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### **An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative BOYER of Poland and  
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, FARRIN of Somerset, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland,  
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: FREDERICKS of  
Sanford, OSHER of Orono, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2421-A, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A, §3, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **12. Caregiver retail store.** "Caregiver retail store" means a retail store authorized in  
5 accordance with this chapter ~~and used by~~ that has regular business hours at a location  
6 accessible to the general public where a registered caregiver ~~to sell~~ sells cannabis  
7 paraphernalia, cannabis plants, harvested cannabis, related supplies or educational  
8 materials to qualifying patients without an appointment and other items to the general  
9 public ~~at a fixed location~~. "Caregiver retail store" does not include an office at a location  
10 not accessible to the general public where a registered caregiver provides consultation  
11 services, cannabis paraphernalia, cannabis plants, harvested cannabis, related supplies or  
12 educational materials to qualifying patients by appointment.

13 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2421-A, sub-§27**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A, §3, is  
14 amended to read:

15 **27. Manufacturing facility.** "Manufacturing facility" means a registered tier 1 or tier  
16 2 manufacturing facility ~~or a person authorized to engage in cannabis extraction in~~  
17 ~~accordance with this chapter.~~

18 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2421-A, sub-§42**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A, §3, is  
19 amended to read:

20 **42. Registrant.** "Registrant" means a registered caregiver, dispensary, cannabis  
21 testing facility, or manufacturing facility ~~or person authorized to engage in cannabis~~  
22 ~~extraction using inherently hazardous substances under this chapter.~~

23 **Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2421-A, sub-§43**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A, §3, is  
24 amended to read:

25 **43. Registrant agent.** "Registrant agent" means an assistant, employee, officer,  
26 director or other authorized agent of a registered caregiver, dispensary, cannabis testing  
27 facility, or manufacturing facility ~~or person authorized to engage in cannabis extraction~~  
28 ~~using inherently hazardous substances under this chapter.~~

29 **Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2422-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 365, §1, is  
30 amended by amending the section headnote to read:

31 **§2422-A. Administration and enforcement; rulemaking; forms and guidance**  
32 **documents**

33 **Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §2422-A, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

34 **3. Forms and guidance documents.** Except where explicitly authorized or directed  
35 under this chapter, the department may not:

36 A. Require a registered caregiver, dispensary, cannabis testing facility or  
37 manufacturing facility to use a form issued by the department in complying with the  
38 requirements of this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter; or

39 B. Issue a guidance document or memorandum to registered caregivers, dispensaries,  
40 cannabis testing facilities or manufacturing facilities regarding compliance with the  
41 requirements of this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

1       **Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§1, ¶J**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c.  
2       331, §7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

3       J. Manufacture cannabis products and cannabis concentrate for medical use, including  
4       through the use of inherently hazardous substances in accordance with section 2423-F,  
5       subsection 3-A and the applicable rules adopted pursuant to section 2423-F, subsection  
6       10, except that a qualifying patient may not manufacture food, as defined in section  
7       2152, subsection 4, unless the qualifying patient is licensed pursuant to section 2167  
8       ~~and except that a qualifying patient may not produce cannabis concentrate using~~  
9       ~~inherently hazardous substances unless authorized pursuant to section 2423-F,~~  
10       ~~subsection 3;~~

11       **Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 452, §4 and  
12       amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is repealed.

13       **Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶G**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c.  
14       331, §9 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

15       G. Manufacture cannabis products and cannabis concentrate for medical use, including  
16       through the use of inherently hazardous substances in accordance with section 2423-F,  
17       subsection 3-A and the applicable rules adopted pursuant to section 2423-F, subsection  
18       10, except that a caregiver may not manufacture food, as defined in section 2152,  
19       subsection 4, unless the caregiver is licensed pursuant to section 2167 ~~and except that~~  
20       ~~a caregiver may not produce cannabis concentrate using inherently hazardous~~  
21       ~~substances unless authorized pursuant to section 2423-F, subsection 3;~~

