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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and
Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to compensate individuals serving on boards and commissions with lived experience.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 504
H.P. 1095 - L.D. 1654**

**An Act to Exempt Certain
Sales and Transfers of Adult
Use Cannabis from Excise Tax**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4921, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Products manufacturing facility. "Products manufacturing facility" has the same meaning as in Title 28-B, section 102-A, subsection 51.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4923, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 231, Pt. B, §7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is amended to read:

6. Multiple licenses. When a cultivation facility licensee also holds a license to operate another cannabis establishment, the taxes imposed by subsections 1 to 4 apply to any transfer of cannabis from the cultivation facility to the other cannabis establishment licensee or, if no such transfer is made, to any activity undertaken pursuant to Title 28-B, section 501, subsection 2 or 4 with regard to cannabis cultivated by the cultivation facility.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4923, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Sales and transfers between licensed cultivation facilities. Notwithstanding subsection 6, an excise tax is not imposed on a sale of adult use cannabis to a cultivation facility or on a transfer of adult use cannabis to a cultivation facility. This subsection does not apply to a sale or transfer by a nursery cultivation facility pursuant to Title 28-B, section 501, subsection 3, paragraph C.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §4923, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Transfers to and from products manufacturing facility. Notwithstanding subsection 6, an excise tax is not imposed on the transfer of adult use cannabis

to a products manufacturing facility when the adult use cannabis is returned to the original cultivation facility in the same form and weight within 30 days.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 505
S.P. 663 - L.D. 1668**

**An Act Regarding the Voting
Requirement to Extend the
Date for Adjournment of the
Legislature**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §11, is further amended to read:

The first regular session of the Legislature, after its convening, ~~shall may not~~ adjourn ~~no~~ later than the 3rd Wednesday in June and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature ~~shall may not~~ adjourn ~~no~~ later than the 3rd Wednesday in April. The Legislature, in case of emergency, may by a the affirmative vote of ~~2/3~~ a majority of the members of each House present and voting, extend the date for adjournment for the first or 2nd regular session by no more than 5 legislative days, and in case of further emergency, may by a the affirmative vote of ~~2/3~~ a majority of the members of each House present and voting, further extend the date for adjournment by 5 additional legislative days. The times for adjournment for the first and 2nd regular sessions may also be extended for one additional legislative day for the purpose of considering possible objections of the Governor to any bill or resolution presented to the Governor by the Legislature under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 506
S.P. 664 - L.D. 1669**

**An Act to Establish the
Cannabis Advisory Council**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§2-J is enacted to read:

2-J.

<u>Cannabis</u>	<u>Cannabis</u>	<u>Expenses Only</u>	<u>28-B MRSA</u>
	<u>Advisory</u>		<u>§115</u>
	<u>Council</u>		

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2430, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 181, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Uses of the fund. The fund may be used for expenses of the department to administer this chapter, for reimbursement for expenses of the Cannabis Advisory Council established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 2-J or for research in accordance with subsection 5, as allocated by the Legislature.

Sec. 3. 28-B MRSA §115 is enacted to read:

§115. Cannabis Advisory Council

1. Appointment; composition. The Cannabis Advisory Council, referred to in this section as "the council" and established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 2-J, consists of 12 members who are appointed as follows:

A. Two members who are registrants under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, who are not also licensees under the Cannabis Legalization Act, of which at least one member is a registered caregiver who cultivates cannabis for medical use outdoors, appointed by the President of the Senate. In making the appointments under this paragraph, the President of the Senate shall consider up to 6 recommendations from associations representing the interests of registrants under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act;

B. Two members who are licensees under the Cannabis Legalization Act, who are not also registrants under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, of which at least one member has a cultivation facility license, appointed by the Speaker of the House. In making the appointments under this paragraph, the Speaker of the House shall consider up to 6 recommendations from associations representing the interests of the adult use cannabis industry;

C. Two members who are registrants and licensees under both the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act, of which at least one member has a manufacturing facility registration certificate or license, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. In making the appointments under this paragraph, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall consider up to 6 recommendations from associations representing the interests of the cannabis industry;

D. One public member who is not a registrant under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, a licensee under the Cannabis Legalization Act or a lobbyist or lobbyist associate as defined in Title 3, section 312-A, subsections 10 and 10-A, respectively, and who has knowledge of and interest in cannabis, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

E. Two members who are municipal officials in municipalities that have ordinances allowing for all registration types under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and all license types under the Cannabis Legalization Act, appointed by the director;

F. Two members who have a demonstrated knowledge of cannabis science, medicine or research and, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree, appointed by the director. The director shall make a reasonable effort to appoint a member who has at least 5 years of relevant experience; and

G. One member who is a public health professional, appointed by the director.

To the extent practicable, the membership of the council must reflect a geographic distribution across the State.

