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1. Line 19, engrossed, after one

strike

the remainder of line 19 and through processors on line 20

insert

one license in an area without an existing operating licensee as of January 1, 2023, (Health Services Area I)

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2. Line 150, engrossed, after to

strike

January 1, 2020

insert

December 31, 2021

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3. Line 151, engrossed, after Services

strike

the remainder of line 151 and through 2022 on line 152

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4. Line 155, engrossed, after Authority

insert

or any similarly situated businesses

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5. After line 155, engrossed

insert

4. That the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority), in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy and other stakeholders, shall study the necessity and feasibility of adding licenses to the existing medical cannabis program as established in Article 4.2 (§ 54.1-3442.5 et seq.) of the Drug Control Act of the Code of Virginia. In assessing the existing program, the Authority shall consider the total number of patients per cannabis dispensing facility, the distance and time traveled by patients to access a dispensing facility, the cost and diversity of pharmaceutical cannabis product offerings at such dispensing facilities, and the possible inclusion of Virginia-based businesses and non-vertically integrated participants in any additional licensing, among other variables. To ensure a timely and evidence-based study, the Board of Pharmacy shall provide to the Authority and any third party under contract to the Authority all requested data regarding the ongoing operations of the existing medical cannabis program that is necessary to carry out the terms and purpose of this study. The Authority shall report its findings and any recommendations for the expansion of licenses, or increase in the number of dispensing facility locations, to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Chairman of the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions, and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 30, 2023.