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- AN ACT** concerning the regulation and use of cannabis, and  
amending and supplementing various parts of the statutory law.
- BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
of New Jersey:*
1. (New section) This act shall be known and may be cited as  
the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
Marketplace Modernization Act.”
2. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:
- a. It is the intent of the people of New Jersey to adopt a new  
approach to our marijuana policies by controlling and legalizing a  
<sup>2</sup>form of<sup>2</sup> marijuana <sup>2</sup>**【product】<sup>2</sup>**, to be referred to as cannabis, in a  
similar fashion to the regulation of alcohol for adults;

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.  
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:  
<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted November 19, 2020.  
<sup>2</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted December 14, 2020.

1 b. It is the intent of the people of New Jersey that the  
2 provisions of this act will prevent the sale or distribution of  
3 cannabis to persons under 21 years of age;

4 c. This act is designed to eliminate the problems caused by the  
5 unregulated <sup>2</sup>~~【manufacture】~~ manufacturing<sup>2</sup>, distribution, and use  
6 of illegal marijuana within New Jersey;

7 d. This act will divert funds from marijuana sales from going to  
8 illegal enterprises, gangs, and cartels;

9 e. Black New Jerseyans are nearly three times more likely to be  
10 arrested for marijuana possession than white New Jerseyans, despite  
11 similar usage rates;

12 f. New Jersey spends approximately \$127 million per year on  
13 marijuana possession enforcement costs;

14 g. Controlling and legalizing cannabis for adults <sup>2</sup>~~【like】~~ in a  
15 similar fashion to<sup>2</sup> alcohol will free up precious resources to allow  
16 our criminal justice system to focus on serious <sup>2</sup>~~【crime】~~ criminal  
17 activities<sup>2</sup> and public safety issues;

18 h. Controlling and legalizing cannabis for adults <sup>2</sup>~~【like】~~ in a  
19 similar fashion to<sup>2</sup> alcohol will strike a blow at the illegal  
20 enterprises that profit from New Jersey's current, unregulated  
21 illegal marijuana market;

22 i. New Jersey must strengthen <sup>2</sup>~~【our】~~ its<sup>2</sup> support for  
23 evidence-based, drug <sup>2</sup>use<sup>2</sup> prevention programs that work to  
24 educate New Jerseyans, particularly young New Jerseyans, about  
25 the harms of drug abuse;

26 j. New Jersey must enhance State-supported programming that  
27 provides appropriate, evidence-based treatment for those who suffer  
28 from the illness of drug addiction;

29 k. Controlling and regulating the <sup>2</sup>~~【manufacture】~~  
30 manufacturing<sup>2</sup>, distribution, and <sup>2</sup>~~【sale】~~ sales<sup>2</sup> of cannabis will  
31 strengthen our ability to keep it <sup>2</sup>~~【and】~~ along with<sup>2</sup> illegal  
32 marijuana away from minors;

33 l. A controlled system of cannabis manufacturing, distribution,  
34 and <sup>2</sup>~~【sale】~~ sales<sup>2</sup> must be designed in a way that enhances public  
35 health and minimizes harms to New Jersey communities and  
36 families;

37 m. The <sup>2</sup>~~【regulated】~~ legalized<sup>2</sup> cannabis <sup>2</sup>~~【system】~~  
38 marketplace<sup>2</sup> in New Jersey must be regulated so as to prevent  
39 persons younger than 21 years of age from accessing or purchasing  
40 cannabis;

41 n. A marijuana arrest in New Jersey can have a debilitating  
42 impact on a person's future, including consequences for one's job  
43 prospects, housing access, financial health, familial integrity,  
44 immigration status, and educational opportunities; and

45 o. New Jersey cannot afford to sacrifice public safety and  
46 <sup>2</sup>individuals'<sup>2</sup> civil rights by continuing its ineffective and wasteful  
47 past marijuana enforcement policies.

1        3. (New section) Definitions.

2        As used in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
3 as this bill) regarding the personal use of cannabis, unless the  
4 context otherwise requires:

5        “Alternative treatment center” means an organization issued a  
6 permit pursuant to the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical  
7 Cannabis Act,” P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) to operate as a  
8 medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
9 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant, as well as any  
10 alternative treatment center deemed pursuant to section 7 of that act  
11 (C.24:6I-7) to concurrently hold a medical cannabis cultivator  
12 permit, a medical cannabis manufacturer permit, and a medical  
13 cannabis dispensary permit.

14        “Cannabis” means all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L.,  
15 whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, and every compound,  
16 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant or  
17 its seeds, except those containing resin extracted from the plant,  
18 which are cultivated and, when applicable, <sup>1</sup>**[processed]**  
19 manufactured<sup>1</sup> in accordance with P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
20 before the Legislature as this bill) for use in cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[items]**  
21 products<sup>1</sup> as set forth in this act, but shall not include the weight of  
22 any other ingredient combined with cannabis to prepare topical or  
23 oral administrations, food, drink, or other product. “Cannabis” does  
24 not include: medical cannabis dispensed to registered qualifying  
25 patients pursuant to the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical  
26 Cannabis Act,” P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and P.L.2015,  
27 c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.); marijuana as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-  
28 2 and applied to any offense <sup>1</sup>**[or civil violation]**<sup>1</sup> set forth in  
29 chapters 35, 35A, and 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes, or  
30 P.L.2001, c.114 (C.2C:35B-1 et seq.), or marihuana as defined in  
31 section 2 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-2) and applied to any offense  
32 set forth in the “New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act,”  
33 P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-1 et al.); or hemp or a hemp product  
34 cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the  
35 “New Jersey Hemp Farming Act,” P.L.2019, c.238 (C.4:28-6 et al.).

36        “Cannabis consumption area” means, as further described in  
37 section 28 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-21), a designated location  
38 operated by a licensed cannabis retailer or permit holder for  
39 dispensing medical cannabis, for which both a State and local  
40 endorsement has been obtained, that is either: (1) an indoor,  
41 structurally enclosed area of the cannabis retailer or permit holder  
42 that is separate from the area in which retail sales of cannabis items  
43 or the dispensing of medical cannabis occurs; or (2) an exterior  
44 structure on the same premises as the cannabis retailer or permit  
45 holder, either separate from or connected to the cannabis retailer or  
46 permit holder, at which cannabis items or medical cannabis either  
47 obtained from the retailer or permit holder, or brought by a person  
48 to the consumption area, may be consumed.

1 <sup>1</sup>“Cannabis cultivator” means any licensed person or entity that  
2 grows, cultivates, or produces cannabis in this State, and sells, and  
3 may transport, this cannabis to other cannabis cultivators, or usable  
4 cannabis to cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, or  
5 cannabis retailers, but not to consumers. This person or entity shall  
6 hold a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license.<sup>1</sup>

7 “Cannabis delivery service” means any licensed person or entity  
8 that provides courier services for <sup>1</sup>consumer purchases of cannabis  
9 items and related supplies fulfilled by<sup>1</sup> a cannabis retailer in order  
10 to make deliveries of <sup>1</sup>the<sup>1</sup> cannabis items and related supplies to  
11 <sup>1</sup>[a] that<sup>1</sup> consumer <sup>1</sup>, and which services include the ability of a  
12 consumer to purchase the cannabis items directly through the  
13 cannabis delivery service, which after presenting the purchase order  
14 to the cannabis retailer for fulfillment, is delivered to that  
15 consumer<sup>1</sup>. This person or entity shall hold a Class 6 Cannabis  
16 Delivery license.

17 “Cannabis distributor” means any licensed person or entity that  
18 transports <sup>1</sup>cannabis in bulk intrastate from one licensed cannabis  
19 cultivator to another licensed cannabis cultivator, or transports<sup>1</sup>  
20 cannabis items in bulk intrastate <sup>1</sup>[,]<sup>1</sup> from <sup>1</sup>any<sup>1</sup> one <sup>1</sup>class of<sup>1</sup>  
21 licensed cannabis establishment to another <sup>1</sup>class of<sup>1</sup> licensed  
22 cannabis establishment, and may engage in the temporary storage of  
23 <sup>1</sup>cannabis or<sup>1</sup> cannabis items as necessary to carry out  
24 transportation activities. This person or entity shall hold a Class 4  
25 Cannabis Distributor license.

26 “Cannabis establishment” means a cannabis <sup>1</sup>[grower]  
27 cultivator<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>[also referred to as a cannabis cultivation facility]<sup>1</sup>, a  
28 cannabis <sup>1</sup>[processor] manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>[also referred to as a  
29 cannabis product manufacturing facility]<sup>1</sup>, a cannabis wholesaler,  
30 or a cannabis retailer.

31 “Cannabis extract” means a substance obtained by separating  
32 resins from cannabis by: (1) a chemical extraction process using a  
33 hydrocarbon-based solvent, such as butane, hexane, or propane; (2)  
34 a chemical extraction process using the hydrocarbon-based solvent  
35 carbon dioxide, if the process uses high heat or pressure; or (3) any  
36 other process identified by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission by  
37 rule <sup>2</sup>or regulation<sup>2</sup>.

38 “Cannabis flower” means the flower of the plant Cannabis sativa  
39 L. within the plant family Cannabaceae.

40 <sup>1</sup>“Cannabis grower” means any licensed person or entity that  
41 grows, cultivates, or produces cannabis in this State, and sells, and  
42 may transport, this cannabis to other cannabis growers, cannabis  
43 processors, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis retailers, but not to  
44 consumers. This person or entity shall hold a Class 1 Cannabis  
45 Grower license. A cannabis grower may also be referred to as a  
46 "cannabis cultivation facility."<sup>1</sup>

1 “Cannabis item” means any <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis, <sup>1</sup>**【cannabis**  
2 **resin】**<sup>1</sup>, cannabis product, <sup>1</sup>**【and】**<sup>1</sup> cannabis extract <sup>1</sup>, and any other  
3 cannabis resin<sup>1</sup>. “Cannabis item” does not include: any form of  
4 medical cannabis dispensed to registered qualifying patients  
5 pursuant to the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis  
6 Act,” P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and P.L.2015, c.158  
7 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.); or hemp or a hemp product cultivated,  
8 handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the “New  
9 Jersey Hemp Farming Act,” P.L.2019, c.238 (C.4:28-6 et al.).

10 “Cannabis leaf” means the leaf of the plant Cannabis sativa L.  
11 within the plant family Cannabaceae.

12 <sup>1</sup>“Cannabis manufacturer” means any licensed person or entity  
13 that processes cannabis items in this State by purchasing or  
14 otherwise obtaining usable cannabis, manufacturing, preparing, and  
15 packaging cannabis items, and selling, and optionally transporting,  
16 these items to other cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers,  
17 or cannabis retailers, but not to consumers. This person or entity  
18 shall hold a Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license.”<sup>1</sup>

19 “Cannabis paraphernalia” means any equipment, products, or  
20 materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed  
21 for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting,  
22 composting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing,  
23 processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging,  
24 storing, vaporizing, or containing cannabis, or for ingesting,  
25 inhaling, or otherwise introducing a cannabis item into the human  
26 body. “Cannabis paraphernalia” does not include drug  
27 paraphernalia as defined in N.J.S.2C:36-1 and which is used or  
28 intended for use to commit a violation of chapter 35 <sup>2</sup>or 36<sup>2</sup> of Title  
29 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

30 <sup>1</sup>**【“Cannabis processor” means any licensed person or entity that**  
31 **processes cannabis items in this State by purchasing or otherwise**  
32 **obtaining cannabis, manufacturing, preparing, and packaging**  
33 **cannabis items, and selling, and optionally transporting, these items**  
34 **to other cannabis processors, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis**  
35 **retailers, but not to consumers. This person or entity shall hold a**  
36 **Class 2 Cannabis Processor license. A cannabis processor may also**  
37 **be referred to as a “cannabis product manufacturing facility.”】**<sup>1</sup>

38 “Cannabis product” means a product containing <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup>  
39 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【or】**<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【extracts】** extract, or any other  
40 cannabis resin<sup>1</sup> and other ingredients intended for human  
41 consumption or use, including a product intended to be applied to  
42 the skin or hair, edible <sup>1</sup>cannabis<sup>1</sup> products, ointments, and  
43 tinctures. <sup>1</sup>“Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【products do】** product” does<sup>1</sup> not include:  
44 (1) <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis by itself; or (2) cannabis extract by itself <sup>1</sup>; or  
45 (3) any other cannabis resin by itself<sup>1</sup> .

46 “Cannabis resin” means the resin extracted from any part of the  
47 plant Cannabis sativa L. <sup>1</sup>**【and any compound, manufacture, salt,**

1 derivative, mixture, or preparation of such resin**】**, including  
 2 cannabis extract and resin extracted using non-chemical processes<sup>1</sup>,  
 3 processed and used in accordance with P.L. , c. (C. )  
 4 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). “Cannabis resin” does  
 5 not include: any form of medical cannabis dispensed to registered  
 6 qualifying patients pursuant to the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use  
 7 Medical Cannabis Act,” P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and  
 8 P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.); hashish as defined in  
 9 N.J.S.2C:35-2 and applied to any offense <sup>2</sup>**【or civil violation】**<sup>2</sup> set  
 10 forth in chapters 35, 35A, and 36 of Title 2C of the New Jersey  
 11 Statutes, or P.L.2001, c.114 (C.2C:35B-1 et seq.), or as defined in  
 12 section 2 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-2) and applied to any offense  
 13 of the “New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act,”  
 14 P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-1 et al.); or hemp or a hemp product  
 15 cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the  
 16 “New Jersey Hemp Farming Act,” P.L.2019, c.238 (C.4:28-6 et al.).

17 “Cannabis retailer” means any licensed person or entity that  
 18 purchases or otherwise obtains <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis from cannabis  
 19 <sup>1</sup>**【growers】** cultivators<sup>1</sup> and cannabis items from cannabis  
 20 <sup>1</sup>**【processors】** manufacturers<sup>1</sup> or cannabis wholesalers, and sells  
 21 these to consumers from a retail store, and may use a cannabis  
 22 delivery service or a certified cannabis handler for the off-premises  
 23 delivery of cannabis items and related supplies to consumers. <sup>1</sup>A  
 24 cannabis retailer shall also accept consumer purchases to be  
 25 fulfilled from its retail store that are presented by a cannabis  
 26 delivery service which will be delivered by the cannabis delivery  
 27 service to that consumer.<sup>1</sup> This person or entity shall hold a Class 5  
 28 Cannabis Retailer license.

29 “Cannabis testing facility” means an independent, third-party  
 30 entity meeting accreditation requirements established by the  
 31 Cannabis Regulatory Commission that is licensed to analyze and  
 32 certify cannabis items and medical cannabis for compliance with  
 33 applicable health, safety, and potency standards.

34 “Cannabis wholesaler” means any licensed person or entity that  
 35 purchases or otherwise obtains, stores, sells or otherwise transfers,  
 36 and may transport, cannabis items for the purpose of resale or other  
 37 transfer to either <sup>1</sup>**【to】**<sup>1</sup> another cannabis wholesaler or to a  
 38 cannabis retailer, but not to consumers. This person or entity shall  
 39 hold a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license.

40 “Commission” means the Cannabis Regulatory Commission  
 41 established pursuant to section 31 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-24).

42 “Conditional license” means a temporary license designated as  
 43 either a Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【Grower】** Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license, a Class 2  
 44 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【Processor】** Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license, a Class 3 Cannabis  
 45 Wholesaler license, a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license, a Class  
 46 5 Cannabis Retailer license, or a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license  
 47 that allows the holder to lawfully act as a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【grower】**

1 cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis  
2 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis  
3 delivery service as the case may be, which is issued pursuant to an  
4 abbreviated application process, after which the conditional license  
5 holder shall have a limited period of time in which to become fully  
6 licensed by satisfying all of the remaining conditions for licensure  
7 which were not required for the issuance of the conditional license.

8 “Consumer” means a person 21 years of age or older who  
9 purchases, <sup>1</sup>directly or through a cannabis delivery service,<sup>1</sup>  
10 acquires, owns, holds, or uses cannabis items for personal use by a  
11 person 21 years of age or older, but not for resale to others.

12 “Consumption” means the act of ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise  
13 introducing cannabis items into the human body.

14 “Delivery” means the transportation of cannabis items and  
15 related supplies to a consumer. “Delivery” also includes the use by  
16 a licensed cannabis retailer of any third party technology platform  
17 to receive, process, and fulfill orders by consumers, <sup>2</sup>which third  
18 party shall not be required to be a licensed cannabis establishment,  
19 distributor, or delivery service,<sup>2</sup> provided that any physical acts in  
20 connection with <sup>2</sup>**[filling]** fulfilling<sup>2</sup> the order and delivery shall be  
21 accomplished by a certified cannabis handler performing work for  
22 or on behalf of the licensed cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>, which includes a  
23 certified cannabis handler employed or otherwise working on behalf  
24 of a cannabis delivery service making off-premises deliveries of  
25 consumer purchases fulfilled by that cannabis retailer<sup>1</sup> .

26 “Department” means the Department of Health.

