

Assembly Bill 2844

Cannabis Catering License

Assembly Member Ash Kalra

SUMMARY

AB 2844 would authorize the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) to issue cannabis catering licenses to allow licensees to serve cannabis or cannabis products at private events approved by a local jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, also known as the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), which permitted the personal use and cultivation of marijuana for adults 21 years of age or older.

Under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) was granted the sole authority to license and regulate commercial cannabis activity which includes, but is not limited to the delivery and sale of cannabis or cannabis products.

Currently, DCC can issue a state temporary event license to allow for onsite cannabis sales and consumption limited to county fair events, district agricultural association events, or other venues that have been approved by the local jurisdiction. However, approval of such permits requires the area be restricted to individuals 21 years of age or older, that cannabis consumption not be visible outside of the event, and that the sale or consumption of tobacco and alcohol be prohibited within the premises.

Despite recreational cannabis consumption becoming an integral part of the California experience for visitors and residents alike, the state has yet to regulate cannabis catering at hotels and throughout the travel industry. Safety is paramount for not only California's hospitality workforce but the visitors to the state so that there may be controlled, mindful consumption of cannabis at hospitality group gatherings like weddings and private wellness retreats.

SOLUTION

AB 2844 would add cannabis caterers for private events to the definition of "commercial cannabis activity" and permit the Department of Cannabis Control to issue state cannabis cater licenses. These licenses would authorize licensees to serve cannabis or cannabis products at private events approved by a local jurisdiction for the purposes of attendees consuming the cannabis.

This bill would also permit the consumption of alcohol or tobacco on the premises.

SPONSOR

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