

1 SENATE BILL 152

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO CANNABIS; ALLOWING COUNTIES TO PETITION THE
12 CANNABIS CONTROL DIVISION OF THE REGULATION AND LICENSING
13 DEPARTMENT FOR A MORATORIUM ON NEW CANNABIS PRODUCER LICENSES.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the Cannabis Regulation Act
17 is enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] NEW CANNABIS PRODUCER LICENSE MORATORIUM--
19 COUNTY PETITION.--

20 A. A board of county commissioners may vote to
21 petition the division to impose a two-year moratorium on the
22 issuance of new cannabis producer licenses in that county and
23 shall publish a public notice of its petition and notify the
24 division. The petition may cover commercial cannabis
25 production only or both commercial and medical cannabis

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2 B. The county shall submit the petition to the
3 division within ten days of approving the petition. The
4 division shall render its decision on the petition within ten
5 days of receipt of the petition and inform the county of its
6 decision to approve or deny the petition. If the division
7 approves the petition, it shall not issue new cannabis
8 production licenses for the two-year period of the moratorium.
9 If the division denies the petition, it shall include its
10 findings and conclusions in the order of denial.

11 C. The county may petition the division to end the
12 moratorium before the two-year period has run if the county
13 commission determines that the moratorium is no longer
14 necessary."