27 “Director” means the Director of the Office of Minority,  
28 Disabled Veterans, and Women Cannabis Business Development in  
29 the Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

30 “Executive director” means the executive director of the  
31 Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

32 “Financial consideration” means value that is given or received  
33 either directly or indirectly through sales, barter, trade, fees,  
34 charges, dues, contributions, or donations.

35 “Immature cannabis plant” means a cannabis plant that is not  
36 flowering.

37 “Impact zone” means any municipality, based on past criminal  
38 marijuana enterprises contributing to higher concentrations of law  
39 enforcement activity, unemployment, and poverty <sup>2</sup>, or any  
40 combination thereof,<sup>2</sup> within parts of or throughout the  
41 municipality, that:

42 (1) has a population of 120,000 or more according to the most  
43 recently compiled federal decennial census as of the effective date  
44 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);  
45 <sup>2</sup>**[or]**<sup>2</sup>

46 (2) <sup>1</sup>based upon data for calendar year 2019,<sup>1</sup> ranks in the top 40  
47 percent of municipalities in the State for marijuana- or hashish-

related arrests for violation of paragraph (4) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10 <sup>1</sup>in the calendar year next preceding the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)<sup>1</sup>; has a crime index total of 825 or higher based upon the indexes listed in the <sup>1</sup>most recently issued<sup>1</sup> annual Uniform Crime Report by the Division of State Police <sup>1</sup>as of that effective date<sup>1</sup>; and has a local average annual unemployment rate that ranks in the top 15 percent of all municipalities <sup>1</sup>for the calendar year next preceding that effective date<sup>1</sup>, based upon average annual unemployment rates estimated for the relevant calendar year by the Office of Research and Information in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development <sup>2</sup>;

(3) is a municipality located in a county of the third class, based upon the county's population according to the most recently compiled federal decennial census as of the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), that meets all of the criteria set forth in paragraph (2) other than having a crime index total of 825 or higher; or

(4) is a municipality located in a county of the second class, based upon the county's population according to the most recently compiled federal decennial census as of the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

(a) with a population of less than 60,000 according to the most recently compiled federal decennial census, that for calendar year 2019 ranks in the top 40 percent of municipalities in the State for marijuana- or hashish-related arrests for violation of paragraph (4) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10; has a crime index total of 1,000 or higher based upon the indexes listed in the 2019 annual Uniform Crime Report by the Division of State Police; but for calendar year 2019 does not have a local average annual unemployment rate that ranks in the top 15 percent of all municipalities, based upon average annual unemployment rates estimated for the relevant calendar year by the Office of Research and Information in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; or

(b) with a population of not less than 60,000 or more than 80,000 according to the most recently compiled federal decennial census; has a crime index total of 650 or higher based upon the indexes listed in the 2019 annual Uniform Crime Report; and for calendar year 2019 has a local average annual unemployment rate of 3.0 percent or higher using the same estimated annual unemployment rates<sup>2</sup>.

“License” means a license issued under P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), including a license that is designated as either a Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>Grower<sup>1</sup> Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license, a Class 2 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>Processor<sup>1</sup> Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license, a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license, a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license, a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license, or a Class 6



1 Cannabis Delivery license. The term includes a conditional license  
 2 for a designated class, except when the context of the provisions of  
 3 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
 4 otherwise intend to only apply to a license and not a conditional  
 5 license.

6 “Licensee” means a person or entity that holds a license issued  
 7 under P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
 8 bill), including a license that is designated as either a Class 1  
 9 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**Grower** Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license, a Class 2 Cannabis  
 10 <sup>1</sup>**Processor** Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license, a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler  
 11 license, a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license, a Class 5 Cannabis  
 12 Retailer license, or a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license, and  
 13 includes a person or entity that holds a conditional license for a  
 14 designated class, except when the context of the provisions of  
 15 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
 16 otherwise intend to only apply to a person or entity that holds a  
 17 license and not a conditional license.

18 “Licensee representative” means an owner, director, officer,  
 19 manager, employee, agent, or other representative of a licensee, to  
 20 the extent that the person acts in a representative capacity.

21 <sup>1</sup>“Manufacture” means the drying, processing, compounding, or  
 22 conversion of usable cannabis into cannabis products or cannabis  
 23 resins. “Manufacture” does not include packaging or labeling.<sup>1</sup>

24 “Mature cannabis plant” means a cannabis plant that is not an  
 25 immature cannabis plant.

26 “Medical cannabis” means cannabis dispensed to registered  
 27 qualifying patients pursuant to the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use  
 28 Medical Cannabis Act,” P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and  
 29 P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.). “Medical cannabis” does  
 30 not include any <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> cannabis item which is cultivated,  
 31 produced, processed, and consumed in accordance with P.L. ,  
 32 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

33 “Microbusiness” means a person or entity licensed <sup>2</sup>**by the**  
 34 **Cannabis Regulatory Commission** under P.L. , c. (C. )  
 35 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)<sup>2</sup> as a cannabis  
 36 <sup>1</sup>**grower** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>,  
 37 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or  
 38 cannabis delivery service that may only, with respect to its business  
 39 operations, and capacity and quantity of product: (1) employ no  
 40 more than 10 employees; (2) operate a cannabis establishment  
 41 occupying an area of no more than 2,500 square feet, and in the  
 42 case of a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**grower** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, grow cannabis on an area  
 43 no more than 2,500 square feet measured on a horizontal plane and  
 44 grow above that plane not higher than 24 feet; (3) possess no more  
 45 than 1,000 cannabis plants each month, except that a cannabis  
 46 distributor’s possession of cannabis plants for transportation shall  
 47 not be subject to this limit; (4) acquire <sup>2</sup>**and process**<sup>2</sup> each month,

1 in the case of a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, no more than  
2 1,000 pounds of <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**in dried form**<sup>1</sup>; (5) acquire  
3 for resale each month, in the case of a cannabis wholesaler, no more  
4 than 1,000 pounds of <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**in dried form**<sup>1</sup>, or the  
5 equivalent amount in any <sup>1</sup>**other**<sup>1</sup> form <sup>1</sup>of manufactured cannabis  
6 product or cannabis resin<sup>1</sup>, or any combination thereof; and (6)  
7 acquire for retail sale each month, in the case of a cannabis retailer,  
8 no more than 1,000 pounds of <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**in dried form**<sup>1</sup>,  
9 or the equivalent amount in any <sup>1</sup>**other**<sup>1</sup> form <sup>1</sup>of manufactured  
10 cannabis product or cannabis resin<sup>1</sup>, or any combination thereof.

11 “Noncommercial” means not dependent or conditioned upon the  
12 provision or receipt of financial consideration.

13 “Premises” or “licensed premises” includes the following areas  
14 of a location licensed under P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
15 the Legislature as this bill): all public and private enclosed areas at  
16 the location that are used in the business operated at the location,  
17 including offices, kitchens, rest rooms, and storerooms; all areas  
18 outside a building that the Cannabis Regulatory Commission has  
19 specifically licensed for the production, <sup>1</sup>**processing**  
20 manufacturing<sup>1</sup>, wholesaling, distributing, retail sale, or delivery of  
21 cannabis items; and, for a location that the commission has  
22 specifically licensed for the production of cannabis outside a  
23 building, the entire lot or parcel that the licensee owns, leases, or  
24 has a right to occupy.

25 <sup>1</sup>**“Process”** means the processing, compounding, or conversion  
26 of cannabis into cannabis products or cannabis extracts. “Process”  
27 does not include packaging or labeling.<sup>1</sup>

28 “Produce” means the <sup>1</sup>**manufacture**,<sup>1</sup> planting, cultivation,  
29 growing or harvesting of cannabis. “Produce” does not include the  
30 drying of cannabis by a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, if the  
31 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> is not otherwise <sup>1</sup>**producing**  
32 manufacturing<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**in**<sup>1</sup>; or the cultivation and growing of an  
33 immature cannabis plant by a cannabis processor, cannabis  
34 wholesaler, or cannabis retailer if the cannabis processor, cannabis  
35 wholesaler, or cannabis retailer purchased or otherwise received the  
36 plant from a licensed cannabis grower<sup>1</sup>.

37 “Public place” means any place to which the public has access  
38 that is not privately owned; or any place to which the public has  
39 access where alcohol consumption is not allowed, including, but not  
40 limited to, a public street, road, thoroughfare, sidewalk, bridge,  
41 alley, plaza, park, playground, swimming pool, shopping area,  
42 public transportation facility, vehicle used for public transportation,  
43 parking lot, public library, or any other public building, structure, or  
44 area.

45 “Radio” means a system for transmitting sound without visual  
46 images, and includes broadcast, cable, on-demand, satellite, or

1 Internet programming. “Radio” includes any audio programming  
2 downloaded or streamed via the Internet.

3 “Significantly involved person” means a person or entity who  
4 holds at least a five percent investment interest in a proposed or  
5 licensed cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower] cultivator**<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]**  
6 **manufacturer**<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, <sup>1</sup>**[or]**<sup>1</sup>  
7 cannabis retailer, <sup>1</sup>or cannabis delivery service,<sup>1</sup> or who is a  
8 decision making member of a group that holds at least a 20 percent  
9 investment interest in a proposed or licensed cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]**  
10 **cultivator**<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** **manufacturer**<sup>1</sup>, cannabis  
11 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, <sup>1</sup>**[or]**<sup>1</sup> cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>, or  
12 cannabis delivery service,<sup>1</sup> in which no member of that group holds  
13 more than a five percent interest in the total group investment  
14 interest, and the person or entity makes controlling decisions  
15 regarding the proposed or licensed cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower] cultivator**<sup>1</sup>,  
16 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** **manufacturer**<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler,  
17 cannabis distributor, <sup>1</sup>**[or]**<sup>1</sup> cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>, or cannabis delivery  
18 service<sup>1</sup> operations.

19 “Television” means a system for transmitting visual images and  
20 sound that are reproduced on screens, and includes broadcast, cable,  
21 on-demand, satellite, or Internet programming. “Television”  
22 includes any video programming downloaded or streamed via the  
23 Internet.

24 “THC” means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol <sup>1</sup>and its precursor,  
25 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid<sup>1</sup>, the main psychoactive <sup>1</sup>**[chemical]**  
26 **chemicals**<sup>1</sup> contained in the cannabis plant.

27 <sup>1</sup>“Usable cannabis” means the dried leaves and flowers of the  
28 female plant Cannabis sativa L., and does not include the seedlings,  
29 seeds, stems, stalks, or roots of the plant.<sup>1</sup>

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31 4. Section 3 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-3) is amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 3. As used in P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and P.L.2015,  
34 c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.):

35 "Academic medical center" means (1) an entity located in New  
36 Jersey that, on the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et  
37 al.), has an addiction medicine faculty practice or is in the same  
38 health care system as another facility located in New Jersey that  
39 offers outpatient medical detoxification services or inpatient  
40 treatment services for substance use disorder; has a pain  
41 management faculty practice or a facility-based pain management  
42 service located in New Jersey; has graduate medical training  
43 programs accredited, or pending accreditation, by the Accreditation  
44 Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American  
45 Osteopathic Association in primary care and medical specialties; is  
46 the principal teaching affiliate of a medical school based in the  
47 State; and has the ability to conduct research related to medical

1 cannabis ~~[" If"]~~ ~~[" and if"]~~ ~~[" If"]~~ the entity is part of a system of  
 2 health care facilities, the entity shall not qualify as an academic  
 3 medical center unless the health care system is principally located  
 4 within the State; or

5 (2) an accredited school of ~~["medicine or"]~~ osteopathic  
 6 medicine that <sup>1</sup> is located in a state that shares a common border  
 7 with this State; has an articulation agreement or similar  
 8 memorandum of understanding <sup>1</sup>, plus an agreement to establish  
 9 and maintain an apprenticeship program in this State to train  
 10 workers in the cannabis industry, which training would earn college  
 11 credit, <sup>1</sup> with any State college or university <sup>1</sup>located in a county of  
 12 the first class<sup>1</sup> with a college of nursing or nursing degree program  
 13 accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education <sup>1</sup>on  
 14 the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 15 Legislature as this bill)<sup>1</sup> ; and has an institutional review board that  
 16 has, on the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
 17 the Legislature as this bill), previously approved a clinical research  
 18 study <sup>1</sup>in this State<sup>1</sup> involving medical cannabis; and has the ability  
 19 and will conduct all research and development in ~~["this State"]~~ the  
 20 county in which the partner State college or university is located<sup>1</sup>.

21 "Adverse employment action" means refusing to hire or employ  
 22 an individual, barring or discharging an individual from  
 23 employment, requiring an individual to retire from employment, or  
 24 discriminating against an individual in compensation or in any  
 25 terms, conditions, or privileges of employment.

26 "Cannabis" has the meaning given to "marihuana" in section 2 of  
 27 the "New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act," P.L.1970,  
 28 c.226 (C.24:21-2).

29 "Clinical registrant" means an entity that has a written  
 30 contractual relationship with an academic medical center in the  
 31 region in which it has its principal place of business, which includes  
 32 provisions whereby the parties will engage in clinical research  
 33 related to the use of medical cannabis and the academic medical  
 34 center or its affiliate will provide advice to the entity regarding  
 35 patient health and safety, medical applications, and dispensing and  
 36 managing controlled dangerous substances, among other areas.

37 "Commission" means the Cannabis Regulatory Commission  
 38 established pursuant to section 31 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-24).

39 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

40 "Common ownership or control" means:

41 (1) between two for-profit entities, the same individuals or  
 42 entities own and control more than 50 percent of both entities;

43 (2) between a nonprofit entity and a for-profit entity, a majority  
 44 of the directors, trustees, or members of the governing body of the  
 45 nonprofit entity directly or indirectly own and control more than 50  
 46 percent of the for-profit entity; and

(3) between two nonprofit entities, the same directors, trustees, or governing body members comprise a majority of the voting directors, trustees, or governing body members of both nonprofits.

"Department" means the Department of Health.

"Designated caregiver" means a resident of the State who:

(1) is at least 18 years old;

(2) has agreed to assist with a registered qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis, is not currently serving as <sup>2</sup>a<sup>2</sup> designated caregiver for more than one other qualifying patient, and is not the qualifying patient's health care practitioner;

(3) subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection c. of section 4 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-4), has never been convicted of possession or sale of a controlled dangerous substance, unless such conviction occurred after the effective date of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and was for a violation of federal law related to possession or sale of cannabis that is authorized under P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.);

(4) has registered with the commission pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-4), and, except in the case of a designated caregiver who is an immediate family member of the patient, has satisfied the criminal history record background check requirement of section 4 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-4); and

(5) has been designated as <sup>2</sup>a<sup>2</sup> designated caregiver by the patient when registering or renewing a registration with the commission or in other written notification to the commission.

"Dispense" means the furnishing of medical cannabis to a registered qualifying patient, designated caregiver, or institutional caregiver by a medical cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant pursuant to written instructions issued by a health care practitioner pursuant to the requirements of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.). The term shall include the act of furnishing medical cannabis to a medical cannabis handler for delivery to a registered qualifying patient, designated caregiver, or institutional caregiver, consistent with the requirements of subsection i. of section 27 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-20).

"Health care facility" means a general acute care hospital, nursing home, long term care facility, hospice care facility, group home, facility that provides services to persons with developmental disabilities, behavioral health care facility, or rehabilitation center.

"Health care practitioner" means a physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant licensed or certified pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised Statutes who:

(1) possesses active registrations to prescribe controlled dangerous substances issued by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety;

(2) is the health care practitioner responsible for the ongoing treatment of a patient's qualifying medical condition, the symptoms

1 of that condition, or the symptoms associated with the treatment of  
2 that condition, provided, however, that the ongoing treatment shall  
3 not be limited to the provision of authorization for a patient to use  
4 medical cannabis or consultation solely for that purpose; and

5 (3) if the patient is a minor, is a pediatric specialist.

6 "Immediate family" means the spouse, domestic partner, civil  
7 union partner, child, sibling, or parent of an individual, and shall  
8 include the siblings, parents, and children of the individual's spouse,  
9 domestic partner, or civil union partner, and the parents, spouses,  
10 domestic partners, or civil union partners of the individual's parents,  
11 siblings, and children.

12 "Institutional caregiver" means a resident of the State who:

13 (1) is at least 18 years old;

14 (2) is an employee of a health care facility;

15 (3) is authorized, within the scope of the individual's  
16 professional duties, to possess and administer controlled dangerous  
17 substances in connection with the care and treatment of patients and  
18 residents pursuant to applicable State and federal laws;

19 (4) is authorized by the health care facility employing the person  
20 to assist registered qualifying patients who are patients or residents  
21 of the facility with the medical use of cannabis, including, but not  
22 limited to, obtaining medical cannabis for registered qualifying  
23 patients and assisting registered qualifying patients with the  
24 administration of medical cannabis;

25 (5) subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection c. of  
26 section 4 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-4), has never been convicted  
27 of possession or sale of a controlled dangerous substance, unless  
28 such conviction occurred after the effective date of P.L.2009, c.307  
29 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and was for a violation of federal law related to  
30 possession or sale of cannabis that is authorized under P.L.2009,  
31 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.);  
32 and

33 (6) has registered with the commission pursuant to section 4 of  
34 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-4).

