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LD 1488 An Act Regarding Adult Use Cannabis Testing

Public Law 2025, chapter 764 provides that the use of cannabis concentrate in the creation of an edible cannabis product is not considered further processing, manufacturing or alteration for the purpose of additional testing, except for testing for tetrahydrocannabinol potency, homogeneity and cannabinoid profiles to ensure correct labeling.

Public Law 2025, chapter 764 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 19, 2026.

LD 1609 An Act Regarding Background Checks for Medical Cannabis Providers

Public Law 2025, chapter 611 requires any person applying for or renewing a registry identification card or registration certificate under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, except for assistants, to submit to a criminal history record check. If a person applying for or renewing a registry identification card or registration certificate is a business entity, every officer or director of the business entity is also required to submit to a criminal history record check.

LD 1640 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission

Public Law 2025, chapter 763 establishes the Base Gagetown Training Registry within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services to collect and maintain data related to military service and health conditions from individuals who voluntarily provide such data and who have trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada.

Public Law 2025, chapter 763 also reestablishes the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and allows the study commission to request information it determines necessary to complete the study of the effects of exposure to harmful chemicals on individuals who trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada as a member of the United States Armed Forces, as a member of the reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or as a member of the National Guard of any state from the United States Department of Defense and other federal agencies. The commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans' affairs no later than November 4, 2026. The committee may report out a bill based on the recommendations to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1669 An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council

Public Law 2025, chapter 506 establishes the Cannabis Advisory Council to make recommendations to the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters concerning how best to work with state agencies, municipal

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governments, the medical use cannabis industry and adult use cannabis industry and citizen groups to make improvements to and maintain the quality of the State’s medical use cannabis industry and adult use cannabis industry and to make recommendations concerning matters of interest to the State’s medical use cannabis industry and adult use cannabis industry, including, but not limited to, financial services, taxation, cannabis-related research and development, environmental and public health protection, cannabis policy in other states and federal legalization. The council is responsible for bringing forward to the director and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters issues of concern to the cannabis industry and for assisting in the dissemination of information to members of the cannabis industry. The council may solicit and consider public comment during its meetings.

The office must provide administrative and staff support for the council within existing resources and the council shall meet at least four times a year and, to the extent practicable, at more than one location throughout the State.

The council consists of 12 members appointed by either the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate or the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy. In making certain appointments, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall consider up to six recommendations from associations representing the interests of the medical use cannabis industry or adult use cannabis industry. A members’ term is three years, and a member may not serve more than two consecutive terms. To the extent practicable, the membership of the council must reflect a geographic distribution across the State. The cannabis business advocate serves as an ex officio nonvoting member of the council.

Public Law 2025, chapter 506 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 506 became law without the Governor’s signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1840 An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act

Public Law 2025, chapter 512 makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

1. It provides that a caregiver is authorized to sell, offer to sell, furnish or transport cannabis plants or harvested cannabis on property or premises owned, leased or rented, subject to the terms of any lease or rental agreement, by the caregiver; at trade shows or other industry-related events regarding cannabis for medical use; or through delivery to or private arrangement with a qualifying patient or registrant as long as the delivery or private arrangement occurs on property or at premises owned, leased or rented by the caregiver, subject to the terms of any lease or rental agreement, by the caregiver, qualifying patient or registrant or on public property that is not designated as a safe zone by a municipality or in any other public space where the sale, furnishing or transport of cannabis plants or harvested cannabis is prohibited by law.