Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Announces Tiebreaking Process for Conditional Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary Licenses

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation announced Monday it has filed emergency rules for licensees to be selected by lot when there are two or more applicants with tied high scores for the last remaining license or licenses in a particular Bureau of Labor Statistics region. The rules also confirm that an unsuccessful applicant does not have a right to administrative review of that result. The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act directs IDFPR to award up to 75 conditional adult use dispensing organization licenses by May 1, 2020. A set number of licenses will be awarded to each BLS region. The emergency rules can be found here.

The Department will begin accepting applications for conditional adult use cannabis dispensary licenses at 9:30 a.m. on December 10, 2019 at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago. Applications will be accepted between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. each weekday leading up to January 2, 2020 (except December 25 and January 1, when the office is closed). On January 2, 2020, applicants must be in line by Noon to have their application accepted. All applications must be delivered in person.