35 "Integrated curriculum" means an academic, clinical, or research  
36 program at an institution of higher education that is coordinated  
37 with a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
38 or medical cannabis dispensary to apply theoretical principles,  
39 practical experience, or both involving the cultivation,  
40 manufacturing, dispensing, delivery, or medical use of cannabis to a  
41 specific area of study, including, but not limited to, agriculture,  
42 biology, business, chemistry, culinary studies, ecology,  
43 environmental studies, health care, horticulture, technology, or any  
44 other appropriate area of study or combined areas of study.  
45 Integrated curricula shall be subject to approval by the commission  
46 and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education.

47 "Integrated curriculum permit" or "IC permit" means a permit  
48 issued to a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis

1 manufacturer, or medical cannabis dispensary that includes an  
2 integrated curriculum approved by the commission and the Office  
3 of the Secretary of Higher Education.

4 "Medical cannabis alternative treatment center" or "alternative  
5 treatment center" means an organization issued a permit, including  
6 a conditional permit, by the commission to operate as a medical  
7 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical  
8 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant. This term shall include  
9 the organization's officers, directors, board members, and  
10 employees.

11 "Medical cannabis cultivator" means an organization holding a  
12 permit issued by the commission that authorizes the organization to:  
13 possess and cultivate cannabis and deliver, transfer, transport,  
14 distribute, supply, and sell medical cannabis and related supplies to  
15 other medical cannabis cultivators and to medical cannabis  
16 manufacturers, clinical registrants, and medical cannabis  
17 dispensaries, as well as to plant, cultivate, grow, and harvest  
18 medical cannabis for research purposes. A medical cannabis  
19 cultivator permit shall not authorize the permit holder to  
20 manufacture, produce, or otherwise create medical cannabis  
21 products, or to deliver, transfer, transport, distribute, supply, sell, or  
22 dispense medical cannabis, medical cannabis products,  
23 paraphernalia, or related supplies to qualifying patients, designated  
24 caregivers, or institutional caregivers.

25 "Medical cannabis dispensary" means an organization issued a  
26 permit by the commission that authorizes the organization to:  
27 purchase or obtain medical cannabis and related supplies from  
28 medical cannabis cultivators; purchase or obtain medical cannabis  
29 products and related supplies from medical cannabis manufacturers;  
30 purchase or obtain medical cannabis, medical cannabis products,  
31 and related supplies and paraphernalia from other medical cannabis  
32 dispensaries and from clinical registrants; deliver, transfer,  
33 transport, distribute, supply, and sell medical cannabis and medical  
34 cannabis products to other medical cannabis dispensaries; furnish  
35 medical cannabis, including medical cannabis products, to a  
36 medical cannabis handler for delivery to a registered qualifying  
37 patient, designated caregiver, or institutional caregiver consistent  
38 with the requirements of subsection i. of section 27 of P.L.2019,  
39 c.153 (C.24:6I-20); and possess, display, deliver, transfer, transport,  
40 distribute, supply, sell, and dispense medical cannabis, medical  
41 cannabis products, paraphernalia, and related supplies to qualifying  
42 patients, designated caregivers, and institutional caregivers. A  
43 medical cannabis dispensary permit shall not authorize the permit  
44 holder to cultivate medical cannabis, to produce, manufacture, or  
45 otherwise create medical cannabis products.

46 "Medical cannabis manufacturer" means an organization issued a  
47 permit by the commission that authorizes the organization to:  
48 purchase or obtain medical cannabis and related supplies from a

1 medical cannabis cultivator or a clinical registrant; purchase or  
2 obtain medical cannabis products from another medical cannabis  
3 manufacturer or a clinical registrant; produce, manufacture, or  
4 otherwise create medical cannabis products; and possess, deliver,  
5 transfer, transport, distribute, supply, and sell medical cannabis  
6 products and related supplies to other medical cannabis  
7 manufacturers and to medical cannabis dispensaries and clinical  
8 registrants. A medical cannabis manufacturer permit shall not  
9 authorize the permit holder to cultivate medical cannabis or to  
10 deliver, transfer, transport, distribute, supply, sell, or dispense  
11 medical cannabis, medical cannabis products, paraphernalia, or  
12 related supplies to registered qualifying patients, designated  
13 caregivers, or institutional caregivers.

14 "Medical use of cannabis" means the acquisition, possession,  
15 transport, or use of cannabis or paraphernalia by a registered  
16 qualifying patient as authorized by P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et  
17 al.) and P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.).

18 "Minor" means a person who is under 18 years of age and who  
19 has not been married or previously declared by a court or an  
20 administrative agency to be emancipated.

21 "Paraphernalia" has the meaning given in N.J.S.2C:36-1.

22 "Pediatric specialist" means a physician who is a board-certified  
23 pediatrician or pediatric specialist, or an advanced practice nurse or  
24 physician assistant who is certified as a pediatric specialist by an  
25 appropriate professional certification or licensing entity.

26 "Primary care" means the practice of family medicine, general  
27 internal medicine, general pediatrics, general obstetrics, or  
28 gynecology.

29 "Qualifying medical condition" means seizure disorder,  
30 including epilepsy; intractable skeletal muscular spasticity; post-  
31 traumatic stress disorder; glaucoma; positive status for human  
32 immunodeficiency virus; acquired immune deficiency syndrome;  
33 cancer; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; multiple sclerosis; muscular  
34 dystrophy; inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease;  
35 terminal illness, if the patient has a prognosis of less than 12  
36 months of life; anxiety; migraine; Tourette's syndrome;  
37 dysmenorrhea; chronic pain; opioid use disorder; or any other  
38 medical condition or its treatment that is approved by the  
39 commission.

40 "Qualifying patient" or "patient" means a resident of the State  
41 who has been authorized for the medical use of cannabis by a health  
42 care practitioner.

43 "Registration with the commission" means a person has met the  
44 qualification requirements for, and has been registered by the  
45 commission as, a registered qualifying patient, designated  
46 caregiver, or institutional caregiver. The commission shall establish  
47 appropriate means for health care practitioners, health care  
48 facilities, medical cannabis dispensaries, law enforcement, schools,



1 facilities providing behavioral health services or services for  
2 persons with developmental disabilities, and other appropriate  
3 entities to verify an individual's status as a registrant with the  
4 commission.

5 "Significantly involved person" means a person or entity who  
6 holds at least a five percent investment interest in an entity issued,  
7 or applying for a permit to operate as, a medical cannabis cultivator,  
8 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
9 clinical registrant, or who is a decision making member of a group  
10 that holds at least a 20 percent investment interest in an entity  
11 issued, or applying for a permit to operate as, a medical cannabis  
12 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
13 dispensary, or clinical registrant, in which no member of that group  
14 holds more than a five percent interest in the total group investment  
15 interest, and the person or entity makes controlling decisions  
16 regarding the operations of the entity issued, or applying for a  
17 permit to operate as, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical  
18 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical  
19 registrant.

20 "Terminally ill" means having an illness or condition with a  
21 prognosis of less than 12 months of life.

22 "Usable cannabis" means the dried leaves and flowers of  
23 cannabis, and any mixture or preparation thereof, and does not  
24 include the seeds, stems, stalks, or roots of the plant.

25 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.3)

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27 5. Section 31 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-24) is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 31. a. The Cannabis Regulatory Commission is hereby created  
30 in, but not of, the Department of the Treasury, to :

31 (1) assume all powers, duties, and responsibilities with regard to  
32 the regulation and oversight of activities authorized pursuant to  
33 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) from the Department of Health  
34 for the further development, expansion, regulation, and enforcement  
35 of activities associated with the medical use of cannabis pursuant to  
36 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.). All powers, duties, and  
37 responsibilities with regard to the regulation and oversight of  
38 activities authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.)  
39 shall be transferred from the Department of Health to the Cannabis  
40 Regulatory Commission at such time as the members of the  
41 commission are appointed as provided in subsection b. of this  
42 section and the commission first organizes. Thereafter, any  
43 reference to the Department of Health or the Commissioner of  
44 Health in any statute or regulation pertaining to the provisions of  
45 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) shall be deemed to refer to the  
46 Cannabis Regulatory Commission. The provisions of this  
47 **【subsection】** paragraph shall be carried out in accordance with the

1 "State Agency Transfer Act," P.L.1971, c.375 (C.52:14D-1 et seq.);  
2 and  
3 (2) oversee the development, regulation, and enforcement of  
4 activities associated with the personal use of cannabis pursuant to  
5 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
6 b. (1) The commission shall consist of five members, one of  
7 whom shall be designated by the Governor as the chair, and one of  
8 whom shall be designated the vice-chair in accordance with the  
9 appointment process set forth in paragraph (7) of this subsection.  
10 (2) The members of the commission shall be appointed by the  
11 Governor as follows:  
12 (a) One member shall be appointed upon recommendation of the  
13 Senate President;  
14 (b) One member shall be appointed upon recommendation of the  
15 Speaker of the General Assembly;  
16 (c) Three members, including the chair, shall be appointed  
17 without any needed recommendation.  
18 (3) Initial appointments of commission members pursuant to  
19 paragraph (2) of this subsection shall not require the advice and  
20 consent of the Senate. Subsequent appointments made pursuant to  
21 subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, including  
22 reappointments of members initially appointed, shall be made with  
23 the advice and consent of the Senate. Subsequent appointments  
24 made pursuant to subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2) of this  
25 subsection shall be made in the same manner as the original  
26 appointment.  
27 (4) All five members shall be residents of this State. At least  
28 one member shall be a State representative of a national  
29 organization or State branch of a national organization with a stated  
30 mission of studying, advocating, or adjudicating against minority  
31 historical oppression, past and present discrimination,  
32 unemployment, poverty and income inequality, and other forms of  
33 social injustice or inequality, and all five members shall possess  
34 education, training, or experience with legal, policy, or criminal  
35 justice issues, corporate or industry management, finance,  
36 securities, or production or distribution, medicine or pharmacology,  
37 or public health, mental health, or substance use disorders.  
38 (5) The chair and the other members shall serve for terms of five  
39 years; provided that, for the two other members initially appointed  
40 by the Governor without any needed recommendation, one shall be  
41 appointed for a term of four years, and one shall be appointed for a  
42 term of three years. The chair and the other members shall serve in  
43 their respective capacities throughout their entire term and until  
44 their successors shall have been duly appointed and qualified. Any  
45 vacancy in the commission occurring for any reason other than the  
46 expiration of a term, including a vacancy occurring during the term  
47 of the initial chair or another initial member, shall be filled in  
48 accordance with the requirements for subsequent appointments set

1 forth in paragraph (3) of this subsection for the remainder of the  
2 unexpired term only.

3 (6) The chair and other members of the commission shall devote  
4 full time to their respective duties of office and shall not pursue or  
5 engage in any other business, occupation, or gainful employment.  
6 Each member shall receive an annual salary to be fixed and  
7 established by the Governor, which for the chair shall not exceed  
8 \$141,000, and for the other members shall not exceed \$125,000.

9 (7) The members of the commission, at the commission's first  
10 meeting when called by the chair, shall elect, by a majority of the  
11 total authorized membership of the commission, one of the  
12 members who is appointed based upon the recommendation of the  
13 Senate President or Speaker of the General Assembly as set forth in  
14 paragraph (2) of this subsection to serve as vice-chair during that  
15 member's term. A new vice-chair shall be elected upon the  
16 expiration of the current vice-chair's term, even if that member  
17 remains on the commission until that member's successor is duly  
18 appointed and qualified. The vice-chair shall be empowered to  
19 carry out all of the responsibilities of the chair during the chair's  
20 absence, disqualification, or inability to serve.

21 (8) A majority of the total authorized membership of the  
22 commission shall be required to establish a quorum, and a majority  
23 of the total authorized membership of the commission shall be  
24 required to exercise its powers at any meeting thereof. However,  
25 only if all five commissioners have been duly appointed in  
26 accordance with the appointment process set forth in paragraph (2)  
27 of this subsection, and five appointed commissioners are present at  
28 a meeting, may a majority of the total authorized membership act to  
29 assume the powers, duties, and responsibilities with regard to the  
30 regulation and oversight of activities authorized pursuant to  
31 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) from the Department of Health;  
32 and similarly, only if all five appointed commissioners are present  
33 at a meeting, may a majority of the total authorized membership act  
34 to adopt the commission's initial rules and regulations concerning  
35 personal use cannabis pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1)  
36 of subsection d. of section 6 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
37 before the Legislature as this bill), by which the licensing of  
38 cannabis establishments, <sup>2</sup>distributors, and delivery services,<sup>2</sup> and  
39 the lawfully permitted licensing activities of those establishments,  
40 <sup>2</sup>distributors, and delivery services<sup>2</sup> may begin.

41 (9) The commission shall adopt annually a schedule of regular  
42 meetings, and special meetings may be held at the call of the chair.

43 (10) Any member of the commission may be removed from  
44 office by the Governor, for cause, upon notice and opportunity to be  
45 heard at a public hearing. Any member of the commission shall  
46 automatically forfeit the member's office upon conviction for any  
47 crime.

1 c. (1) The commission **【may】** shall establish, and from time to  
2 time alter, a plan of organization, and employ personnel as it deems  
3 necessary under the direct supervision of a full-time executive  
4 director for the commission. The plan of organization shall include  
5 the Office of Minority, Disabled Veterans, and Women **【Medical】**  
6 Cannabis Business Development established by section 32 of  
7 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-25).

8 (a) The initial executive director shall be appointed by the  
9 Governor, and thereafter every subsequent executive director shall  
10 be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the  
11 Senate. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the  
12 appointing Governor during the Governor's term of office and until  
13 a successor has been duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in  
14 the office occurring for any reason other than the expiration of a  
15 term, including a vacancy occurring during the term of the initial  
16 executive director, shall be filled for the unexpired term only in the  
17 same manner as the appointment of any subsequent executive  
18 director as set forth herein. The executive director shall receive an  
19 annual salary to be fixed and established by the Governor, which  
20 shall not exceed \$141,000.

21 (b) (i) All employees of the commission under the direct  
22 supervision of the executive director, except for secretarial and  
23 clerical personnel, shall be in the State's unclassified service. All  
24 employees shall be deemed confidential employees for the purposes  
25 of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941,  
26 c.100 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.).

27 (ii) If, as a result of transferring powers, duties, and  
28 responsibilities with regard to the regulation and oversight of  
29 activities authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.)  
30 from the Department of Health to the commission pursuant to  
31 subsection a. of this section, the commission needs to employ an  
32 individual to fill a position, employees of the department who  
33 performed the duties of the position to be filled shall be given a  
34 one-time right of first refusal offer of employment with the  
35 commission, and such employees may be removed by the  
36 commission for cause or if deemed unqualified to hold the position,  
37 notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary. A  
38 department employee who becomes employed by the commission  
39 shall retain as an employee of the commission the seniority, and all  
40 rights related to seniority, that the employee had with the  
41 department as of the last day of employment with the department;  
42 provided, however, that such seniority and seniority rights shall be  
43 retained only by an employee who was transferred from  
44 employment with the department to employment with the  
45 commission, and shall not be retained by an employee who was  
46 removed from employment with the department due to layoff  
47 procedures or who resigned from a position with the department  
48 prior to being hired by the commission.

1 (2) The commission may sue and be sued in any court, employ  
2 legal counsel to represent the commission in any proceeding to  
3 which it is a party and render legal advice to the commission upon  
4 its request, as well as contract for the services of other professional,  
5 technical, and operational personnel and consultants as may be  
6 necessary to the performance of its responsibilities.

7 (3) The commission may incur additional expenses within the  
8 limits of funds available to it in order to carry out its duties,  
9 functions, and powers under P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and  
10 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

11 d. With respect to the activities of the commission, neither the  
12 President of the Senate or the Speaker of the General Assembly  
13 shall be permitted to appear or practice or act in any capacity  
14 whatsoever before the commission regarding any matter  
15 whatsoever, nor shall any member of the immediate family of the  
16 Governor, President of the Senate, or Speaker of the General  
17 Assembly be permitted to so practice or appear in any capacity  
18 whatsoever before the commission regarding any matter  
19 whatsoever. As used in this subsection, "immediate family" means  
20 the spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner, and any  
21 dependent child or stepchild, recognized by blood or by law, of the  
22 Governor, President of the Senate, or Speaker of the General  
23 Assembly, or of the spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner  
24 residing in the same household as the Governor, President of the  
25 Senate, or Speaker of the General Assembly.

26 e. The commission may designate its powers and authority as it  
27 deems necessary and appropriate to carry out its duties and  
28 implement the provisions of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and  
29 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

30 f. The commission shall, no later than three years after the date  
31 it first organizes, contract with a public research university, as  
32 defined in section 3 of P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-3), to conduct an  
33 independent study to review:

34 (1) the commission's organization;

35 (2) the commission's regulation and enforcement activities;

36 (3) the overall effectiveness of the commission as a full time  
37 entity; and

38 (4) whether the regulation and oversight of medical cannabis or  
39 personal use cannabis could be more effectively and efficiently  
40 managed through a reorganization of the commission, consolidation  
41 of the commission within the Department of Health or another  
42 Executive Branch department, conversion to a part-time  
43 commission, or the transfer of some or all of the commission's  
44 operations elsewhere within the Executive Branch.