22       **Sec. 10. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶O**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §4 and  
23       amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

24       O. Transport, sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis plants or harvested cannabis for  
25       authorized conduct in accordance with this chapter on the property or premises owned,  
26       leased or rented by the caregiver; at trade shows, festivals or other cannabis industry-  
27       related events; or through delivery to or private arrangement with a qualifying patient,  
28       caregiver or registered dispensary;

29       **Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §2423-F**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A, §8, is further  
30       amended by amending the section headnote to read:

31       **§2423-F. Cannabis manufacturing facilities; cannabis extraction**

32       **Sec. 12. 22 MRSA §2423-F, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 331,  
33       §17 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

34       This section governs the manufacture of cannabis products and cannabis concentrate  
35       and cannabis extraction by cannabis manufacturing facilities and other persons.

36       **Sec. 13. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 331,  
37       §17 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is repealed.

38       **Sec. 14. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

39       **3-A. Extraction using inherently hazardous substances.** A qualifying patient,  
40       registered caregiver, registered dispensary or manufacturing facility may engage in  
41       cannabis extraction using inherently hazardous substances if the qualifying patient,  
42       registered caregiver, registered dispensary or manufacturing facility complies with the rules

1 adopted by the department pursuant to subsection 10 governing cannabis extraction using  
2 inherently hazardous substances. A person that is not a qualifying patient, registered  
3 caregiver, registered dispensary or manufacturing facility may not engage in cannabis  
4 extraction using inherently hazardous substances.

5 **Sec. 15. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§4, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c.  
6 331, §17 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

7 A. May manufacture cannabis products and cannabis concentrate for medical use using  
8 any method ~~that does not, including methods that involve use of~~ an inherently  
9 hazardous substance, ~~except that a registered manufacturing facility may manufacture~~  
10 ~~cannabis concentrate using inherently hazardous substances if authorized under~~  
11 ~~subsection 3 in accordance with subsection 3-A and the applicable rules adopted~~  
12 ~~pursuant to subsection 10;~~

13 **Sec. 16. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 367, §9 and c.  
14 669, §5, is repealed.

15 **Sec. 17. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 331,  
16 §17 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

17 **6. Retail sale prohibited.** A registered manufacturing facility ~~or a person authorized~~  
18 ~~to engage in cannabis extraction using inherently hazardous substances under subsection 3~~  
19 may not engage in retail sales of cannabis products or cannabis concentrate unless ~~the~~  
20 ~~person is authorized to engage in retail sales under this chapter.~~

21 **Sec. 18. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§7**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 331,  
22 §17 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

23 **7. Food establishment license required to manufacture food products.** A  
24 registered manufacturing facility ~~or a person authorized to produce cannabis concentrate~~  
25 ~~using inherently hazardous substances~~ may not manufacture edible cannabis products or  
26 cannabis tinctures unless licensed pursuant to section 2167.

27 **Sec. 19. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§8**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 331,  
28 §17 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

29 **8. Registration requirements.** This subsection governs the registration requirements  
30 ~~of a manufacturing facility or a person authorized to engage in cannabis extraction using~~  
31 ~~inherently hazardous substances under subsection 3 and of the officer or director or~~  
32 ~~assistant of the facility or person.~~

33 A. In accordance with rules adopted under subsection 10, the department shall register  
34 and issue a registration certificate with a registry identification number to a  
35 manufacturing facility ~~or a person authorized to engage in cannabis extraction~~ within  
36 30 days ~~to the facility or person~~ if the facility ~~or person~~ provides:

- 37 (1) The applicable annual fee required pursuant to section 2425-A, subsection 10;  
38 (2) The legal name of the facility ~~or person~~ and, if incorporated, evidence of  
39 incorporation and evidence that the corporation is in good standing with the  
40 Secretary of State;  
41 (3) The physical address of the facility ~~or person or the physical address where an~~  
42 ~~applicant who is an individual will engage in the activities authorized under this~~

1 section. If the physical address of the facility or person changes its physical  
2 location, or if a person registered under this subsection changes the location at  
3 which the person engages in activities authorized under this section, the facility or  
4 person shall notify the department of the new location address; and

5 (4) The name, address and date of birth of each officer or director of the facility  
6 or person.

