

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 04 FY 10/11  
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**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE MAINE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT**

**WHEREAS**, it appears that on November 3, 2009 the citizens of Maine approved the Maine Medical Marijuana Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act specifies short timelines for implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous policy and procedural issues involving various interests and stakeholders that must be considered and resolved in order to effectively implement this law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order the creation of the Committee on the Implementation of the Maine Medical Marijuana Act.

**Purpose**

The Committee is created to perform the following functions:

- Review the implementation of similar laws in other states;
- Make recommendations on the implementation of the law in Maine, including recommendations for changes in the enacted law that are deemed necessary to ensure effective implementation and ongoing monitoring of the medical marijuana program, and protection of public health and safety; and
- Advise the Department of Health and Human Services in its development of proposed rules and fee schedules.

**Membership and Support**

The Committee shall consist of fourteen members, ten of whom are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services or her designee shall serve as chair.

The Committee Members appointed by the Governor shall include:

- A representative of the Department of Health and Human Services
- A representative of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation
- A representative of the Department of Public Safety
- A representative of the Attorney General's Office
- A representative of patients who would be qualifying patients under the direct initiative
- A representative of physicians
- A supporter of the Direct Initiative "An Act to Establish the Maine Medical Marijuana Act"
- A representative of the hospice movement in Maine
- Two members of the public

The President of the Senate may appoint two members of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House may appoint two members of the House of Representatives. Members appointed by the President of the Senate and by the Speaker of the House shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority.

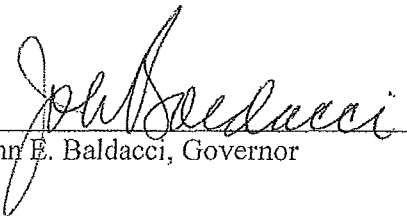
The Committee may call on representatives of other state agencies or organizations not represented on the Committee to provide limited information or to participate fully in the Committee when, in the Committee's discretion, that person has responsibilities or expertise in a particular area that would be helpful to the work of the Committee. Staff support to the Committee shall be provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and other state agencies as needed.

#### **Procedures**

The Committee shall meet at times and places called by the Chair, and shall complete its work and make its recommendations by December 31, 2009. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

#### **Effective Date**

The effective date of this Executive Order is November 6, 2009.

  
John E. Baldacci, Governor