45 The commission shall submit the findings of the independent  
46 study, along with the commission's recommendations for  
47 appropriate executive, administrative, or legislative action, to the

1 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-  
2 19.1), to the Legislature.  
3 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.31)  
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5 6. (New section) Commission Activities Associated with the  
6 Personal Use of Cannabis <sup>2</sup>**[:]**.<sup>2</sup>

7 a. The Cannabis Regulatory Commission shall have all powers  
8 necessary or proper to enable it to carry out the commission's  
9 duties, functions, and powers under P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
10 before the Legislature as this bill). The jurisdiction, supervision,  
11 duties, functions, and powers of the commission extend to any  
12 person who buys, sells, <sup>2</sup>cultivates,<sup>2</sup> produces, <sup>2</sup>**[processes]**  
13 manufactures<sup>2</sup>, transports, or delivers any <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> cannabis  
14 items within this State.

15 b. The duties, functions and powers of the commission shall  
16 include the following:

17 (1) To regulate the purchase, sale, <sup>2</sup>cultivation,<sup>2</sup> production,  
18 <sup>2</sup>**[processing]** manufacturing<sup>2</sup>, transportation, and delivery of  
19 <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> cannabis items in accordance with the provisions of  
20 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

21 (2) To grant, refuse, suspend, revoke, cancel, or take actions  
22 otherwise limiting licenses or conditional licenses for the sale,  
23 <sup>2</sup>**[processing]** cultivation<sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup>**[or]**<sup>2</sup> production <sup>2</sup>, or manufacturing<sup>2</sup>  
24 of cannabis items, or other licenses in regard to cannabis items, and  
25 to permit, in the commission's discretion, the transfer of a license  
26 between persons;

27 (3) To investigate and aid in the prosecution of every violation  
28 of the statutory laws of this State relating to <sup>2</sup>cannabis and<sup>2</sup>  
29 cannabis items and to cooperate in the prosecution of offenders  
30 before any State court of competent jurisdiction;

31 (4) To adopt, amend, or repeal regulations as necessary to carry  
32 out the intent and provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
33 the Legislature as this bill);

34 (5) To exercise all powers incidental, convenient, or necessary  
35 to enable the commission to administer or carry out the provisions  
36 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
37 or any other law of this State that charges the commission with a  
38 duty, function, or power related to personal use cannabis. Powers  
39 described in this paragraph include, but are not limited to:

40 (a) Issuing subpoenas;

41 (b) Compelling attendance of witnesses;

42 (c) Administering oaths;

43 (d) Certifying official acts;

44 (e) Taking depositions as provided by law;

45 (f) Compelling the production of books, payrolls, accounts,  
46 papers, records, documents, and testimony; and

1 (g) Establishing fees in addition to the application, licensing,  
2 and renewal fees, provided that any fee established by the  
3 commission is reasonably calculated not to exceed the cost of the  
4 activity for which the fee is charged;

5 (6) To adopt rules regulating and prohibiting the advertising of  
6 cannabis items in a manner that is appealing to minors; that  
7 promotes excessive use; that promotes illegal activity; or that  
8 otherwise presents a significant risk to public health and safety; and

9 (7) To regulate the use of <sup>2</sup>cannabis and<sup>2</sup> cannabis items for  
10 scientific, pharmaceutical, manufacturing, mechanical, industrial,  
11 and other purposes.

12 c. The powers of the commission further include the power to  
13 purchase, seize, possess, and dispose of <sup>2</sup>cannabis and<sup>2</sup> cannabis  
14 items. The commission may purchase, possess, seize, or dispose of  
15 <sup>2</sup>cannabis and<sup>2</sup> cannabis items as is necessary to ensure compliance  
16 with and enforcement of the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and any rule adopted  
18 pursuant thereto. Any State officer, board, commission,  
19 corporation, institution, department, or other State body, and any  
20 local officer, board, commission, institution, department, or other  
21 local government body, that is permitted by the statutory laws of  
22 this State to perform a duty, function, or power with respect to  
23 <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> a cannabis item, may purchase, possess, seize, or  
24 dispose of the <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> cannabis item as the State officer,  
25 board, commission, corporation, institution, department or other  
26 State body, or the local officer, board, commission, institution,  
27 department, or other local government body, considers necessary to  
28 ensure compliance with and enforce the applicable statutory law or  
29 any rule adopted under the applicable statutory law.

30 d. (1) (a) Within 180 days after the effective date of this  
31 section, which takes effect immediately upon enactment of P.L. ,  
32 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or within  
33 45 days of all five members of the commission being duly  
34 appointed in accordance with the appointment process set forth in  
35 paragraph (2) of subsection b. of section 31 of P.L.2019, c.153  
36 (C.24:6I-24), whichever date is later, and notwithstanding the  
37 provisions of the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410  
38 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to the contrary, the commission, after  
39 consultation with the Attorney General, State Treasurer,  
40 Commissioner of Health, and Commissioner of Banking and  
41 Insurance, shall, immediately upon filing proper notice with the  
42 Office of Administrative Law, adopt rules and regulations prepared  
43 by the commission necessary or proper to enable it to carry out the  
44 commission’s duties, functions, and powers with respect to  
45 overseeing the development, regulation, and enforcement of  
46 activities associated with the personal use of cannabis pursuant to  
47 P.L. , c. (C. ).

(b) The initial rules and regulations adopted pursuant to subparagraph (a) of this paragraph shall be in effect for a period not to exceed one year after the date of filing with the Office of Administrative Law. These rules and regulations shall thereafter be adopted, amended, or readopted, and any subsequent rules and regulations adopted, amended, or readopted, by the commission in accordance with the requirements of the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), after consultation with other department heads, as the commission deems appropriate.

(2) On the date of adoption of the initial rules and regulations pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall become operative, other than those provisions which were operative immediately upon enactment. Subsequent to the date of adoption of the initial rules and regulations, the commission shall determine the first date thereafter on which cannabis retailers issued licenses and conditional licenses may begin retail sales of personal use cannabis items, which latter date shall not be more than 180 days after the commission’s adoption of its initial rules and regulations. The commission shall provide every person or entity issued licenses or conditional licenses by the commission with at least 30 days’ notice of this date, and shall also provide <sup>2</sup>the 30-day<sup>2</sup> this notice to every alternative treatment center deemed to be licensed for personal use cannabis activities pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7), as amended by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), whether or not already engaged in retail sales of personal use cannabis items as permitted prior to the retail sales date established pursuant to this paragraph, as set forth in paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 33 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

7. Section 14 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-12) is amended to read as follows:

14. a. The commissioner, or after the effective [date] dates of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) and P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the commission, shall report to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1):

(1) no later than one year after the effective date of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), on the actions taken to implement the provisions of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.); and

(2) annually thereafter on the number of applications for registration with the commission, the number of qualifying patients registered, the number of designated and institutional caregivers registered, the nature of the qualifying medical conditions of the patients, the number of registrations revoked, the number of



1 medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, and  
 2 medical cannabis dispensary permits issued and revoked, the  
 3 number and type of integrated curricula approved, established, and  
 4 maintained in connection with an IC permit, the number of testing  
 5 laboratories licensed, the number of clinical registrant permits  
 6 issued and the nature of the clinical research conducted by each  
 7 clinical registrant, any incidents of diversion of medical cannabis,  
 8 information concerning racial, ethnic, disabled veteran, and gender  
 9 diversity in the individuals issued and currently holding permits  
 10 issued by the commission, the number of permit applications  
 11 received from businesses owned by minorities, disabled veterans,  
 12 and women and the number of such applications that were  
 13 approved, the business development initiatives undertaken by the  
 14 Office of Minority, Disabled Veterans, and Women **【Medical】**  
 15 Cannabis Business Development pursuant to section 32 of  
 16 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-25) and the outcomes or effects of those  
 17 initiatives, statistics concerning arrests for drug offenses throughout  
 18 the State and in areas where medical cannabis dispensaries are  
 19 located, including information concerning racial disparities in arrest  
 20 rates for drug offenses generally and cannabis offenses in particular,  
 21 the number of motor vehicle stops by law enforcement involving  
 22 violations of R.S.39:4-50, or section 5 of P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-  
 23 10.13) concerning operators of commercial motor vehicles, for  
 24 driving under the influence of medical cannabis, or suspicion  
 25 thereof, cataloged by the jurisdictions in which the stop occurred,  
 26 and the race, ethnicity, gender, and age of the vehicle driver and  
 27 any other vehicle occupants, the number of deliveries of medical  
 28 cannabis performed and the percentage of total medical cannabis  
 29 dispensations that were completed by delivery, and the number of  
 30 health care practitioners authorizing patients for the medical use of  
 31 cannabis, including the types of license or certification held by  
 32 those practitioners; and

33 (3) beginning no later than one year after the effective date of  
 34 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
 35 and annually thereafter in the same report concerning information  
 36 on medical cannabis activities or a separate report, information on:

37 (a) the number of <sup>2</sup>【civil penalty】<sup>2</sup> citations <sup>2</sup>【or】<sup>2</sup> arrests <sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup>  
 38 or charges for manufacturing, distributing, or possessing or having  
 39 under control with the intent to distribute marijuana or hashish in  
 40 violation of paragraph (12) of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:35-5, or for  
 41 obtaining or possessing marijuana or hashish in violation of  
 42 paragraph <sup>2</sup>【(4)】 (3)<sup>2</sup> of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10, cataloged  
 43 by the jurisdictions in which the acts resulting in the citations,  
 44 arrests, or charges occurred, and the race, ethnicity, gender, and age  
 45 of the persons cited, arrested, or charged;

1       **(b) the number of motor vehicle stops by law enforcement**  
2 **involving violations of R.S.39:4-50, or section 5 of P.L.1990, c.103**  
3 **(C.39:3-10.13) concerning operators of commercial motor vehicles,**  
4 **for driving under the influence of personal use cannabis or**  
5 **marijuana, or suspicion thereof, cataloged by the jurisdictions in**  
6 **which the stop occurred, and the race, ethnicity, gender, and age of**  
7 **the vehicle driver and any other vehicle occupants;**

8       **(c) the total number of personal use cannabis licenses issued**  
9 **since the distribution of the previous report to the Governor and**  
10 **Legislature, as well as the number for each class of license issued,**  
11 **and the total number and type of applicants that submitted**  
12 **applications for licenses and whether they were approved,**  
13 **reapproved, or denied; and**

14       **(d) the data compiled by the Office of Minority, Disabled**  
15 **Veterans, and Women Cannabis Business Development pursuant to**  
16 **section 32 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-25) about participation in the**  
17 **lawful operation of cannabis establishments <sup>2</sup>, distributors, and**  
18 **delivery services<sup>2</sup> by persons from socially and economically**  
19 **disadvantaged communities, including minority, disabled veterans',**  
20 **and women's business licensing and business development in the**  
21 **personal use cannabis marketplace, and the data shall include the**  
22 **office's analysis of the total number of licenses applied for and**  
23 **issued since the distribution of the previous report to the Governor**  
24 **and Legislature compared with the total number of minority**  
25 **businesses and women's businesses, as these terms are defined in**  
26 **section 2 of P.L.1986, c.195 (C.52:27H-21.18), and disabled**  
27 **veterans' businesses, as defined in section 2 of P.L.2015, c.116**  
28 **(C.52:32-31.2), that submitted applications for licenses and whether**  
29 **they were approved, reapproved, or denied.**

30       b. The reports shall not contain any identifying information of  
31 patients, caregivers, or health care practitioners.

32       c. **(1)** Within two years after the effective date of P.L.2009,  
33 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and every two years thereafter, the  
34 commissioner or, after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153  
35 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), the commission, shall: evaluate whether there  
36 are sufficient numbers of medical cannabis cultivators, medical  
37 cannabis manufacturers, medical cannabis dispensaries, and clinical  
38 registrants to meet the needs of registered qualifying patients  
39 throughout the State; evaluate whether the maximum amount of  
40 medical cannabis allowed pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et  
41 al.) is sufficient to meet the medical needs of qualifying patients;  
42 and determine whether any medical cannabis cultivator, medical  
43 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical  
44 registrant has charged excessive prices in connection with medical  
45 cannabis.

46       The commissioner or, after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153  
47 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), the commission, shall report all such findings

1 no later than two years after the effective date of P.L.2009, c.307  
 2 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), and every two years thereafter, to the Governor,  
 3 and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
 4 (C.52:14-19.1).

5 (2) The commission, beginning no later than one year after the  
 6 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 7 Legislature as this bill), may also include in its reports information  
 8 concerning its periodic evaluation of whether the existing numbers  
 9 of cannabis <sup>1</sup>growers<sup>1</sup> cultivators<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>processors<sup>1</sup>  
 10 manufacturers<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesalers, cannabis distributors,  
 11 cannabis retailers, and cannabis delivery services are sufficient to  
 12 meet the personal use cannabis market demands of the State, and  
 13 actions the commission may take to issue additional cannabis  
 14 licenses as authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section  
 15 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
 16 bill), or if there is an oversupply of licenses, as well as information  
 17 about any increase in the rates of use of marijuana and cannabis by  
 18 persons under 21 years of age.

19 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.20)

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21 8. Section 33 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-26) is amended to  
 22 read as follows:

23 33. a. No person shall be appointed to or employed by the  
 24 commission if, during the period commencing three years prior to  
 25 appointment or employment, the person held any direct or indirect  
 26 interest in, or any employment by, any holder of, or applicant for, a  
 27 medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
 28 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit pursuant  
 29 to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or otherwise employs any  
 30 certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries  
 31 of medical cannabis , or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>grower<sup>1</sup> cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
 32 <sup>1</sup>processor<sup>1</sup> manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis  
 33 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service <sup>2</sup>license  
 34 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 35 this bill)<sup>2</sup> , or an entity that employs or uses a certified personal use  
 36 cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed  
 37 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service; provided,  
 38 however, that notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
 39 contrary, any such person may be appointed to or employed by the  
 40 commission if the person's prior interest in any such permit holder,  
 41 license holder, entity, or applicant would not, in the opinion of the  
 42 commission, interfere with the objective discharge of the person's  
 43 obligations of appointment or employment, but in no instance shall  
 44 any person be appointed to or employed by the commission if the  
 45 person's prior interest in such permit holder, license holder, entity,  
 46 or applicant constituted a controlling interest in that permit holder,

1 license holder, entity, or applicant; and provided further, however,  
2 that notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any  
3 such person may be employed by the commission in a secretarial or  
4 clerical position if, in the opinion of the commission, the person's  
5 previous employment by, or interest in, any permit holder, license  
6 holder, entity, or applicant would not interfere with the objective  
7 discharge of the person's employment obligations.

8 b. Prior to appointment or employment, each member of the  
9 commission and each employee of the commission shall swear or  
10 affirm that the member or employee, as applicable, possesses no  
11 interest in any business or organization issued a medical cannabis  
12 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
13 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit, or cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]**  
14 cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis  
15 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis  
16 delivery service license by the commission, or in any entity that  
17 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to  
18 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,  
19 distributor, or delivery service.

20 c. (1) Each member of the commission shall file with the State  
21 Ethics Commission a financial disclosure statement listing all assets  
22 and liabilities, property and business interests, and sources of  
23 income of the member and the member's spouse, domestic partner,  
24 or partner in a civil union couple, as the case may be, and shall also  
25 provide to the State Ethics Commission in the same financial  
26 disclosure statement a list of all assets and liabilities, property and  
27 business interests, and sources of income of each dependent child or  
28 stepchild, recognized by blood or by law, of the member, or of the  
29 spouse, domestic partner, or partner in a civil union couple residing  
30 in the same household as the member. Each statement shall be  
31 under oath and shall be filed at the time of appointment and  
32 annually thereafter.

33 (2) Each employee of the commission, except for secretarial and  
34 clerical personnel, shall file with the State Ethics Commission a  
35 financial disclosure statement listing all assets and liabilities,  
36 property and business interests, and sources of income of the  
37 employee and the employee's spouse, domestic partner, or partner in  
38 a civil union couple, as the case may be. Such statement shall be  
39 under oath and shall be filed at the time of employment and  
40 annually thereafter. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection  
41 (n) of section 10 of P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-21), only financial  
42 disclosure statements filed by a commission employee who is in a  
43 policy-making management position shall be posted on the Internet  
44 website of the State Ethics Commission.

45 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.33)

1       9. Section 34 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-27) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       34. a. The “New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law,” P.L.1971,  
4 c.182 (C.52:13D-12 et seq.) shall apply to members of the  
5 commission and to all employees of the commission, except as  
6 herein specifically provided.

7       b. (1) The commission shall promulgate and maintain a Code  
8 of Ethics that is modeled upon the Code of Judicial Conduct of the  
9 American Bar Association, as amended and adopted by the Supreme  
10 Court of New Jersey.

