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# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 1320**

S.P. 550

In Senate, March 27, 2025

### **An Act to Prevent Illicit Cultivation and Trafficking Within Maine's Regulated Cannabis Industry**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and  
Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, PERKINS of Dover-  
Foxcroft.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2421-A, sub-§19**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A, §3, is amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding paragraphs B or C, "disqualifying drug offense" includes a conviction that has occurred within the 3-year period prior to the date of application for or renewal of a license under this chapter for a crime related to the cultivation or distribution of cannabis that is not authorized in this chapter, in the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or in Title 28-B.

**Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §102-A, sub-§28,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §3, is amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding paragraph C, "disqualifying drug offense" includes a conviction that has occurred within the 3-year period prior to the date of application for or for renewal of a registry identification card or a registration certificate under this chapter for a crime related to the cultivation or distribution of cannabis that is not authorized in this chapter, in the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, in chapter 3 or in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

## SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of "disqualifying drug offense" in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and in the Cannabis Legalization Act to provide that a conviction within the 3-year period prior to an application for licensure or registration for a crime, related to the cultivation or distribution of cannabis that is not authorized in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act or in the Cannabis Legalization Act, is a disqualifying drug offense.