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Assembly Bill No. 2568

CHAPTER 393

An act to add Section 26261 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to cannabis.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2568, Cooley. Cannabis: insurance providers.

Existing law, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), an initiative measure, authorizes a person who obtains a state license under AUMA to engage in commercial adult-use cannabis activity pursuant to that license and applicable local ordinances. Existing law, the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), among other things, consolidates the licensure and regulation of commercial medicinal and adult-use cannabis activities. MAUCRSA vests responsibility for the state licensure and regulation of commercial cannabis activity in the Department of Cannabis Control. Existing law authorizes the Department of Cannabis Control to license, regulate, and discipline the persons it licenses to engage in commercial cannabis activity.

This bill would provide it is not a crime solely for individuals and firms to provide insurance and related services to persons licensed to engage in commercial cannabis activity.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 26261 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

26261. An individual or firm, that is licensed by the Department of Insurance pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 1621), Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 1760), or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 1831) of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Insurance Code, does not commit a crime under California law solely for providing insurance or related services to persons licensed to engage in commercial cannabis activity pursuant to this division.