7 B. In accordance with rules adopted under subsection 10, the department shall issue  
8 registry identification cards to the officer or director or assistant of a registered  
9 manufacturing facility ~~or person authorized to engage in cannabis extraction using~~  
10 ~~inherently hazardous substances~~ within 5 business days of approving an application or  
11 renewal under this subsection. A registry identification card is required to be issued to  
12 an officer or director or assistant of a registered manufacturing facility ~~or person~~  
13 ~~authorized to engage in cannabis extraction using inherently hazardous substances~~. A  
14 registry identification card expires one year after the date of issuance. A registry  
15 identification card issued under this paragraph must contain:

16 (1) The name of the cardholder;

17 (2) The date of issuance and expiration date of the registry identification card; and

18 (3) A random identification number that is unique to the cardholder.

19 The department may not issue a registry identification card to an officer or director or  
20 assistant of a registered manufacturing facility ~~or person authorized to engage in~~  
21 ~~cannabis extraction using inherently hazardous substances~~ who has been convicted of  
22 a disqualifying drug offense. The department shall conduct a criminal history record  
23 check of each ~~person~~, officer or director or assistant subject to this subsection on an  
24 annual basis.

25 If the department determines not to issue a registry identification card ~~for a person, to~~  
26 ~~an~~ officer or director or assistant of a manufacturing facility, the department shall notify  
27 the registered manufacturing facility ~~or person authorized to engage in cannabis~~  
28 ~~extraction using inherently hazardous substances~~ in writing of the reason for denying  
29 the registry identification card.

30 **Sec. 20. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 367, §10; c. 387,  
31 §5; and c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

32 **10. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt ~~routine technical rules as defined in~~  
33 ~~Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, except that, beginning July 1, 2021, rules adopted~~  
34 ~~pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,~~  
35 ~~subchapter 2-A, governing~~ the registration and operation of manufacturing facilities,  
36 including and cannabis extraction using inherently hazardous substances. The rules must  
37 include, but are not limited to:

38 A. Requirements for the registration of a manufacturing facility and an officer or  
39 director or assistant of a registered manufacturing facility;

40 B. Requirements for engaging in cannabis extraction using inherently hazardous  
41 substances by manufacturing facilities and by qualifying patients, registered caregivers  
42 and registered dispensaries;

43 C. Manufacturing facility officer or director qualification requirements;

1 D. Required security for manufacturing facilities;

2 E. Requirements of a disposal plan for harvested cannabis used in the manufacturing  
3 process; and

4 F. Minimum record-keeping requirements.

5 The failure of the department to adopt rules under this subsection does not prevent a person  
6 authorized pursuant to subsection 3, ~~paragraph A~~ 3-A from engaging in conduct authorized  
7 under this section.

8 Rules adopted or amended by the department pursuant to this subsection on or after July 1,  
9 2021 are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

10 **Sec. 21. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§11**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c.  
11 331, §17 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its  
12 place:

13 **11. Multiple authorizations; cannabis possession allowances.** A manufacturing  
14 facility that is also a qualifying patient, registered caregiver or registered dispensary may  
15 possess the amount of cannabis allowed for that facility under this section in addition to the  
16 amount of cannabis allowed for a qualifying patient, registered caregiver or registered  
17 dispensary under this chapter, as long as the cannabis possessed as a manufacturing facility  
18 under this section is distinguishable from the cannabis possessed as a qualifying patient,  
19 registered caregiver or registered dispensary under this chapter.