2. Cannabis business advocate. The cannabis business advocate established by Public Law 2023, chapter 683 serves as an ex officio nonvoting member of the council.

3. Purpose. The council shall make recommendations to the director and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters concerning:

A. How best to work with state agencies, municipal governments, the medical use cannabis industry and adult use cannabis industry and citizen groups to make improvements to and maintain the quality of the State's medical use cannabis industry and adult use cannabis industry; and

B. Matters of interest to the State's medical use cannabis industry and adult use cannabis industry, including, but not limited to, financial services, taxation, cannabis-related research and development, environmental and public health protection, cannabis policy in other states and federal legalization.

The council is responsible for bringing forward to the director and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters issues of concern to the cannabis industry and for assisting in the dissemination of information to members of the cannabis industry. The council may solicit and consider public comment during its meetings.

4. Terms. The term of a member appointed to the council is 3 years, except that a vacancy during an unexpired term must be filled in the same manner as for the original member for the unexpired portion of the member's term. A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

5. Chair and vice-chair. The council shall elect a member of the council as chair and a member as vice-chair at the first regular meeting of each year. The term of the chair and vice-chair is one year.

6. Meetings; staffing. The council shall meet at least 4 times a year and, to the extent practicable, at

more than one location throughout the State. It may also meet at other times at the call of the chair or the director. The office shall provide administrative and staff support for the council within existing resources.

7. Compensation. Council members are entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with Title 5, chapter 379, which is paid in equal proportions from the Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund established in section 1102 and the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund established in Title 22, section 2430.

Sec. 4. 28-B MRSA §1102, as amended by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §141, is further amended to read:

§1102. Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund

The Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a dedicated, nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account in the office. The fund is administered and used by the director for the purposes of adopting rules under this chapter and, for the purposes of implementing, administering and enforcing this chapter and for the purpose of paying the reimbursement for expenses of the Cannabis Advisory Council established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 2-J. The director may expend money in the fund to enter into contracts with consultants and employ staff, as determined necessary by the director, conduct meetings with stakeholders and conduct any other activities related to the implementation, administration and enforcement of this chapter.

Sec. 5. Cannabis Advisory Council; staggered terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-B, section 115, subsection 4, of the initial members appointed to the Cannabis Advisory Council pursuant to Title 28-B, section 115, subsection 1, the first appointments made pursuant to subsection 1, paragraphs A, B, E and F are for one-year terms; the 2nd appointments made pursuant to subsection 1, paragraphs A, B, E and F are for 2-year terms; and all other appointments are for 3-year terms. An initial term of one year may not be considered a full term for the purposes of limiting the number of terms for which a member may serve.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264

Initiative: Provides funding for reimbursement of expenses for Cannabis Advisory Council members.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,877	\$5,877

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$5,877	\$5,877
FUNDS TOTAL		

Medical Use of Cannabis Fund Z265

Initiative: Provides funding for reimbursement of expenses for Cannabis Advisory Council members.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,877	\$5,877

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$5,877	\$5,877
FUNDS TOTAL		

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2025-26	2026-27
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$11,754	\$11,754
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$11,754	\$11,754
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CHAPTER 507

H.P. 1112 - L.D. 1677

An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Prevention and Support Program

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§47-J is enacted to read:

47-J.

Human Services: Public Health	Healthy Brain Initiative Council	Not Authorized	22 MRSA §1700-H
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Sec. 2. 22 MRSA c. 279 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 279

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS PREVENTION AND SUPPORT PROGRAM

§1700-F. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Council. "Council" means the Healthy Brain Initiative Council established in section 1700-H.