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to 1,000 square feet of immature plant canopy and unlimited seedlings but provides that a caregiver must cultivate mature marijuana plants and immature marijuana plants both by plant count or both by plant canopy.

11. Subject to specified requirements, it authorizes medical providers to provide a qualifying patient with a digital image of the patient's written certification for the medical use of marijuana, which may be used in place of a written certification document.
12. It clarifies that a caregiver may transfer immature marijuana plants, seedlings, seeds and harvested marijuana to a qualifying patient, another caregiver or a registered dispensary for reasonable compensation or for no remuneration.

LD 1930 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 143 provides legislative approval of portions of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule, a major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of marijuana policy.

Resolve 2021, chapter 143 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 7, 2022.

LD 1957 An Act To Promote Equity and Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Reducing Restrictions Related to Convictions for Drug Offenses and To Replace the Term "Marijuana" with the Term "Cannabis" in the Maine Revised Statutes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 669 does the following.

1. It amends the prohibitions on participation in the cannabis industry under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and the Marijuana Legalization Act for persons convicted of drug offenses by reducing from 10 years to 5 years the time that must elapse after any term of probation, incarceration or supervised release is completed in order for the relevant offense to no longer be considered a disqualifying drug offense.
2. It exempts from the definition of "disqualifying drug offense" in both of those Acts an offense for activity that would have been allowed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-B.
3. It directs by a revision clause that the term "marijuana" be replaced with the term "cannabis" in the Maine Revised Statutes except in the Maine Criminal Code and adjusts language in certain sections of Title 17-A and Title 22 to be consistent with that change.

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4. It provides that when adopting or amending rules and developing or publishing forms, policies and publications, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' office of marijuana policy and the Department of Health and Human Services must replace references to "marijuana" with references to "cannabis."

LD 1980 An Act To Allow Internet Payment for Tickets and Chances for Raffles Held by Nonprofit Organizations and Other Eligible Organizations and To Require the Gambling Control Unit To Adopt Certain Rules

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 636 does the following.

1. It establishes that an eligible organization may conduct a raffle that is not an Internet raffle by using a payment management system to accept the purchase of a raffle ticket or chance over the Internet.
2. It establishes conditions for an eligible organization using a payment management system to accept the purchase of a raffle ticket or chance over the Internet.
3. It establishes requirements for the approval of a payment management system by the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety.
4. It establishes that a payment management system approved by the executive director may permit the use of a debit card or other payment method that the eligible organization uses to accept membership dues from out-of-state members and may allow a member of the eligible organization to request that payment for a raffle ticket or chance be made using the member's funds already within the possession of the eligible organization.
5. It requires the executive director to provide an eligible organization using a payment management system with a guidance document that summarizes any information the executive director determines necessary to assist the eligible organization in complying with the requirements regarding payment management systems.
6. It establishes record-keeping and reporting requirements for an eligible organization that uses a payment management system to conduct a raffle.
7. It requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to adopt certain rules by September 30, 2022, after a public hearing and the opportunity for written comment.

Public Law 2021, chapter 636 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 20, 2022.