20 **Sec. 22. 22 MRSA §2423-F, sub-§12**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A, §8,  
21 is further amended to read:

22 **12. Record keeping.** ~~A registered manufacturing facility or person authorized to~~  
23 ~~engage in cannabis extraction using inherently hazardous substances under subsection 3~~  
24 ~~shall maintain records of all transactions in accordance with section 2430-J.~~

25 **Sec. 23. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§10, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §12 and  
26 amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is repealed.

27 **Sec. 24. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§14, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 637, §2, is  
28 amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

29 The department may not post on its publicly accessible website or otherwise make  
30 publicly available, except upon request, applications, supporting information and other  
31 nonconfidential information regarding a registered caregiver, including any address  
32 where the registered caregiver cultivates, manufactures, tests, packages, stores or sells  
33 cannabis plants or harvested cannabis under this chapter.

34 **Sec. 25. 22 MRSA §2428, sub-§1-A, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §16 and  
35 amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

36 I. Manufacture cannabis concentrate for medical use, ~~except that a dispensary may not~~  
37 produce cannabis concentrate using including through the use of inherently hazardous  
38 substances unless authorized pursuant to section 2423-F, subsection 3 in accordance  
39 with section 2423-F, subsection 3-A and the applicable rules adopted pursuant to  
40 section 2423-F, subsection 10;

1       **Sec. 26. 22 MRSA §2429-D**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 217, §5 and PL 2021, c.  
2       669, §5, is further amended to read:

3       **§2429-D. Local regulation**

4       Pursuant to the home rule authority granted under the Constitution of Maine, Article  
5       VIII, Part Second and Title 30-A, section 3001, a municipality may regulate registered  
6       caregivers, caregiver retail stores operating pursuant to section 2423-A, subsection 2,  
7       paragraph P, registered dispensaries, cannabis testing facilities and manufacturing  
8       facilities.

9       A municipality may not:

10      **1. Registered caregivers.** Prohibit or limit the number of registered caregivers;

11      **2. Stores, dispensaries, testing and manufacturing facilities.** Prohibit caregiver  
12      retail stores, registered dispensaries, cannabis testing facilities and manufacturing facilities  
13      that are operating with municipal approval in the municipality prior to the effective date of  
14      this section. For purposes of this subsection, "municipal approval" means an examination  
15      and approval of the store, dispensary or facility for the use of the premises consistent with  
16      conduct authorized under this chapter, including, but not limited to, a conditional use  
17      approval or site plan approval. "Municipal approval" does not include issuance of a  
18      building, electrical or other similar permit or authorization that does not address the use of  
19      the structure or facility for which the permit or authorization is issued; or

20      **3. Municipal authorization needed.** Authorize caregiver retail stores, registered  
21      dispensaries, cannabis testing facilities and manufacturing facilities that are not operating  
22      on the effective date of this section to operate in the municipality unless the municipal  
23      legislative body, as defined in Title 30-A, section 2001, subsection 9, has voted to adopt or  
24      amend an ordinance or approve a warrant article allowing caregiver retail stores, registered  
25      dispensaries, cannabis testing facilities or manufacturing facilities, as applicable, to operate  
26      within the municipality.

27      Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant to this  
28      chapter to the contrary, the department may not require a caregiver retail store, registered  
29      dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility to use a form provided by the  
30      department to demonstrate municipal approval or other local authorization, if such approval  
31      or authorization is required by the municipality in which the caregiver retail store,  
32      registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility is seeking to  
33      operate.

