicants, industry, and regulators to help Illinois obtain the social equity goals set out in the CRTA.



What is in HB 1443?



Creates 2 new lotteries:

(outside of the current lottery for 75 licenses)

Qualifying Applicant Lottery for 55 licenses.

Social Equity Justice Involved Lottery for 55 licenses.

Social equity framework for 5 remaining medical license and gives same site and second site options.

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Replaces applicant pool top score with cut score of 85% (213) from 250 available points in

two new lotteries.

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of the last 10 years

Social Equity

Defines social equity

applicant as:

51% owned and

controlled by an

in a D.I.A.

individual who lives

(disproportionately

impacted area) for 5

Has been convicted of a cannabis offense eligible for expungement under the CRTA or a close family member has been convicted of a cannabis offense.

Promise-To-Hire will not be a qualifier for Social Equity Justice Involved Lottery

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Medical cannabis patients can buy medicine at any medical cannabis dispensary.

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Adds 8 more community members to the R3 Board.

Removes cap on cannabis community college programs.



IDFPR not required to inspect location before approving build out.

1 Qualifying Applicant or Social **Equity Justice** Involved Lottery winner can locate within 1,500 square feet of an Early Approval Adult Use site.

Early Approval Adult Use Dispensaries can apply to relocate in the same medical district 90 days after bill signing and department approval.

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