

**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**  
(Amended In Committee, 10/24/18)

[Police and Health Codes - Regulation of Cannabis Businesses]

**Ordinance amending the Police Code to extend by one year the possible duration of a Temporary Cannabis Business Permit; and amending the Health Code to increase, from 90 days to 120 days, the time period that the Director of the Office of Cannabis may extend a medical cannabis dispensary's authorization to sell adult use cannabis, and extending by one year to December 31, 2019, the date on which Article 33 (Medical Cannabis Act) expires.**

Existing Law

Police Code Article 16 and Health Code Article 33 govern the regulation of commercial cannabis. Existing law authorizes the Director of the Office of Cannabis ("Director") to issue Temporary Cannabis Permits and to extend the time that a medical cannabis dispensary may sell Adult Use Cannabis for 90 days. Finally, existing law defines the date on which Article 33, which regulates Medicinal Cannabis, expires.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance amends the Police and Health Codes by extending by one year the possible duration of a Temporary Cannabis Permit and permitting the Director to increase from 90 days to 120 days the time during which a medical cannabis dispensary may sell Adult Use Cannabis. Finally, this ordinance extends by one year the date on which Article 33 expires by law.

Background

As first introduced, this ordinance proposed amending the Police and Health Codes by making a number of changes in the regulation of commercial cannabis activity. At its regular meeting on October 24, 2018, the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee duplicated the file, and amended this ordinance to remove all but three of the amendments.