11       (2) The Code of Ethics promulgated and maintained by the  
12 commission shall not be in conflict with the laws of this State,  
13 except, however, that the Code of Ethics may be more restrictive  
14 than any law of this State.

15       c. The Code of Ethics promulgated and maintained by the  
16 commission, and any amendments or restatements thereof, shall be  
17 submitted to the State Ethics Commission for approval. The  
18 **【Codes】** Code of Ethics shall include, but not be limited to,  
19 provisions that:

20       (1) No commission member or employee shall be permitted to  
21 enter and engage in any activities, nor have any interest, directly or  
22 indirectly, in any medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
23 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant  
24 issued a permit by the commission in accordance with P.L.2009,  
25 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that employs any certified  
26 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of  
27 medical cannabis, or any cannabis **‘【grower】** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis  
28 **‘【processor】** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis  
29 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service issued a  
30 license by the commission in accordance with P.L. , c. (C. )  
31 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or any entity that  
32 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to  
33 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,  
34 distributor, or delivery service, except in the course of the  
35 member’s or employee’s duties; provided that nothing in this  
36 paragraph shall be construed to prohibit a member or employee who  
37 is a registered qualifying patient, or who is serving as a designated  
38 caregiver or institutional caregiver for a registered qualifying  
39 patient, from being dispensed medical cannabis consistent with the  
40 requirements of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) <sup>1</sup>; and further  
41 provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to  
42 prohibit a member or employee from being sold cannabis items by a  
43 cannabis retailer as a consumer as authorized by P.L. ,  
44 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)<sup>1</sup>.

45       (2) No commission member or employee shall solicit or accept  
46 employment from any holder of, or applicant for, a medical

1 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical  
 2 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any entity that  
 3 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers  
 4 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or <sup>2</sup>[any] a <sup>2</sup>cannabis <sup>1</sup>[grower]  
 5 cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>[processor] manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
 6 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis  
 7 delivery service <sup>2</sup>[issued a]<sup>2</sup> license <sup>2</sup>[by the commission in  
 8 accordance with P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 9 Legislature as this bill)]<sup>2</sup> or any entity that employs or uses a  
 10 certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on  
 11 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
 12 service, for a period of two years after termination of service with  
 13 the commission, except as otherwise provided in section 35 of  
 14 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-28).

15 (3) No commission member or employee shall act in the  
 16 member's or employee's official capacity in any matter wherein the  
 17 member, employee, or the member's or employee's spouse,  
 18 domestic partner, or partner in a civil union couple, or child, parent,  
 19 or sibling has a direct or indirect personal financial interest that  
 20 might reasonably be expected to impair the member's or  
 21 employee's objectivity or independence of judgment.

22 (4) No commission member or employee shall act in the  
 23 member's or employee's official capacity in a matter concerning  
 24 any holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator,  
 25 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
 26 clinical registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified  
 27 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of  
 28 medical cannabis, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>[grower] cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
 29 <sup>1</sup>[processor] manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis  
 30 distributor, cannabis retailer <sup>2</sup>[license]<sup>2</sup>, or cannabis delivery  
 31 service <sup>2</sup>license<sup>2</sup> or any entity that employs or uses a certified  
 32 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a  
 33 licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service,  
 34 who is the employer of a spouse, domestic partner, or partner in a  
 35 civil union couple, or child, parent, or sibling of the commission  
 36 member or employee when the fact of the employment of the  
 37 spouse, domestic partner, or partner in a civil union couple, or  
 38 child, parent, or sibling might reasonably be expected to impair the  
 39 objectivity and independence of judgment of the commission  
 40 member or employee.

41 (5) No spouse, domestic partner, or partner in a civil union  
 42 couple, or child, parent, or sibling of a commission member shall be  
 43 employed in any capacity by any holder of, or applicant for, a  
 44 medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
 45 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit <sup>2</sup>[,]<sup>2</sup> or

1 any entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to  
2 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis  
3 <sup>1</sup>grower<sup>1</sup> cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>processor<sup>1</sup> manufacturer<sup>1</sup> ,  
4 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or  
5 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses  
6 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on  
7 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
8 service, nor by any holding, intermediary, or subsidiary company  
9 thereof.

10 (6) No commission member shall meet with any person, except  
11 for any other member of the commission or employee of the  
12 commission, or discuss any issues involving any pending or  
13 proposed application or any matter whatsoever which may  
14 reasonably be expected to come before the commission, or any  
15 member thereof, for determination unless the meeting or discussion  
16 takes place on the business premises of the commission, provided,  
17 however, that commission members may meet to consider matters  
18 requiring the physical inspection of equipment or premises at the  
19 location of the equipment or premises. All meetings or discussions  
20 subject to this paragraph shall be noted in a log maintained for this  
21 purpose and available for inspection pursuant to the provisions of  
22 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.).

23 d. No commission member or employee shall have any interest,  
24 direct or indirect, in any holder of, or applicant for, a medical  
25 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical  
26 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or [in] any entity  
27 that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform  
28 transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>grower<sup>1</sup>  
29 cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>processor<sup>1</sup> manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
30 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis  
31 delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses a  
32 certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on  
33 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
34 service, during the member's term of office or employee's term of  
35 employment.

36 e. Each commission member and employee shall devote the  
37 member's or employee's entire time and attention to the member's  
38 or employee's duties, as applicable, and shall not pursue any other  
39 business or occupation or other gainful employment; provided,  
40 however, that secretarial and clerical personnel may engage in such  
41 other gainful employment as shall not interfere with their duties to  
42 the commission, unless otherwise directed; and provided further,  
43 however, that other employees of the commission may engage in  
44 such other gainful employment as shall not interfere or be in  
45 conflict with their duties to the commission [or division,] upon  
46 approval by the commission [, as the case may be].

1 f. (1) A member of the commission and the executive director  
 2 or any other employee of the commission holding a supervisory or  
 3 policy-making management position shall not make any  
 4 contribution as that term is defined in “The New Jersey Campaign  
 5 Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act,” P.L.1973, c.83  
 6 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.).

7 (2) A member or employee of the commission shall not:

8 (a) use the member’s or employee’s official authority or  
 9 influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result  
 10 of an election or a nomination for office;

11 (b) directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command, or  
 12 advise any person to pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a  
 13 party, committee, organization, agency, or person for political  
 14 purposes; or

15 (c) take any active part in political campaigns or the  
 16 management thereof; provided, however, that nothing herein shall  
 17 prohibit a member or employee from voting as the member or  
 18 employee chooses or from expressing personal opinions on political  
 19 subjects and candidates.

20 g. For the purpose of applying the provisions of the “New  
 21 Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law,” any consultant or other person  
 22 under contract for services to the commission shall be deemed to be  
 23 a special State employee, except that the restrictions of section 4 of  
 24 P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-17.2) shall not apply to such person.  
 25 Such person and any corporation, firm, or partnership in which the  
 26 person has an interest or by which the person is employed shall not  
 27 represent any person or party other than the commission.

28 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.34)

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30 10. Section 35 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-28) is amended to  
 31 read as follows:

32 35. a. No member of the commission shall hold any direct or  
 33 indirect interest in, or be employed by, any holder of, or applicant  
 34 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
 35 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued  
 36 pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or **[in]** any entity that  
 37 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers  
 38 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]**  
 39 cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis  
 40 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis  
 41 delivery service license issued pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )  
 42 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or any entity that  
 43 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to  
 44 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,  
 45 distributor, or delivery service, for a period of two years



1 commencing on the date that membership on the commission  
2 terminates.

3 b. (1) No employee of the commission may acquire any direct  
4 or indirect interest in, or accept employment with, any holder of, or  
5 applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
6 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant  
7 permit or **[in]** any entity that employs any certified medical  
8 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical  
9 cannabis, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
10 <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis  
11 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license or  
12 any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis  
13 handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis  
14 establishment, distributor, or delivery service, for a period of two  
15 years commencing at the termination of employment with the  
16 commission, except that a secretarial or clerical employee of the  
17 commission may accept such employment at any time after the  
18 termination of employment with the commission. At the end of two  
19 years and for a period of two years thereafter, a former employee  
20 who held a policy-making management position at any time during  
21 the five years prior to termination of employment may acquire an  
22 interest in, or accept employment with, any holder of, or applicant  
23 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
24 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or **[in]**  
25 any entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to  
26 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis  
27 <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> ,  
28 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or  
29 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses  
30 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on  
31 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
32 service, upon application to, and the approval of, the commission,  
33 upon a finding that the interest to be acquired or the employment  
34 will not create the appearance of a conflict of interest and does not  
35 evidence a conflict of interest in fact.

36 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, if the  
37 employment of a commission employee, other than an employee  
38 who held a policy-making management position at any time during  
39 the five years prior to termination of employment, is terminated as a  
40 result of a reduction in the workforce at the commission, the  
41 employee may, at any time prior to the end of the two-year period,  
42 accept employment with any holder of, or applicant for, a medical  
43 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical  
44 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any entity that  
45 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers  
46 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]**

1 cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
 2 wholesaler, <sup>1</sup>**or** cannabis distributor,<sup>1</sup> cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>, or  
 3 cannabis delivery service<sup>1</sup> license or any entity that employs or uses  
 4 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on  
 5 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, <sup>1</sup>distributor, or delivery  
 6 service,<sup>1</sup> upon application to, and the approval of, the commission,  
 7 upon a finding that the employment will not create the appearance  
 8 of a conflict of interest and does not evidence a conflict of interest  
 9 in fact. The commission shall take action on an application within  
 10 30 days of receipt and an application may be submitted to the  
 11 commission prior to or after the commencement of the employment.

12 c. No commission member or employee shall represent any  
 13 person or party other than the State before or against the  
 14 commission for a period of two years from the termination of office  
 15 or employment with the commission.

16 d. No partnership, firm, or corporation in which a former  
 17 commission member or employee has an interest, nor any partner,  
 18 officer, or employee of any such partnership, firm, or corporation  
 19 shall make any appearance or representation which is prohibited to  
 20 the former member or employee.

21 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.35)

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 23 11. Section 36 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-29) is amended to  
 24 read as follows:

25 36. a. (1) No holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis  
 26 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
 27 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009,  
 28 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that employs any certified  
 29 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of  
 30 medical cannabis, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**grower** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis  
 31 <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis  
 32 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license  
 33 issued pursuant to P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
 34 Legislature as this bill) or any entity that employs or uses a certified  
 35 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a  
 36 licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service,  
 37 shall employ or offer to employ, or provide, transfer, or sell, or  
 38 offer to provide, transfer, or sell any interest, direct or indirect, in  
 39 any medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
 40 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit holder, or  
 41 any cannabis <sup>1</sup>**grower** cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor**  
 42 manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis  
 43 retailer, or cannabis delivery service license holder, to any person  
 44 restricted from such transactions by the provisions of sections 33  
 45 through 35 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-26 through C.24:6I-28).

1 (2) In addition to any civil penalty imposed pursuant to  
2 subsection c. of this section, the commission may deny an  
3 application, or revoke or suspend a permit holder's permit or  
4 license holder's license, for committing a violation of this  
5 subsection.

6 b. (1) A member or employee of the commission who makes or  
7 causes to be made a political contribution prohibited under  
8 subsection f. of section 34 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-27) is guilty  
9 of a crime of the fourth degree, but notwithstanding the provisions  
10 of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine not to exceed \$200,000  
11 may be imposed.

12 (2) A member or employee of the commission who willfully  
13 violates any other provisions in sections 33 through 35 of P.L.2019,  
14 c.153 (C.24:6I-26 through C.24:6I-28) is guilty of a disorderly  
15 persons offense.

16 c. The State Ethics Commission, established pursuant to the  
17 "New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law," P.L.1971, c.182  
18 (C.52:13D-12 et seq.), shall enforce the provisions of sections 33  
19 through 36 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-26 through C.24:6I-29), and  
20 upon a finding of a violation, impose a civil penalty of not less than  
21 \$500 nor more than \$10,000, which penalty may be collected in a  
22 summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of  
23 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). If a violation also  
24 represents a crime or disorderly persons offense as set forth in  
25 subsection b. of this section, the State Ethics Commission shall also  
26 refer the matter to the Attorney General or appropriate county  
27 prosecutor for further investigation and prosecution.

28 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.36)

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30 12. Section 2 of P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-13) is amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 2. As used in this act, and unless a different meaning clearly  
33 appears from the context, the following terms shall have the  
34 following meanings:

35 a. "State agency" means any of the principal departments in the  
36 Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board,  
37 bureau, office, commission, or other instrumentality within or  
38 created by such department, the Legislature of the State, and any  
39 office, board, bureau, or commission within or created by the  
40 Legislative Branch, and, to the extent consistent with law, any  
41 interstate agency to which New Jersey is a party and any  
42 independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or  
43 agency. A county or municipality shall not be deemed an agency or  
44 instrumentality of the State.

45 b. "State officer or employee" means any person, other than a  
46 special State officer or employee: (1) holding an office or

1 employment in a State agency, excluding an interstate agency, other  
2 than a member of the Legislature; or (2) appointed as a New Jersey  
3 member to an interstate agency.

4 c. "Member of the Legislature" means any person elected to  
5 serve in the General Assembly or the Senate.

6 d. "Head of a State agency" means: (1) in the case of the  
7 Executive Branch of government, except with respect to interstate  
8 agencies, the department head or, if the agency is not assigned to a  
9 department, the Governor; and (2) in the case of the Legislative  
10 Branch, the chief presiding officer of each House of the Legislature.

11 e. "Special State officer or employee" means: (1) any person  
12 holding an office or employment in a State agency, excluding an  
13 interstate agency, for which office or employment no compensation  
14 is authorized or provided by law, or no compensation other than a  
15 sum in reimbursement of expenses, whether payable per diem or per  
16 annum, is authorized or provided by law; (2) any person, not a  
17 member of the Legislature, holding a part-time elective or  
18 appointive office or employment in a State agency, excluding an  
19 interstate agency; or (3) any person appointed as a New Jersey  
20 member to an interstate agency the duties of which membership are  
21 not full-time.

22 f. "Person" means any natural person, association or  
23 corporation.

24 g. "Interest" means: (1) the ownership or control of more than  
25 10 percent of the profits or assets of a firm, association, or  
26 partnership, or more than 10 percent of the stock in a corporation  
27 for profit other than a professional service corporation organized  
28 under the "Professional Service Corporation Act," P.L.1969, c.232  
29 (C.14A:17-1 et seq.); or (2) the ownership or control of more than  
30 one percent of the profits of a firm, association, or partnership, or  
31 more than one percent of the stock in any corporation, (a) which is  
32 the holder of, or an applicant for, a casino license or in any holding  
33 or intermediary company with respect thereto, as defined by the  
34 "Casino Control Act," P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.), **【or】** (b)  
35 which is the holder of, or an applicant for, a medical cannabis  
36 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
37 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009,  
38 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), or any holding or intermediary company  
39 with respect thereto, or (c) which is the holder of, or an applicant  
40 for, a cannabis '【grower】 cultivator' , cannabis '【processor】  
41 manufacturer' , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis  
42 retailer, or cannabis delivery service license issued pursuant to  
43 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or  
44 which is an entity that employs or uses a certified personal use  
45 cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed  
46 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, or any

1 holding or intermediary company with respect to thereto. The  
 2 provisions of this act governing the conduct of individuals are  
 3 applicable to shareholders, associates or professional employees of  
 4 a professional service corporation regardless of the extent or  
 5 amount of their shareholder interest in such a corporation.

6 h. "Cause, proceeding, application or other matter" means a  
 7 specific cause, proceeding or matter and does not mean or include  
 8 determinations of general applicability or the preparation or review  
 9 of legislation which is no longer pending before the Legislature or  
 10 the Governor.

11 i. "Member of the immediate family" of any person means the  
 12 person's spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner, child, parent,  
 13 or sibling residing in the same household.

14 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.37)

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 16 13. The title of P.L.1981, c.142 is amended to read as follows:  
 17 **AN ACT concerning casino activity, and personal use and medical**  
 18 **cannabis activities,** and the conduct of certain elected and appointed  
 19 public officers and employees as it relates thereto, amending and  
 20 supplementing P.L.1971, c.182, amending P.L.1977, c.110,  
 21 P.L.1980, c.28 and P.L.1980, c.69 , and repealing section 2 of  
 22 P.L.1980, c.79.

