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SUBJECT: Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) Briefing Memo for Rule Set 2019-88 LR Industrial Hemp Rules for Marihuana Businesses

Rules Primer

The general purpose of the proposed rules is to provide a regulatory framework for marihuana businesses who seek to engage in the processing or testing of industrial hemp consistent with PA 547 of 2019 (Industrial Hemp Research and Development Act).

Summary of the Final Proposed Rule

The proposed rules create a regulatory framework for marihuana businesses who are licensed under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) and the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), who seek to engage in the processing or testing of industrial hemp.

Stakeholder Engagement

Development of the proposed rules occurred in consultation with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Public Engagement and Public Hearing / Comment / Information

The public comment period began on February 2, 2020 and ended on February 17, 2020. The notice of public comment period, in addition to being posted in various newspapers as required, was distributed via email to interested parties signed up to receive such notices. The public hearing was held at the Marijuana Regulatory Agency, Jupiter Conference Room on February 12, 2020. There were no comments made in support or opposition to the proposed rules. There were minimal comments requesting modifications to the proposed rules.

Modifications Made Due to Public Comment

No changes were made to the proposed rules.

Significant Issues Not Incorporated in the Final Proposed Rules

None.

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