34      Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant to this  
35      chapter to the contrary, a caregiver retail store, registered dispensary, cannabis testing  
36      facility or manufacturing facility that, prior to January 1, 2026, was issued by the  
37      department a registration or other authorization to operate and was subsequently denied  
38      such registration or other authorization based solely on the failure of the caregiver retail  
39      store, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility to obtain a  
40      completed form provided by the department to demonstrate municipal approval or other  
41      local authorization, or based solely on the failure of the municipality to adopt or amend an  
42      ordinance or approve a warrant article as required by subsection 3, is deemed in compliance  
43      with applicable municipal approval or local authorization requirements under this chapter.  
44      A caregiver retail store, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing

1 facility deemed in compliance with applicable municipal approval or local authorization  
2 requirements pursuant to this paragraph may request and the department shall issue a  
3 registration or other authorization to renew operations, as long as: the caregiver retail store,  
4 registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility is to be located in  
5 the same municipality in which it was located when last issued a registration or other  
6 authorization to operate by the department; and the caregiver retail store, registered  
7 dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility satisfies all other applicable  
8 registration or authorization requirements pursuant to this chapter and the rules adopted  
9 pursuant to this chapter, excluding any such requirements relating to municipal approval  
10 or local authorization and any such requirements that the caregiver retail store, registered  
11 dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility maintain continuous  
12 operation since it was last issued a registration or other authorization to operate by the  
13 department.

14 **Sec. 27. 22 MRSA §2430-N, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 365, §25, is  
15 amended to read:

16 **8. Sales Gross sales; sales tax revenue.** The gross sales of cannabis for medical use  
17 for the current and prior fiscal years and the sales tax revenue from the sale of cannabis for  
18 medical use deposited into the General Fund for the current and prior fiscal years.

19 **Sec. 28. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of**  
20 **Cannabis Policy; medical cannabis research grant program rulemaking.** On or  
21 before January 9, 2026, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office  
22 of Cannabis Policy shall provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review rules  
23 necessary to implement the medical cannabis research grant program in accordance with  
24 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430, subsection 5. Rules adopted by the  
25 office pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
26 subchapter 2-A.

27 **Sec. 29. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of**  
28 **Cannabis Policy; forms and guidance documents.** The Department of  
29 Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy shall as expeditiously as  
30 possible review all public forms and guidance documents issued or made available by the  
31 office to determine whether such forms and documents comply with the requirements of  
32 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2422-A, subsection 3. The office shall ensure  
33 that any such forms and documents determined to not comply with those requirements are  
34 rescinded, removed from the office's publicly accessible website and no longer made  
35 available through the office. The forms to be rescinded, removed and no longer made  
36 available must include, but are not limited to, any form or other document designed to be  
37 used by a caregiver retail store, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or  
38 manufacturing facility to demonstrate municipal approval or other local authorization,  
39 consistent with the prohibition on such form under Title 22, section 2429-D.

40 **Sec. 30. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of**  
41 **Cannabis Policy; registered caregiver information.** In accordance with the Maine  
42 Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2425-A, subsection 14, paragraph D, the Department of  
43 Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy shall as expeditiously as  
44 possible remove from the office's publicly accessible website all applications, supporting  
45 information and other nonconfidential information regarding a registered caregiver,

1 including any address where the registered caregiver cultivates, manufactures, tests,  
2 packages, stores or sells cannabis plants or harvested cannabis pursuant to the Maine  
3 Medical Use of Cannabis Act, and shall otherwise ensure that such information is no longer  
4 made publicly available, except upon request.

## 5 SUMMARY

6 This bill makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

7 1. It amends the definition of "caregiver retail store" to clarify that it is a retail store  
8 with regular business hours at a location accessible to the general public where a registered  
9 caregiver sells cannabis paraphernalia, cannabis plants, harvested cannabis, related  
10 supplies or educational materials to qualifying patients without an appointment and other  
11 items to the general public. It provides that a caregiver retail store does not include an  
12 office at a location not accessible to the general public where a registered caregiver  
13 provides consultation services, cannabis paraphernalia, cannabis plants, harvested  
14 cannabis, related supplies or educational materials to qualifying patients by appointment.

15 2. It prohibits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, except where  
16 explicitly authorized or directed by law, from requiring a registered caregiver, registered  
17 dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility to use a form issued by the  
18 department in complying with the requirements of the Act or of adopted rules and from  
19 issuing a guidance document or memorandum to such persons regarding compliance by  
20 those persons with the requirements of the Act or of adopted rules. The bill directs the  
21 department's Office of Cannabis Policy to, as expeditiously as possible, rescind and  
22 remove from public availability any noncompliant forms and guidance documents or  
23 memoranda.

