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### 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.

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