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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.

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2. It provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in its annual report to the Legislature regarding the medical use of cannabis, must include information regarding the gross sales of cannabis for medical use for the current and prior fiscal years.
3. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy, on or before January 9, 2026, to provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review major substantive rules necessary to implement the medical cannabis research grant program in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430, subsection 5.
4. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy to, as expeditiously as possible, make available on the office's publicly accessible website all registration and renewal forms in their entirety as a portable document file or similar file format that does not require the use of independent software, hardware or operating systems. It also directs the office to make those forms available at the office on paper.

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Public Law 2025, chapter 512 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to amend the date by which the office must provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review rules necessary to implement a medical cannabis research grant program to on or before January 8, 2027, instead of on or before January 9, 2026.

**LD 1897 An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries**

Public Law 2025, chapter 514 makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act.

1. It defines "outdoor cultivation area" under the medical use of cannabis provisions and "outdoor cultivation" and "indoor cultivation" under the adult use cannabis provisions.
2. It increases the number of cannabis plants and expands the area of canopy of cannabis plants that a medical use caregiver who cultivates mature cannabis plants only in an outdoor cultivation area and who registers based on plant count or canopy may cultivate and it establishes a registration fee for such caregivers.
3. It removes the provision of law under the medical use of cannabis provisions that authorize an elected official invited by a caregiver for the purpose of providing education to the elected official on cultivation to access a cultivation area and provides instead that any person under the direct supervision of the caregiver may access a cultivation area.