

# SB0307



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/2/2023, by Sen. Ram Villivalam

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 705/40-5

Amends the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Provides that entities awarded a cannabis transporting license may defer paying the associated license fee for a period of no more than 3 years. Provides that, from January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2026, the Department of Agriculture shall not issue any new transporting licenses. Provides that, upon completion of a disparity and availability study published by the Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer, the Department may modify or change the licensing application process to reduce or eliminate barriers and remedy discrimination identified in the study. Makes other changes.

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A BILL FOR

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 40-5 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 705/40-5)

7 Sec. 40-5. Issuance of licenses.

8 (a) The Department shall issue transporting licenses  
9 through a process provided for in this Article no later than  
10 July 1, 2020. Entities awarded a license under this Section  
11 may defer paying the associated license fee for a period of no  
12 more than 3 years.

13 (b) The Department shall make the application for  
14 transporting organization licenses available on January 7,  
15 2020 and shall receive such applications no later than March  
16 15, 2020. ~~The Department of Agriculture shall make available~~  
17 ~~such applications on every January 7 thereafter or if that~~  
18 ~~date falls on a weekend or holiday, the business day~~  
19 ~~immediately succeeding the weekend or holiday and shall~~  
20 ~~receive such applications no later than March 15 or the~~  
21 ~~succeeding business day thereafter.~~

22 (c) From January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2026, the  
23 Department shall not issue any transporting licenses, other

1 than those issued under subsection (a) before the effective  
2 date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

3 (d) Upon completion of the disparity and availability  
4 study published by the Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer  
5 under subsection (e) of Section 5-45, the Department of  
6 Agriculture may modify or change the licensing application  
7 process to reduce or eliminate barriers and remedy  
8 discrimination identified in the study. Beginning January 1,  
9 2026, the Department of Agriculture shall make the  
10 applications available on every January 7 thereafter or, if  
11 that date falls on a weekend or holiday, the business day  
12 immediately succeeding the weekend or holiday and shall  
13 receive the applications no later than March 15 or the  
14 succeeding business day thereafter.

15 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)