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In this edition of *the buzz*, highlights include:

- **Rescheduling:** Will he/won't he—President Trump may make a move; new DEA Administrator Terrance Cole says it's a top priority.
- **New Markets:** TX to issue new compassionate use program licenses. KY to open first medical dispensary this fall.
- **In the Courts:** Missouri Supreme Court strikes down cannabis tax “stacking.” Second Circuit finds NY's cannabis licensing priority for NY-only convicted applicants is unauthorized “economic protectionism.”
- **280E challenges:** *New Mexico Top Organics v. Commissioner* briefs due in Tax Court this fall; Canna Provisions and other marijuana companies get more time from US Supreme Court to seek review of *Gonzales v. Raich*.
- **Hemp Regulation:** TX to consider hemp products in new special session. New rules proposed in AL (consumable hemp products) and TN proposed (HDC products)
- **Policy Updates:** CO releases proposed rules to improve regulatory efficiencies; CA auditor recommends legislature review youth advertising.

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