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**131st Legislature (2022-2024)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 40 / SP0032

Original Title: An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws. New Title: An Act to Protect Liberty and Advance Justice in the Administration and Enforcement of the Cannabis Legalization Act and the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act. Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Public Hearing 03/04/24. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 04/17/24. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) S-709, SA/CA S-717. Carried Over: 07/26/23. Final Disposition: Enacted, Unsigned 05/01/24, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 679.

**Original Bill**

[LD 40 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

[LD 40 / PL 2023, c. 679](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0040.pdf)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(05/22/2023\)](#)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/04/2024\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/08/2024\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/13/2024\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/18/2024\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/20/2024\)](#)

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-709\) \(LD 40 2024\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-717\) \(LD 40 2024\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, January 4, 2023 \(H-24-44\)](#)

p. H-37

[SENATE, January 4, 2023 \(S-24-51\)](#)

p. S-36

[SENATE, July 25, 2023 \(S-1531-1592\)](#)

p. S-1586

[HOUSE, July 25, 2023 \(H-1153-1189\)](#)

p. H-1184

[SENATE, April 15, 2024 \(S-2347-2364\)](#)

p. S-2356 (Amendment(s) S-709)

[SENATE, April 16, 2024 \(S-2365-2384\)](#)

p. S-2383 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p2384)) (Amendment(s) S-709, S-717)

[HOUSE, April 17, 2024 \(H-1818-1852\)](#)

p. H-1827 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p1828)) (Amendment(s) S-709, S-717)

[HOUSE, April 17, 2024 \(H-1818-1852\)](#)

p. H-1832 (Amendment(s) S-717, S-709)

[SENATE, April 17, 2024 \(S-2385-2444\)](#)

p. S-2409 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p2410)) (Amendment(s) S-717, S-709)

[SENATE, April 17, 2024 \(S-2385-2444\)](#)

p. S-2431 (Remarks (in passing))

### **Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 2023, c. 679](#)

### **Reports and Other Related Documents**

[State of Maine Cannabis Hospitality Task Force. Report to the Maine Legislature Pursuant to Public Law 2023, c. 679 \(January 31, 2025\)](#)

### **News Articles**

Maine cannabis businesses, regulators split on bill (Hannah LaClaire) (Portland Press Herald, 3/5/2024, p. B1, B5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0040/PPH 240305E.pdf)

Committee endorses amended changes in industry regulations (Hannah LaClaire) (Portland Press Herald, 3/25/2024, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0040/PPH 240323C.pdf)

Retail cannabis law removes stigma and red tape (Hannah LaClaire) (Portland Press Herald, 5/1/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0040/PPH 240501B.pdf)

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