

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Office of Cannabis, Criminal History Information Access]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to authorize the Director of the Office of Cannabis to access summary criminal history information to perform permit and licensing duties.

Existing Law

Existing law requires that the Director of the Office of Cannabis (“Director”) implement an Equity Program to foster equitable access to participation in the cannabis industry, and to provide assistance to communities unfairly burdened by the War on Drugs. As part of the Equity Program, subsection (b) of Section 1604 requires the Director to offer priority processing to individuals who qualify as Equity Applicants. An individual with a specific criminal history may qualify as an Equity Applicant. In order to determine whether individuals meet the criteria for and qualify as Equity Applicants, the Director requires access to criminal history information. State law allows a local official to access criminal history to fulfill licensing duties if authorized by the local governing body.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance authorizes the Director to access criminal history to perform licensing and permitting duties.

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