24 3. It repeals the provision of law that authorizes a caregiver to receive reasonable  
25 monetary compensation for costs associated with cultivating cannabis plants or assisting a  
26 qualifying patient with that patient's medical use of cannabis.

27 4. It provides that a caregiver is authorized to transport, sell, offer to sell or furnish  
28 cannabis plants or harvested cannabis on the property or premises owned, leased or rented  
29 by the caregiver; at trade shows, festivals or other cannabis industry-related events; or  
30 through delivery to or private arrangement with a qualifying patient, caregiver or registered  
31 dispensary.

32 5. It removes the process under the Act by which a person that is not a qualifying  
33 patient, registered caregiver, registered dispensary or manufacturing facility may receive  
34 authorization from the department to engage in cannabis extraction using an inherently  
35 hazardous substance and prohibits such cannabis extraction other than by qualifying  
36 patients, registered caregivers, registered dispensaries or manufacturing facilities. A  
37 qualifying patient, registered caregiver, registered dispensary or manufacturing facility that  
38 engages in cannabis extraction using an inherently hazardous substance must comply with  
39 any rules regarding that activity adopted by the department by rule but is not required to  
40 obtain additional approvals or authorizations from the department to do so.

41 6. It prohibits the department from posting on its publicly accessible website or  
42 otherwise making publicly available, except upon request, applications, supporting  
43 information and other nonconfidential information regarding a registered caregiver,  
44 including any address where the registered caregiver cultivates, manufactures, tests,

1 packages, stores or sells cannabis plants or harvested cannabis under this chapter. The bill  
2 directs the office to, as expeditiously as possible, remove from the office's website and  
3 otherwise from public availability, except upon request, any such nonconfidential  
4 information regarding registered caregivers.

5 7. It prohibits the department from requiring a caregiver retail store, registered  
6 dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility to use a form provided by the  
7 department to demonstrate municipal approval or other local authorization, if such approval  
8 or authorization is required by the municipality in which the store, dispensary or facility is  
9 seeking to operate.

10 8. It provides that a caregiver retail store, registered dispensary, cannabis testing  
11 facility or manufacturing facility that was previously issued by the department a  
12 registration or other authorization to operate and was subsequently denied such registration  
13 or other authorization based solely on the failure of the store, dispensary or facility to obtain  
14 a completed form provided by the department to demonstrate municipal approval or other  
15 local authorization, or based solely on the failure of the municipality to adopt or amend an  
16 ordinance or approve a warrant article as required by law, is deemed in compliance with  
17 applicable municipal approval or local authorization requirements under the Act. A  
18 caregiver retail store, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing  
19 facility deemed in compliance with applicable municipal approval or local authorization  
20 requirements pursuant to this provision may request and the department shall issue a  
21 registration or other authorization to renew operations, provided that: the store, dispensary  
22 or facility is to be located in the same municipality in which it was located when last issued  
23 a registration or other authorization to operate by the department; and the store, dispensary  
24 or facility satisfies all other applicable registration or authorization requirements pursuant  
25 to the Act and adopted rules, excluding any such requirements relating to municipal  
26 approval or local authorization and any such requirements that the store, dispensary or  
27 facility maintain continuous operation since it was last issued a registration or other  
28 authorization to operate by the department.

29 9. It provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in its  
30 annual report to the Legislature regarding the medical cannabis program, must include  
31 information regarding the gross sales of cannabis for medical use for the current and prior  
32 fiscal years.

33 10. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of  
34 Cannabis Policy, on or before January 9, 2026, to provisionally adopt and submit for  
35 legislative review major substantive rules necessary to implement the medical cannabis  
36 research grant program in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section  
37 2430, subsection 5.