23 (cf: P.L.1981, c.142, title)

24  
 25 14. Section 4 of P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-17.2) is amended to  
 26 read as follows:

27 4. a. As used in this section "person" means:

28 (1) (a) with respect to casino activity **[and]** , activity related to  
 29 medical cannabis authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1  
 30 et al.), and activity related to personal use cannabis authorized  
 31 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 32 this bill): the Governor; the President of the Senate; the Speaker of  
 33 the General Assembly; any full-time member of the Judiciary; any  
 34 full-time professional employee of the Office of the Governor; the  
 35 head of a principal department; the assistant or deputy heads of a  
 36 principal department, including all assistant and deputy  
 37 commissioners; the head of any division of a principal department;

38 (b) with respect to casino activity **[,]** ; any State officer or  
 39 employee subject to financial disclosure by law or executive order  
 40 and any other State officer or employee with responsibility for  
 41 matters affecting casino activity; any special State officer or  
 42 employee with responsibility for matters affecting casino activity;  
 43 any member of the Legislature; any full-time professional employee  
 44 of the Legislature; members of the Casino Reinvestment  
 45 Development Authority; or

46 (c) with respect to activity related to medical cannabis  
 47 authorized pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) **[,]** and

1 activity related to personal use cannabis authorized pursuant to  
 2 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill):  
 3 any State officer or employee subject to financial disclosure by law  
 4 or executive order and any other State officer or employee with  
 5 responsibility for matters affecting medical cannabis activity or  
 6 personal use cannabis activity; any special State officer or  
 7 employee with responsibility for matters affecting medical cannabis  
 8 activity or personal use cannabis activity; members of the Cannabis  
 9 Regulatory Commission; or

10 (2) (a) any member of the governing body, or the municipal  
 11 judge or the municipal attorney of a municipality wherein a casino  
 12 is located; any member of or attorney for the planning board or  
 13 zoning board of adjustment of a municipality wherein a casino is  
 14 located, or any professional planner, or consultant regularly  
 15 employed or retained by such planning board or zoning board of  
 16 adjustment; or

17 (b) any member of the governing body or the municipal judge of  
 18 a municipality, any member of the planning board or zoning board  
 19 of adjustment, or any professional planner, or consultant regularly  
 20 employed or retained by such planning board or zoning board of  
 21 adjustment, of a municipality wherein a medical cannabis  
 22 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
 23 dispensary, or clinical registrant issued a permit pursuant to  
 24 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), or wherein a cannabis <sup>1</sup>grower  
 25 cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>processor<sup>1</sup> manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
 26 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, <sup>2</sup>or<sup>2</sup> cannabis  
 27 delivery service issued a license pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )  
 28 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), is located.

29 b. (1) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any  
 30 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,  
 31 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any  
 32 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which  
 33 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee  
 34 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,  
 35 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment  
 36 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder  
 37 of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any holding or intermediary  
 38 company with respect thereto, in connection with any cause,  
 39 application, or matter, except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009,  
 40 c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State officer or  
 41 employee other than a State officer or employee included in the  
 42 definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate family of  
 43 a State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold employment  
 44 with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if, in the  
 45 judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint Legislative  
 46 Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court, as

1 appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the  
2 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will  
3 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public  
4 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or  
5 employee, or person. No special State officer or employee without  
6 responsibility for matters affecting casino activity, excluding those  
7 serving in the Departments of Education, Health, and Human  
8 Services and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, shall  
9 hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or represent, appear for,  
10 or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of, or applicant for, a casino  
11 license, or any holding or intermediary company with respect  
12 thereto, in connection with any cause, application, or matter.  
13 However, a special State officer or employee without responsibility  
14 for matters affecting casino activity may hold employment directly  
15 with any holder of or applicant for a casino license or any holding  
16 or intermediary company thereof and if so employed may hold,  
17 directly or indirectly, an interest in, or represent, appear for, or  
18 negotiate on behalf of, that employer, except as otherwise  
19 prohibited by law.

20 (2) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any  
21 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,  
22 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any  
23 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which  
24 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee  
25 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,  
26 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment  
27 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, or derive  
28 any remuneration, payment, benefit, or any other thing of value for  
29 any services, including but not limited to consulting or similar  
30 services, from any holder of, or applicant for, a license, permit, or  
31 other approval to conduct Internet gaming, or any holding or  
32 intermediary company with respect thereto, or any Internet gaming  
33 affiliate of any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any  
34 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, or any  
35 business, association, enterprise, or other entity that is organized, in  
36 whole or in part, for the purpose of promoting, advocating for, or  
37 advancing the interests of the Internet gaming industry generally or  
38 any Internet gaming-related business or businesses in connection  
39 with any cause, application, or matter, except as provided in section  
40 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except that (a) a State  
41 officer or employee other than a State officer or employee included  
42 in the definition of person, and (b) a member of the immediate  
43 family of a State officer or employee, or of a person, may hold  
44 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a license, permit,  
45 or other approval to conduct Internet gaming, or any holding or  
46 intermediary company with respect thereto, or any Internet gaming

1 affiliate of any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license, or any  
 2 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto if, in the  
 3 judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint Legislative  
 4 Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court, as  
 5 appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the  
 6 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will  
 7 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public  
 8 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or  
 9 employee, or person.

10 (3) No State officer or employee, nor any person, nor any  
 11 member of the immediate family of any State officer or employee,  
 12 or person, nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which any  
 13 such State officer or employee or person is associated or in which  
 14 he has an interest, nor any partner, officer, director, or employee  
 15 while he is associated with such partnership, firm, or corporation,  
 16 shall hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment  
 17 with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder  
 18 of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
 19 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant  
 20 permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or **[in]**  
 21 any entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to  
 22 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or any holding  
 23 or intermediary company with respect thereto, or a cannabis  
 24 **<sup>1</sup>[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis **<sup>1</sup>[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> ,  
 25 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or  
 26 cannabis delivery service license issued pursuant to P.L. ,  
 27 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or  
 28 **<sup>2</sup>[which is an]** any<sup>2</sup> entity that employs or uses a certified personal  
 29 use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed  
 30 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service <sup>2, 2</sup> or any  
 31 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, in  
 32 connection with any cause, application, or matter, except as  
 33 provided in section 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except  
 34 that (a) a State officer or employee other than a State officer or  
 35 employee included in the definition of person, and (b) a member of  
 36 the immediate family of a State officer or employee, or of a person,  
 37 may hold employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a  
 38 medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
 39 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any  
 40 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to  
 41 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis  
 42 **<sup>1</sup>[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis **<sup>1</sup>[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> ,  
 43 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, <sup>2</sup>or<sup>2</sup>  
 44 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses  
 45 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on  
 46 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery



1 service, if, in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the  
 2 Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme  
 3 Court, as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the  
 4 responsibilities of the State officer or employee, or person, and will  
 5 not create a conflict of interest, or reasonable risk of the public  
 6 perception of a conflict of interest, on the part of the State officer or  
 7 employee, or person. No special State officer or employee without  
 8 responsibility for matters affecting medical cannabis activity or  
 9 personal use cannabis activity, excluding those serving in the  
 10 Departments of Education, Health, and Human Services and the  
 11 Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, shall hold, directly or  
 12 indirectly, an interest in, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on  
 13 behalf of, any holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis  
 14 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
 15 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any entity that employs  
 16 any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or  
 17 deliveries of medical cannabis, or any holding or intermediary  
 18 company with respect thereto, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> ,  
 19 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler,  
 20 cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service  
 21 license or any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use  
 22 cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed  
 23 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service <sup>2,2</sup> or any  
 24 holding or intermediary company with respect thereto, in  
 25 connection with any cause, application, or matter. However, a  
 26 special State officer or employee without responsibility for matters  
 27 affecting medical cannabis activity or personal use cannabis activity  
 28 may hold employment directly with any holder of or applicant for a  
 29 medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
 30 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit, or any  
 31 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to  
 32 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or any holding  
 33 or intermediary company thereof, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]**  
 34 cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** <sup>2</sup>**[manufacture**<sup>1</sup>**]**  
 35 manufacturer<sup>2</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis  
 36 retailer, or cannabis delivery service license or any entity that  
 37 employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to  
 38 perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment,  
 39 distributor, or delivery service <sup>2,2</sup> or any holding or intermediary  
 40 company with respect to thereto, and if so employed may hold,  
 41 directly or indirectly, an interest in, or represent, appear for, or  
 42 negotiate on behalf of, that employer, except as otherwise  
 43 prohibited by law.  
 44 c. (1) No person or any member of his immediate family, nor  
 45 any partnership, firm, or corporation with which such person is  
 46 associated or in which he has an interest, nor any partner, officer,

1 director, or employee while he is associated with such partnership,  
2 firm or corporation, shall, within two years next subsequent to the  
3 termination of the office or employment of such person, hold,  
4 directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold employment with, or  
5 represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of, any holder of, or  
6 applicant for, a casino license in connection with any cause,  
7 application or matter, or any holding or intermediary company with  
8 respect to such holder of, or applicant for, a casino license in  
9 connection with any phase of casino development, permitting,  
10 licensure, or any other matter whatsoever related to casino activity,  
11 except as provided in section 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3),  
12 and except that:

13 (a) a member of the immediate family of a person may hold  
14 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if,  
15 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint  
16 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,  
17 as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the  
18 responsibilities of the person and will not create a conflict of  
19 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of  
20 interest, on the part of the person;

21 (b) an employee who is terminated as a result of a reduction in  
22 the workforce at the agency where employed, other than an  
23 employee who held a policy-making management position at any  
24 time during the five years prior to termination of employment, may,  
25 at any time prior to the end of the two-year period, accept  
26 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a casino license if,  
27 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint  
28 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,  
29 as appropriate, such employment will not create a conflict of  
30 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of  
31 interest, on the part of the employee. In no case shall the restrictions  
32 of this subsection apply to a secretarial or clerical employee.

33 Nothing herein contained shall alter or amend the post-  
34 employment restrictions applicable to members and employees of  
35 the Casino Control Commission and employees and agents of the  
36 Division of Gaming Enforcement pursuant to paragraph (2) of  
37 subsection e. of section 59 and <sup>2</sup>[to]<sup>2</sup> section 60 of P.L.1977, c.110  
38 (C.5:12-59 and C.5:12-60); and

39 (c) any partnership, firm, or corporation engaged in the practice  
40 of law or in providing any other professional services with which  
41 any person included in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1)  
42 of subsection a. of this section, or a member of the immediate  
43 family of that person, is associated, and any partner, officer,  
44 director, or employee thereof, other than that person, or immediate  
45 family member, may represent, appear for or negotiate on behalf of  
46 any holder of, or applicant for, a casino license in connection with

1 any cause, application or matter or any holding company or  
 2 intermediary company with respect to such holder of, or applicant  
 3 for, a casino license in connection with any phase of casino  
 4 development, permitting, licensure or any other matter whatsoever  
 5 related to casino activity, and that person or immediate family  
 6 member shall not be barred from association with such partnership,  
 7 firm or corporation, if for a period of two years next subsequent to  
 8 the termination of the person's office or employment, the person or  
 9 immediate family member (i) is screened from personal  
 10 participation in any such representation, appearance or negotiation;  
 11 and (ii) is associated with the partnership, firm or corporation in a  
 12 position which does not entail any equity interest in the partnership,  
 13 firm or corporation. The exception provided in this **[paragraph]**  
 14 subparagraph shall not apply to a former Governor, Lieutenant  
 15 Governor, Attorney General, member of the Legislature, person  
 16 included in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of  
 17 this section, or to the members of their immediate families.

18 (2) No person or any member of the person's immediate family,  
 19 nor any partnership, firm, or corporation with which such person is  
 20 associated or in which the person has an interest, nor any partner,  
 21 officer, director, or employee while the person is associated with  
 22 such partnership, firm, or corporation, shall, within two years next  
 23 subsequent to the termination of the office or employment of such  
 24 person, hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in, or hold  
 25 employment with, or represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf  
 26 of, any holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator,  
 27 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
 28 clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307  
 29 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or **[in]** any entity that employs any certified  
 30 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of  
 31 medical cannabis **[**, or any holding or intermediary company with  
 32 respect thereto**]** , or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
 33 <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis  
 34 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license  
 35 issued pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 36 Legislature as this bill) or any entity that employs or uses a certified  
 37 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a  
 38 licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service in  
 39 connection with any cause, application, or matter, or any holding or  
 40 intermediary company with respect to such holder of, or applicant  
 41 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
 42 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or <sup>2</sup>any<sup>2</sup>  
 43 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to  
 44 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis  
 45 <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> ,  
 46 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or

1 cannabis delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses  
2 a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on  
3 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
4 service in connection with any phase of development, permitting,  
5 licensure, or any other matter whatsoever related to medical  
6 cannabis activity or personal use cannabis activity, except as  
7 provided in section 3 of P.L.2009, c.26 (C.52:13D-17.3), and except  
8 that:

9 (a) a member of the immediate family of a person may hold  
10 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis  
11 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
12 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to P.L.2009,  
13 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that employs any certified  
14 medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of  
15 medical cannabis, or a cannabis '【grower】 cultivator' , cannabis  
16 '【processor】 manufacturer' , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis  
17 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license  
18 issued pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
19 Legislature as this bill) or any entity that employs or uses a certified  
20 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a  
21 licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service if,  
22 in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint  
23 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,  
24 as appropriate, such employment will not interfere with the  
25 responsibilities of the person and will not create a conflict of  
26 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of  
27 interest, on the part of the person;

28 (b) an employee who is terminated as a result of a reduction in  
29 the workforce at the agency where employed, other than an  
30 employee who held a policy-making management position at any  
31 time during the five years prior to termination of employment, may,  
32 at any time prior to the end of the two-year period, accept  
33 employment with the holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis  
34 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
35 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or any entity that employs  
36 any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers or  
37 deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis '【grower】  
38 cultivator' , cannabis '【processor】 manufacturer' , cannabis  
39 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis  
40 delivery service license or any entity that employs or uses a  
41 certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on  
42 behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
43 service if, in the judgment of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint  
44 Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, or the Supreme Court,  
45 as appropriate, such employment will not create a conflict of  
46 interest, or reasonable risk of the public perception of a conflict of

1 interest, on the part of the employee. In no case shall the  
 2 restrictions of this subsection apply to a secretarial or clerical  
 3 employee. Nothing herein contained shall alter or amend the post-  
 4 service or post-employment restrictions applicable to members and  
 5 employees of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to  
 6 paragraph (2) of subsection c. of section 34 and section 35 of  
 7 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-27 and C.24:6I-28); and

8 (c) any partnership, firm, or corporation engaged in the practice  
 9 of law or in providing any other professional services with which  
 10 any person included in subparagraphs (a) and (c) of paragraph (1) of  
 11 subsection a. of this section, or a member of the immediate family  
 12 of that person, is associated, and any partner, officer, director, or  
 13 employee thereof, other than that person, or immediate family  
 14 member, may represent, appear for, or negotiate on behalf of any  
 15 holder of, or applicant for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical  
 16 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical  
 17 registrant permit or any entity that employs any certified medical  
 18 cannabis handler to perform transfers or deliveries of medical  
 19 cannabis, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>[grower] cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
 20 <sup>1</sup>[processor] manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis  
 21 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service license or  
 22 any entity that employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis  
 23 handler to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis  
 24 establishment, distributor, or delivery service in connection with  
 25 any cause, application, or matter or any holding company or  
 26 intermediary company with respect to such holder of, or applicant  
 27 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
 28 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit or <sup>2</sup>any<sup>2</sup>  
 29 entity that employs any certified medical cannabis handler to  
 30 perform transfers or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis  
 31 <sup>1</sup>[grower] cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>[processor] manufacturer<sup>1</sup> ,  
 32 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or  
 33 cannabis delivery service license or <sup>2</sup>any<sup>2</sup> entity that employs or  
 34 uses a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for  
 35 or on behalf of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or  
 36 delivery service in connection with any phase of development,  
 37 permitting, licensing, or any other matter whatsoever related to  
 38 medical cannabis activity or personal use <sup>2</sup>cannabis<sup>2</sup> activity, and  
 39 that person or immediate family member shall not be barred from  
 40 association with such partnership, firm, or corporation, if for a  
 41 period of two years next subsequent to the termination of the  
 42 person's office or employment, the person or immediate family  
 43 member (i) is screened from personal participation in any such  
 44 representation, appearance or negotiation; and (ii) is associated with  
 45 the partnership, firm, or corporation in a position which does not  
 46 entail any equity interest in the partnership, firm, or corporation.

1 The exception provided in this **[paragraph]** subparagraph shall not  
 2 apply to a former Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney  
 3 General, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General  
 4 Assembly, to a person included in subparagraph (b) of paragraph  
 5 (2) of subsection a. of this section, or to the members of their  
 6 immediate families.

7 d. This section shall not apply to the spouse of a State officer  
 8 or employee, which State officer or employee is without  
 9 responsibility for matters affecting casino **[or]** , medical cannabis,  
 10 or personal use cannabis activity, who becomes the spouse  
 11 subsequent to the State officer's or employee's appointment or  
 12 employment as a State officer or employee and who is not  
 13 individually or directly employed by a holder of, or applicant for, a  
 14 casino license **[or]** , medical cannabis permit, personal use  
 15 cannabis license, or any entity that employs or uses a certified  
 16 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a  
 17 licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service <sup>2 2</sup> ;  
 18 or any holding or intermediary company thereof.

19 e. The Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards and  
 20 the State Ethics Commission, as appropriate, shall forthwith  
 21 determine and publish, and periodically update, a list of those  
 22 positions in State government with responsibility for matters  
 23 affecting casino **[and]** , medical cannabis activity, or personal use  
 24 cannabis activity.

