



SPONSOR: Rep. Spiegelman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 3  
TO  
HOUSE BILL NO. 150

AMEND House Bill No. 150 by deleting lines 110 through 112 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(6) “Disproportionately impacted area” means any location within a census tract formally designated as an Opportunity Zone by the Governor.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 by deleting line 128 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(11) “Locality” means a “municipal corporation” under § 801 of Title 22 or a “county” under Chapter 1 of Title 9.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 by deleting lines 390 through 394 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(1) Adopting rules and regulations consistent with § 1324 of this title and other provisions of this chapter or of any other law of this State, and all such rules and regulations have the force and effect of law. A rule or regulation may not extend, modify, or conflict with any law of this State or the reasonable implications thereof. A rule or regulation adopted under this paragraph (a)(1) of this section must focus primarily on public safety and the best interests of the consumer and cannot impose an unreasonably impracticable burden to the industry, as defined by § 1302 of this Title.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 on lines 443 and 444 by deleting the phrase “including farms and programs that support small businesses owned by minorities, women, and veterans” and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“including farms and programs that promote diversity in small businesses ownership”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 on line 509 by inserting the phrase “economic development, job creation,” after the word “for” and before the word “community”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 on line 513 by inserting the following and renumbering accordingly:

“a. A comprehensive business plan, including an annual budget and pro forma financial statements if available.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 by deleting lines 516 through 518 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

24 “1. A social responsibility plan outlining diversity goals, including recruitment, hiring, and promotion plans.”.

25 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 by deleting lines 528 through 536 and inserting in lieu thereof the  
26 following:

27 “b. For applications for marijuana cultivation facility license and marijuana product manufacturing facility license  
28 only an environment and sustainability plan, including efforts it will take to minimize the environmental impact and  
29 resource needs of its facilities and other business operations, such as plans to minimize water usage, employing organic  
30 cultivation methods, and adoption of other sustainable business practices.”.

31 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 by deleting lines 784 through 792 and inserting in lieu thereof the  
32 following:

33 “A social equity applicant is an applicant for any type of license for a licensed facility to be located within a  
34 disproportionally impacted area, with at least 51% ownership and control by 1 or more individuals who have resided for at  
35 least 5 of the preceding 10 years in that same disproportionately impacted area.”.

36 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 by deleting lines 807 through 810 and renumbering accordingly.

37 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 150 on line 830 by deleting the phrase “Part C.” and inserting in lieu thereof  
38 the phrase “Part D.”.

#### SYNOPSIS

This amendment changes the definition of "disproportionately impacted area". It also expands the definition of "locality" to include county governments. It imposes an obligation on the Commissioner to not impose regulations that would be an unreasonably impracticable burden to the industry. This amendment also alters language regarding small businesses promoting diversity. It adds requirements to the list of "best practices" and to the criteria for the competitive scoring process for all license types. It revises language regarding an applicant's plans for operations, training, and staffing, and alters the criteria for the competitive scoring process for open license types. It amends the definition of "social equity applicant". This amendment also removes the proposed statute § 1331, regarding Financial Assistance. It also makes a technical correction to the bill.