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Gov. Jared Polis signed an executive order that Colorado will not hold out-of-state convictions for most marijuana-related offenses against people applying for professional licenses here.

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By Alex Burness, The Denver Post (viaTNS).

Gov. Jared Polis last week vowed by executive order that Colorado will not hold outof-state convictions for most marijuana-related offenses against people applying for professional licenses here. The Boulder Democrat wrote in his order, "There is a workforce shortage in

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licensure for any civil or criminal judgment, discipline or other sanction threatened or imposed under the laws of another state regarding consumption, possession, cultivation or processing of marijuana so long as the actions are lawful and consistent with professional conduct and standards of care within the state of Colorado."

He gave the same direction to the state's Marijuana Enforcement Division, as well as to the state Department of Revenue's business regulatory division, which covers gaming, horse racing and the auto, marijuana, and liquor and tobacco industries.

The governor furthermore prohibited state agencies from providing information or expending "time, money, facilities, property, equipment, personnel or other resources" to cooperate in or aid any out-of-state investigation seeking to sanction anyone's professional license for lawful marijuana-related conduct that took place in Colorado.

He noted that the state will still make exceptions to that rule if it is bound by a court order.

Polis made a point to state in multiple sections of the order that it applies to actions that are lawful in Colorado. The order does not, however, apply to people convicted of or under investigation for marijuana-related actions that remain illegal here, such as selling to minors or trafficking on the black market.

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