25 f. (1) No person shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly,  
 26 any complimentary service or discount from any casino applicant or  
 27 licensee which he knows or has reason to know is other than a  
 28 service or discount that is offered to members of the general public  
 29 in like circumstance.

30 (2) No person shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any  
 31 complimentary service or discount from any holder of, or applicant  
 32 for, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
 33 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit issued  
 34 pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any entity that  
 35 employs any certified medical cannabis handler to perform transfers  
 36 or deliveries of medical cannabis, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup> **[grower]**  
 37 cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup> **[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
 38 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis  
 39 delivery service license issued pursuant to P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
 40 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or any  
 41 entity that employs or uses a certified personal use cannabis handler  
 42 to perform work for or on behalf of a licensed cannabis  
 43 establishment, distributor, or delivery service which the person  
 44 knows or has reason to know is other than a service or discount that  
 45 is offered to members of the general public in like circumstance.

1 g. (1) No person shall influence, or attempt to influence, by use  
2 of his official authority, the decision of the Casino Control  
3 Commission or the investigation of the Division of Gaming  
4 Enforcement in any application for casino licensure or in any  
5 proceeding to enforce the provisions of this act or the regulations of  
6 the commission. Any such attempt shall be promptly reported to the  
7 Attorney General; provided, however, that nothing in this section  
8 shall be deemed to proscribe a request for information by any  
9 person concerning the status of any application for licensure or any  
10 proceeding to enforce the provisions of this act or the regulations of  
11 the commission.

12 (2) No person shall influence, or attempt to influence, by use of  
13 the person's official authority, the decision of the Cannabis  
14 Regulatory Commission in any application for a medical cannabis  
15 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
16 dispensary, or clinical registrant permit, or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**grower**  
17 cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis  
18 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis  
19 delivery service license, or in any proceeding to enforce the  
20 provisions of P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-17.2 et al.), P.L.2009,  
21 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), <sup>2</sup>P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
22 Legislature as this bill,<sup>2</sup> or the regulations of the Cannabis  
23 Regulatory Commission. Any such attempt shall be promptly  
24 reported to the Attorney General; provided, however, that nothing  
25 in this section shall be deemed to proscribe a request for  
26 information by any person concerning the status of any permit or  
27 license application, or any proceeding to enforce the provisions of  
28 P.L.1981, c.142 (C.52:13D-17.2 et al.), P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1  
29 et al.), P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
30 bill), or the regulations of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

31 h. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of this  
32 section is a disorderly person and shall be subject to a fine not to  
33 exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.

34 In addition, for violations of subsection c. of this section  
35 occurring after the effective date of P.L.2005, c.382, a civil penalty  
36 of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 shall be imposed upon  
37 a former State officer or employee or former special State officer or  
38 employee of a State agency in the Executive Branch upon a finding  
39 of a violation by the State Ethics Commission, which penalty may  
40 be collected in a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty  
41 Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

42  
43 15. Section 32 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-25) is amended to  
44 read as follows:

45 32. a. There is hereby established in the commission an Office  
46 of Minority, Disabled Veterans, and Women **Medical** Cannabis

1 Business Development. The office shall be under the immediate  
2 supervision of a director. The director of the office shall be  
3 appointed by the Governor, and shall serve at the pleasure of the  
4 appointing Governor during the Governor's term of office and until  
5 a successor has been duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in  
6 the directorship occurring for any reason other than the expiration  
7 of the director's term of office shall be filled for the unexpired term  
8 only in the same manner as the original appointment. The director  
9 shall receive an annual salary as provided by law which shall be at  
10 an amount not to exceed the annual salary of the executive director  
11 of the commission.

12 b. (1) The office shall establish and administer, under the  
13 direction of the commission, unified practices and procedures for  
14 promoting participation in the medical cannabis **【industry】** and  
15 personal use cannabis industries by persons from socially and  
16 economically disadvantaged communities, including by prospective  
17 and existing ownership of minority businesses and women's  
18 businesses, as these terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1986,  
19 c.195 (C.52:27H-21.18), and disabled veterans' businesses as  
20 defined in section 2 of P.L.2015, c.116 (C.52:32-31.2), to be issued  
21 medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
22 medical cannabis dispensary, and clinical registrant permits , or  
23 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【grower】** cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【processor】**  
24 manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis  
25 retailer, and cannabis delivery service licenses. These unified  
26 practices and procedures shall include the certification and  
27 subsequent recertification at regular intervals of a business as a  
28 minority or women's business, or a disabled veterans' business, in  
29 accordance with eligibility criteria and a certification application  
30 process established by the commission through regulation in  
31 consultation with the office.

32 (2) The office shall conduct advertising and promotional  
33 campaigns, and shall disseminate information to the public, to  
34 increase awareness for participation in the medical cannabis  
35 **【industry】** and personal use cannabis industries by persons from  
36 socially and economically disadvantaged communities. To this end,  
37 the office shall sponsor seminars and informational programs, and  
38 shall provide information on <sup>2</sup>**【its】** the commission's<sup>2</sup> Internet  
39 website, providing practical information concerning the medical  
40 cannabis **【industry】** and personal use cannabis industries, including  
41 information on business management, marketing, and other related  
42 matters.

43 c. (1) The office shall develop, recommend, and implement  
44 policies, practices, protocols, standards, and criteria designed to  
45 promote the formulation of medical cannabis business entities and  
46 personal use cannabis establishments, distributors, and delivery



1 services and participation in the medical cannabis **[industry]** and  
 2 personal use cannabis industries by persons from socially and  
 3 economically disadvantaged communities, including by promoting  
 4 applications for, and the issuance of, medical cannabis cultivator,  
 5 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, and  
 6 clinical registrant permits , and cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> ,  
 7 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesaler,  
 8 cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, and cannabis delivery  
 9 services licenses, to certified minority, women's, and disabled  
 10 veterans' businesses.

11 (a) The office shall evaluate the effectiveness of **[these]** the  
 12 measures designed to promote participation in the medical cannabis  
 13 industry by considering whether the measures have resulted in new  
 14 medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, and  
 15 medical cannabis dispensary permits being issued in accordance  
 16 with the provisions of subsection g. of section 12 of P.L.2019, c.153  
 17 (C.24:6I-7.2).

18 (b) The effectiveness of the office's <sup>1</sup>**[measurers]** measures<sup>1</sup>  
 19 designed to promote participation in the personal use cannabis  
 20 industry shall be assessed by considering whether the measures  
 21 have resulted in not less than 30 percent of the total number of  
 22 licenses issued by the commission for personal use cannabis  
 23 establishments <sup>2</sup>**[and]** , <sup>2</sup> distributors <sup>2</sup>, and delivery services<sup>2</sup> under  
 24 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
 25 being issued to minority, women's, and disabled veterans'  
 26 businesses certified in accordance with the certification process  
 27 established by the office pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection b.  
 28 of this section. Of the resulting total number of licenses issued for  
 29 personal use cannabis establishments, distributors, and delivery  
 30 services, the effectiveness of the office's measures shall be further  
 31 assessed by considering whether those measures have resulted in  
 32 not less than 15 percent of the licenses being issued to certified  
 33 minority businesses, and not less than 15 percent of the licenses  
 34 being issued to certified women's and disabled veterans'  
 35 businesses.

36 (2) The office shall periodically analyze the total number of  
 37 permits and licenses issued by the commission as compared with  
 38 the number of certified minority, women's, and disabled veterans'  
 39 businesses that submitted applications for, and that were awarded,  
 40 such permits and licenses. The office shall make good faith efforts  
 41 to establish, maintain, and enhance the measures designed to  
 42 promote the formulation and participation in the operation of  
 43 medical cannabis <sup>2</sup>**[businesses]** entities<sup>2</sup> and personal use cannabis  
 44 establishments, distributors, and delivery services by persons from  
 45 socially and economically disadvantaged communities consistent  
 46 with the standards set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, and

1 to coordinate and assist the commission with respect to its  
2 incorporation of these permitting and licensing measures into the  
3 application and review process for issuing permits and licenses  
4 under P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and P.L. , c. (C. )  
5 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

6 d. The office may review the commission's measures regarding  
7 participation in the medical cannabis **【industry】** and personal use  
8 cannabis industries by persons from socially and economically  
9 disadvantaged communities, and minority, women's, and disabled  
10 veterans' businesses, and make recommendations on relevant policy  
11 and implementation matters for the improvement thereof. The  
12 office may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals  
13 in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission.

14 e. The office shall prepare information regarding its activities  
15 pursuant to this section concerning participation in the medical  
16 cannabis **【industry】** and personal use cannabis industries by persons  
17 from socially and economically disadvantaged communities,  
18 including medical cannabis and personal use cannabis business  
19 development initiatives for minority, women's, and disabled  
20 veterans' businesses participating in the medical <sup>2</sup>and person use<sup>2</sup>  
21 cannabis <sup>2</sup>**【marketplace】** marketplaces<sup>2</sup>, to be incorporated by the  
22 commission into its annual report submitted to the Governor and to  
23 the Legislature pursuant to section 14 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-  
24 12).

25 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.32)

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27 16. Section 12 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.2) is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 12. a. Each application for a medical cannabis cultivator permit,  
30 medical cannabis manufacturer permit, and medical cannabis  
31 dispensary permit, and each application for annual renewal of such  
32 permit, including permit and renewal applications for  
33 microbusinesses that meet the requirements of subsection e. of  
34 section 11 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1), shall be submitted to  
35 the commission. A full, separate application shall be required for  
36 each initial permit requested by the applicant and for each location  
37 at which an applicant seeks to operate, regardless of whether the  
38 applicant was previously issued a medical cannabis cultivator,  
39 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
40 clinical registrant permit, and regardless of whether the applicant  
41 currently holds a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
42 manufacturer, or medical cannabis dispensary permit. Renewal  
43 applications shall be submitted to the commission on a form and in  
44 a manner as shall be specified by the commission no later than 90  
45 days before the date the current permit will expire.

1       b. An initial permit application shall be evaluated according to  
2 criteria to be developed by the commission. The commission shall  
3 determine the point values to be assigned to each criterion, which  
4 shall include bonus points for applicants who are residents of New  
5 Jersey.

6       c. The criteria to be developed by the commission pursuant to  
7 subsection b. of this section shall include, in addition to the criteria  
8 set forth in subsections d. and e. of this section and any other  
9 criteria developed by the commission, an analysis of the applicant's  
10 operating plan, excluding safety and security criteria, which shall  
11 include the following:

12       (1) In the case of an applicant for a medical cannabis cultivator  
13 permit, the operating plan summary shall include a written  
14 description concerning the applicant's qualifications for, experience  
15 in, and knowledge of each of the following topics:

16       (a) State-authorized cultivation of medical cannabis;

17       (b) conventional horticulture or agriculture, familiarity with  
18 good agricultural practices, and any relevant certifications or  
19 degrees;

20       (c) quality control and quality assurance;

21       (d) recall plans;

22       (e) packaging and labeling;

23       (f) inventory control and tracking software or systems for the  
24 production of medical cannabis;

25       (g) analytical chemistry and testing of medical cannabis;

26       (h) water management practices;

27       (i) odor mitigation practices;

28       (j) onsite and offsite recordkeeping;

29       (k) strain variety and plant genetics;

30       (l) pest control and disease management practices, including  
31 plans for the use of pesticides, nutrients, and additives;

32       (m) waste disposal plans; and

33       (n) compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

34       (2) In the case of an applicant for a medical cannabis  
35 manufacturer permit, the operating plan summary shall include a  
36 written description concerning the applicant's qualifications for,  
37 experience in, and knowledge of each of the following topics:

38       (a) State-authorized manufacture <sup>2</sup>[, production,]<sup>2</sup> and creation  
39 of cannabis products using appropriate extraction methods,  
40 including intended use and sourcing of extraction equipment and  
41 associated solvents or intended methods and equipment for non-  
42 solvent extraction;

43       (b) pharmaceutical manufacturing, good manufacturing  
44 practices, and good laboratory practices;

45       (c) quality control and quality assurance;

46       (d) recall plans;

- 1 (e) packaging and labeling;
- 2 (f) inventory control and tracking software or systems for the
- 3 production of medical cannabis;
- 4 (g) analytical chemistry and testing of medical cannabis and
- 5 medical cannabis products and formulations;
- 6 (h) water management practices;
- 7 (i) odor mitigation practices;
- 8 (j) onsite and offsite recordkeeping;
- 9 (k) a list of product formulations or products proposed to be
- 10 manufactured with estimated cannabinoid profiles, if known,
- 11 including varieties with high cannabidiol content;
- 12 (l) intended use and sourcing of all non-cannabis ingredients
- 13 used in the manufacture <sup>2</sup>[, production,]<sup>2</sup> and creation of cannabis
- 14 products, including methods to verify or ensure the safety and
- 15 integrity of those ingredients and their potential to be or contain
- 16 allergens;
- 17 (m) waste disposal plans; and
- 18 (n) compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 19 (3) In the case of an applicant for a medical cannabis dispensary
- 20 permit, the operating plan summary shall include a written
- 21 description concerning the applicant's qualifications for, experience
- 22 in, and knowledge of each of the following topics:
- 23 (a) State-authorized dispensation of medical cannabis to
- 24 qualifying patients;
- 25 (b) healthcare, medicine, and treatment of patients with
- 26 qualifying medical conditions;
- 27 (c) medical cannabis product evaluation procedures;
- 28 (d) recall plans;
- 29 (e) packaging and labeling;
- 30 (f) inventory control and point-of-sale software or systems for
- 31 the sale of medical cannabis;
- 32 (g) patient counseling procedures;
- 33 (h) the routes of administration, strains, varieties, and
- 34 cannabinoid profiles of medical cannabis and medical cannabis
- 35 products;
- 36 (i) odor mitigation practices;
- 37 (j) onsite and offsite recordkeeping;
- 38 (k) compliance with State and federal patient privacy rules;
- 39 (l) waste disposal plans; and
- 40 (m) compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 41 d. The criteria to be developed by the commission pursuant to
- 42 subsection b. of this section shall include, in addition to the criteria
- 43 set forth in subsections c. and e. of this section and any other
- 44 criteria developed by the commission, an analysis of the following
- 45 factors, if applicable:
- 46 (1) The applicant's environmental impact plan.

- 1 (2) A summary of the applicant's safety and security plans and  
2 procedures, which shall include descriptions of the following:
- 3 (a) plans for the use of security personnel, including  
4 contractors;
- 5 (b) the experience or qualifications of security personnel and  
6 proposed contractors;
- 7 (c) security and surveillance features, including descriptions of  
8 any alarm systems, video surveillance systems, and access and  
9 visitor management systems, along with drawings identifying the  
10 proposed locations for surveillance cameras and other security  
11 features;
- 12 (d) plans for the storage of medical cannabis and medical  
13 cannabis products, including any safes, vaults, and climate control  
14 systems that will be utilized for this purpose;
- 15 (e) a diversion prevention plan;
- 16 (f) an emergency management plan;
- 17 (g) procedures for screening, monitoring, and performing  
18 criminal history record background checks of employees;
- 19 (h) cybersecurity procedures, including, in the case of an  
20 applicant for a medical cannabis dispensary permit, procedures for  
21 collecting, processing, and storing patient data, and the applicant's  
22 familiarity with State and federal privacy laws;
- 23 (i) workplace safety plans and the applicant's familiarity with  
24 federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations;
- 25 (j) the applicant's history of workers' compensation claims and  
26 safety assessments;
- 27 (k) procedures for reporting adverse events; and
- 28 (l) a sanitation practices plan.
- 29 (3) A summary of the applicant's business experience, including  
30 the following, if applicable:
- 31 (a) the applicant's experience operating businesses in highly-  
32 regulated industries;
- 33 (b) the applicant's experience in operating alternative treatment  
34 centers and related medical cannabis production and dispensation  
35 entities under the laws of New Jersey or any other state or  
36 jurisdiction within the United States; and
- 37 (c) the applicant's plan to comply with and mitigate the effects  
38 of 26 U.S.C. s.280E on cannabis businesses, and for evidence that  
39 the applicant is not in arrears with respect to any tax obligation to  
40 the State.
- 41 In evaluating the experience described under subparagraphs (a),  
42 (b), and (c) of this paragraph, the commission shall afford the  
43 greatest weight to the experience of the applicant itself, controlling  
44 owners, and entities with common ownership or control with the  
45 applicant; followed by the experience of those with a 15 percent or  
46 greater ownership interest in the applicant's organization; followed

1 by significantly involved persons in the applicant's organization;  
2 followed by other officers, directors, and current and prospective  
3 employees of the applicant who have a bona fide relationship with  
4 the applicant's organization as of the <sup>2</sup>[submission]<sup>2</sup> date of the  
5 application.

