



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

January 17, 2024

## SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 18

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore  
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

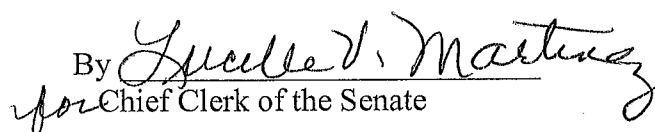
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution, I am authorizing for your consideration during the Fifty-Sixth Legislature, Second Session, submission of a bill bearing Legislative Council Service drafting number .226670, a bill providing an exception to the Inspection of Public Records Act for information developed or obtained by the Cannabis Control Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department during a an enforcement investigation; amending definitions in the Cannabis Control Act; clarifying the Cannabis Control Division's powers and duties; providing procedures for criminal history background checks; removing the prohibition against a person owning both a cannabis license and a license under the Liquor Control Act; prohibiting co-location of cannabis activities and alcoholic beverage sales or service activities to the public or members of private clubs; providing for investigatory confidentiality; providing for seizure and destruction of illegal, adulterated or misbranded cannabis products; allowing for licensee conversion from nonprofit to for-profit corporate status; changing packaging requirements; replacing licensure with registration of cannabis training and education programs; including violations of the Cannabis Regulation Act in the Racketeering Act, the Delinquency Act, and the Uniform Licensing Act; including cannabis in a list of contraband in jails and prisons; creating crimes relating to cannabis and prescribing penalties; and repealing a delayed repeal relating to cannabis.

Respectfully yours,

  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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By   
for Chief Clerk of the Senate