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LD 882 Resolve, To Direct the Office of Marijuana Policy To Convene Stakeholder Meetings Regarding the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 95 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through its office of marijuana policy, to convene meetings with stakeholders within the State's medical marijuana industry to study, review and evaluate any changes or updates that may be necessary to the State's medical use of marijuana program under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

LD 916 An Act To Protect Data Privacy and Security in Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 310 makes the following changes to the laws governing access to voter information from the central voter registration system.

1. It provides that a political party, an individual or an organization engaged in "get out the vote" or other efforts directly related to a campaign, a municipal, county, state or federal office holder and any person with whom the party, individual or organization shares voter information may not cause specifically identifiable information about a voter that was obtained from the central voter registration system to be made accessible to the general public, including by causing the information to be made available on the Internet.
2. It authorizes an individual or an organization that is evaluating the State's compliance with its voter list maintenance obligations under the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to obtain, for a fee, voter information from the central voter registration system. The individual or organization and any person with whom the individual or organization shares that information may not sell, transfer to another person or use the voter information for any purpose that is not directly related to evaluating the State's compliance with its voter list maintenance obligations and may not cause specifically identifiable information about a voter to be made accessible to the general public, including by causing the information to be made available on the Internet.
3. It prohibits any individual or organization that accesses or obtains voter information from the central voter registration system from using that information or any part of that information to engage in discrimination on the basis of physical or mental disability, race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, ancestry or national origin.
4. It provides that a person who violates any of the restrictions on the use and dissemination of voter information from the central voter registration system commits a civil violation, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first violation and up to \$5,000 for a second or

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subsequent violation. A separate fine may be imposed for each voter's information that is made available on the Internet.

LD 939 An Act To Support Maine's Medical Marijuana Program and Ensure Patient Access

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 367 makes the following changes to the laws governing the use of medical marijuana.

1. It allows caregivers to employ assistants who are 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age if they are also a member of the family of the caregiver and clarifies that assistants hired by caregivers, registered dispensaries, marijuana testing facilities and manufacturing facilities must otherwise be 21 years of age or older.
2. It allows registered caregivers and dispensaries to transfer to and accept from another registered caregiver or a dispensary an unlimited amount of their marijuana plants and harvested marijuana in a wholesale transaction.
3. It allows caregivers to accept a digital image of a written certification for the purposes of initiating a transaction for harvested marijuana and requires the caregiver to verify the written certification in person before transferring any harvested marijuana to the qualifying patient.
4. It allows registration identification cards and criminal history record checks to be valid for one year regardless of employment status.
5. It removes the provision allowing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adopt rules allowing advertising or marketing using location-based services if the marketing is a mobile device application installed on a device by the owner of the device who is 21 years of age or older if it includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature. It provides instead that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may adopt rules allowing advertising or marketing using location-based services if such marketing includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature and the owner of the device is 21 years of age or older.
6. It changes the period of time registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, marijuana testing facilities and manufacturing facilities must keep records from seven years to four years.