6 (4) A description of the proposed location for the applicant's  
7 site, including the following, if applicable:

8 (a) the proposed location, the surrounding area, and the  
9 suitability or advantages of the proposed location, along with a  
10 floor plan and optional renderings or architectural or engineering  
11 plans;

12 (b) the submission of zoning approvals for the proposed  
13 location, which shall consist of a letter or affidavit from appropriate  
14 municipal officials that the location will conform to municipal  
15 zoning requirements allowing for such activities related to the  
16 cultivation, manufacturing, or dispensing of medical cannabis,  
17 cannabis products, and related supplies as will be conducted at the  
18 proposed facility; and

19 (c) the submission of proof of local support for the suitability of  
20 the location, which may be demonstrated by a resolution adopted by  
21 the municipality's governing body indicating that the intended  
22 location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for such  
23 activities related to the cultivation, manufacturing, or dispensing of  
24 medical cannabis, cannabis products, and related supplies as will be  
25 conducted at the proposed facility.

26 Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, an  
27 application shall be disqualified from consideration unless it  
28 includes documentation demonstrating that the applicant will have  
29 final control of the premises upon approval of the application,  
30 including, but not limited to, a lease agreement, contract for sale,  
31 title, deed, or similar documentation. In addition, if the applicant  
32 will lease the premises, the application will be disqualified from  
33 consideration unless it includes certification from the landlord that  
34 the landlord is aware that the tenant's use of the premises will  
35 involve activities related to the cultivation, manufacturing, or  
36 dispensing of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products. An  
37 application shall not be disqualified from consideration if the  
38 application does not include the materials described in  
39 subparagraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph.

40 (5) A community impact, social responsibility, and research  
41 statement, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the  
42 following:

43 (a) a community impact plan summarizing how the applicant  
44 intends to have a positive impact on the community in which the  
45 proposed entity is to be located, which shall include an economic  
46 impact plan, a description of outreach activities, and any financial

1 assistance or discount plans the applicant will provide to qualifying  
2 patients and designated caregivers;

3 (b) a written description of the applicant's record of social  
4 responsibility, philanthropy, and ties to the proposed host  
5 community;

6 (c) a written description of any research the applicant has  
7 conducted on the medical efficacy or adverse effects of cannabis  
8 use and the applicant's participation in or support of cannabis-  
9 related research and educational activities; and

10 (d) a written plan describing any research and development  
11 regarding the medical efficacy or adverse effects of cannabis, and  
12 any cannabis-related educational and outreach activities, which the  
13 applicant intends to conduct if issued a permit by the commission.

14 In evaluating the information submitted pursuant to  
15 subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this paragraph, the commission shall  
16 afford the greatest weight to responses pertaining to the applicant  
17 itself, controlling owners, and entities with common ownership or  
18 control with the applicant; followed by responses pertaining to  
19 those with a 15 percent or greater ownership interest in the  
20 applicant's organization; followed by significantly involved persons  
21 in the applicant's organization; followed by other officers,  
22 directors, and current and prospective employees of the applicant  
23 who have a bona fide relationship with the applicant's organization  
24 as of the <sup>2</sup>[submission]<sup>2</sup> date of the application.

25 (6) A workforce development and job creation plan, which may  
26 include <sup>2</sup>[, but shall not be limited to a description of the  
27 applicant's workforce development and job creation plan, which  
28 may include]<sup>2</sup> information on the applicant's history of job creation  
29 and planned job creation at the proposed facility; education,  
30 training, and resources to be made available for employees; any  
31 relevant certifications; and a diversity plan.

32 (7) A business and financial plan, which may include, but shall  
33 not be limited to, the following:

34 (a) an executive summary of the applicant's business plan;

35 (b) a demonstration of the applicant's financial ability to  
36 implement its business plan, which may include, but shall not be  
37 limited to, bank statements, business and individual financial  
38 statements, net worth statements, and debt and equity financing  
39 statements; and

40 (c) a description of the applicant's <sup>2</sup>[experience complying]  
41 plan to comply<sup>2</sup> with guidance pertaining to cannabis issued by the  
42 Financial Crimes Enforcement Network under 31 U.S.C. s.5311 et  
43 seq., the federal "Bank Secrecy Act", which may be demonstrated  
44 by submitting letters regarding the applicant's banking history from  
45 banks or credit unions that certify they are aware of the business  
46 activities of the applicant, or entities with common ownership or

1 control <sup>2</sup>[of] with<sup>2</sup> the <sup>2</sup>[applicant's organization] applicant<sup>2</sup>, in  
2 any state where the applicant has operated a business related to  
3 medical cannabis. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the  
4 commission shall consider only bank references involving accounts  
5 in the name of the applicant or of an entity with common ownership  
6 or control <sup>2</sup>[of] with<sup>2</sup> the <sup>2</sup>[applicant's organization] applicant<sup>2</sup>.  
7 An applicant who does not submit the information described in this  
8 subparagraph shall not be disqualified from consideration.

9 (8) Whether any of the applicant's majority or controlling  
10 owners were previously approved by the commission to serve as an  
11 officer, director, principal, or key employee of an alternative  
12 treatment center, <sup>2</sup>or personal use cannabis establishment,  
13 distributor, or delivery service,<sup>2</sup> provided any such individual  
14 served in that capacity at the alternative treatment center for six or  
15 more months.

16 (9) Whether the applicant can demonstrate that its governance  
17 structure includes the involvement of a school of medicine or  
18 osteopathic medicine licensed and accredited in the United States,  
19 or a general acute care hospital, ambulatory care facility, adult day  
20 care services program, or pharmacy licensed in New Jersey,  
21 provided that:

22 (a) the school, hospital, facility, or pharmacy has conducted or  
23 participated in research approved by an institutional review board  
24 related to cannabis involving the use of human subjects, except in  
25 the case of an accredited school of medicine or osteopathic  
26 medicine that is located and licensed in New Jersey;

27 (b) the school, hospital, facility, or pharmacy holds a profit  
28 share or ownership interest in the applicant's organization of 10  
29 percent or more, except in the case of an accredited school of  
30 medicine or osteopathic medicine that is located and licensed in  
31 New Jersey; and

32 (c) the school, hospital, facility, or pharmacy participates in  
33 major decision-making activities within the applicant's  
34 organization, which may be demonstrated by representation on the  
35 board of directors of the applicant's organization.

36 (10) The proposed composition of the applicant's medical  
37 advisory board established pursuant to section 15 of P.L.2019,  
38 c.153 (C.24:6I-7.5), if any.

39 (11) Whether the applicant intends to or has entered into a  
40 partnership with a prisoner re-entry program for the purpose of  
41 identifying and promoting employment opportunities at the  
42 applicant's organization for former inmates and current inmates  
43 leaving the corrections system. If so, the applicant shall provide  
44 details concerning the name of the re-entry program, the  
45 employment opportunities at the applicant's organization that will  
46 be made available to the re-entry population, and any other



1 initiatives the applicant's organization will undertake to provide  
2 support and assistance to the re-entry population.

3 (12) Any other information the commission deems relevant in  
4 determining whether to grant a permit to the applicant.

5 e. In addition to the information to be submitted pursuant to  
6 subsections c. and d. of this section, the commission shall require  
7 all permit applicants, other than applicants <sup>2</sup>~~["issued"]~~ for<sup>2</sup> a  
8 conditional permit, <sup>2</sup>or for an entity that is a microbusiness pursuant  
9 to subsection e. of section 11 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1),<sup>2</sup> to  
10 submit an attestation signed by a bona fide labor organization  
11 stating that the applicant has entered into a labor peace agreement  
12 with such bona fide labor organization. Except in the case of an  
13 entity holding an unconverted conditional permit, the maintenance  
14 of a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor organization shall  
15 be an ongoing material condition of maintaining a medical cannabis  
16 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, or medical cannabis  
17 dispensary permit. The submission of an attestation and  
18 maintenance of a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor  
19 organization by an applicant issued a conditional permit pursuant to  
20 subsection d. of section 11 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1) shall be  
21 a requirement for conversion of a conditional permit into a full  
22 permit. The failure to enter into a collective bargaining agreement  
23 within 200 days after the date that a medical cannabis cultivator,  
24 medical cannabis manufacturer, or medical cannabis dispensary first  
25 opens shall result in the suspension or revocation of such permit or  
26 conditional permit.

27 In reviewing initial permit applications, the commission shall  
28 give priority to the following <sup>2</sup>, regardless of whether there is any  
29 competition among applicants for a particular type of permit<sup>2</sup>:

30 (1) Applicants that are party to a collective bargaining  
31 agreement with a <sup>1</sup>bona fide<sup>1</sup> labor organization that currently  
32 represents, or is actively seeking to represent, cannabis workers in  
33 New Jersey.

34 (2) Applicants that are party to a collective bargaining  
35 agreement with a <sup>1</sup>bona fide<sup>1</sup> labor organization that currently  
36 represents cannabis workers in another state.

37 (3) Applicants that include a significantly involved person or  
38 persons lawfully residing in New Jersey for at least two years as of  
39 the date of the application.

40 (4) Applicants that submit <sup>1</sup>~~["an attestation affirming that they~~  
41 ~~will use best efforts to utilize"]~~ <sup>1</sup>~~["union"]~~ <sup>1</sup>a signed project labor  
42 agreement with a bona fide<sup>1</sup> building trades labor <sup>1</sup>["organizations  
43 in"] organization, which is a form of pre-hire collective bargaining  
44 agreement covering terms and conditions of a specific project,  
45 including labor issues and worker grievances associated with that

1 project, for<sup>1</sup> the construction or retrofit of the facilities associated  
2 with the permitted entity.

3 (5) Applicants that submit '[an attestation affirming that they  
4 have a project labor agreement, or will utilize]<sup>1</sup> a 'signed' project  
5 labor agreement '[, which is a form of pre-hire collective  
6 bargaining agreement covering terms and conditions of a specific  
7 project, including labor issues and worker grievances associated  
8 with any construction or retrofit of facilities, or] with a bona fide  
9 labor organization for any' other applicable project '[.]'<sup>1</sup> associated  
10 with the '[licensed] permitted<sup>1</sup> entity.

11 <sup>2</sup>[The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to a  
12 microbusiness applying for a conditional or annual permit of any  
13 type]

14 As used in this subsection, "bona fide labor organization" means  
15 a labor organization of any kind or employee representation  
16 committee, group, or association, in which employees participate  
17 and which exists and is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
18 part, of collective bargaining or otherwise dealing with medical or  
19 personal use cannabis employers concerning grievances, labor  
20 disputes, terms or conditions of employment, including wages and  
21 rates of pay, or other mutual aid or protection in connection with  
22 employment, and may be characterized by: it being a party to one or  
23 more executed collective bargaining agreements with medical or  
24 personal use cannabis employers, in this State or another state; it  
25 having a written constitution or bylaws in the three immediately  
26 preceding years; it filing the annual financial report required of  
27 labor organizations pursuant to subsection (b) of 29 U.S.C. 431, or  
28 it having at least one audited financial report in the three  
29 immediately preceding years; it being affiliated with any regional or  
30 national association of unions, including but not limited to state and  
31 federal labor councils; or it being a member of a national labor  
32 organization that has at least 500 general members in a majority of  
33 the 50 states of the United States. A bona fide labor organization  
34 includes a bona fide building trades labor organization<sup>2</sup>.

35 f. In reviewing an initial permit application, unless the  
36 information is otherwise solicited by the commission in a specific  
37 application question, the commission's evaluation of the application  
38 shall be limited to the experience and qualifications of the  
39 applicant's organization, including <sup>2</sup>controlling owners,<sup>2</sup> any entities  
40 with common ownership or control <sup>2</sup>[of] with<sup>2</sup> the <sup>2</sup>[applicant's  
41 organization] applicant<sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup>[controlling owners or] those with a 15  
42 percent or greater<sup>2</sup> interest <sup>2</sup>[holders]<sup>2</sup> in the applicant's  
43 organization, <sup>2</sup>significantly involved persons in the applicant's  
44 organization,<sup>2</sup> the <sup>2</sup>other<sup>2</sup> officers, directors, and current or  
45 prospective employees of the applicant's organization who have a

1 bona fide relationship with the applicant's organization as of the  
2 date of the application, and consultants and independent contractors  
3 who have a bona fide relationship with the applicant as of the date  
4 of the application. Responses pertaining to applicants who are  
5 exempt from the criminal history record background check  
6 requirements of section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) shall not  
7 be considered. Each applicant shall certify as to the status of the  
8 individuals and entities included in the application.

9 g. The commission shall conduct a disparity study to determine  
10 whether race-based measures should be considered when issuing  
11 permits pursuant to this section, and shall incorporate the policies,  
12 practices, protocols, standards, and criteria developed by the Office  
13 of Minority, Disabled Veterans, and Women **【Medical】** Cannabis  
14 Business Development pursuant to section 32 of P.L.2019, c.153  
15 (C.24:6I-25) to promote participation in the medical cannabis  
16 industry by persons from socially and economically disadvantaged  
17 communities, including promoting applications for, and the  
18 issuance of, medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
19 manufacturer, and medical cannabis dispensary permits to certified  
20 minority, women's, and disabled veterans' businesses. To this end,  
21 the commission shall seek to issue at least 30 percent of the total  
22 number of new medical cannabis cultivator permits, medical  
23 cannabis manufacturer permits, and medical cannabis dispensary  
24 permits issued on or after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153  
25 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) as follows:

26 (1) at least 15 percent of the total number of new medical  
27 cannabis cultivator permits, medical cannabis manufacturer  
28 permits, and medical cannabis dispensary permits <sup>2</sup>**【issued on or**  
29 **after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.)】**<sup>2</sup> are  
30 issued to a qualified applicant that has been certified as a minority  
31 business pursuant to P.L.1986, c.195 (C.52:27H-21.18 et seq.); and

32 (2) at least 15 percent of the total number of new medical  
33 cannabis cultivator permits, medical cannabis manufacturer  
34 permits, and medical cannabis dispensary permits <sup>2</sup>**【issued on or**  
35 **after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.)】**<sup>2</sup> are  
36 issued to a qualified applicant that has been certified as a women's  
37 business pursuant to P.L.1986, c.195 (C.52:27H-21.18 et seq.) or  
38 <sup>2</sup>**【that is】** as<sup>2</sup> a disabled-veterans' business, as defined in section 2  
39 of P.L.2015, c.116 (C.52:32-31.2).

40 In selecting among applicants who meet these criteria, the  
41 commission shall grant a higher preference to applicants with up to  
42 two of the certifications described in this subsection.

43 h. The commission shall give special consideration to any  
44 applicant that has entered into an agreement with an institution of  
45 higher education to create an integrated curriculum involving the  
46 cultivation, manufacturing, dispensing or delivery of medical

1 cannabis, provided that the curriculum is approved by both the  
2 commission and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education  
3 and the applicant agrees to maintain the integrated curriculum in  
4 perpetuity. An integrated curriculum permit shall be subject to  
5 revocation if the IC permit holder fails to maintain or continue the  
6 integrated curriculum. In the event that, because of circumstances  
7 outside an IC permit holder's control, the IC permit holder will no  
8 longer be able to continue an integrated curriculum, the IC permit  
9 holder shall notify the commission and shall make reasonable  
10 efforts to establish a new integrated curriculum with an institution  
11 of higher education, subject to approval by the commission and the  
12 Office of the Secretary of Higher Education. If the IC permit  
13 holder is unable to establish a new integrated curriculum within six  
14 months after the date the current integrated curriculum arrangement  
15 ends, the commission shall revoke the entity's IC permit, unless the  
16 commission finds there are extraordinary circumstances that justify  
17 allowing the permit holder to retain the permit without an integrated  
18 curriculum and the commission finds that allowing the permit  
19 holder to retain the permit would be consistent with the purposes of  
20 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), in which case the IC permit shall  
21 convert to a regular permit of the same type. The commission may  
22 revise the application and permit fees or other conditions for an IC  
23 permit as may be necessary to encourage applications for IC  
24 permits.

25 i. Application materials submitted to the commission pursuant  
26 to this section shall not be considered a public record pursuant to  
27 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) <sup>2</sup>**[or]** <sup>2</sup> P.L.2001, c.404  
28 (C.47:1A-5 et al.) <sup>2</sup>, or the common law concerning access to  
29 government records<sup>2</sup>.

30 j. If the commission notifies an applicant that it has performed  
31 sufficiently well on multiple applications to be awarded more than  
32 one <sup>2</sup>**[medical cannabis cultivator permit, more than one medical**  
33 **cannabis manufacturer permit, or more than one medical cannabis**  
34 **dispensary]**<sup>2</sup> permit <sup>2</sup>**[by the commission]**<sup>2</sup>, the applicant shall  
35 notify the commission, within seven business days after receiving  
36 such notice, as to which permit <sup>2</sup>type<sup>2</sup> it will accept. For any permit  
37 award declined by an applicant pursuant to this subsection, the  
38 commission shall, upon receiving notice from the applicant of the  
39 declination, award the permit to the applicant for that permit type  
40 who, in the determination of the commission, best satisfies the  
41 commission's criteria while meeting the commission's  
42 determination of Statewide need. If an applicant fails to notify the  
43 commission as to which permit it will accept, the commission shall  
44 have the discretion to determine which permit it will award to the  
45 applicant, based on the commission's determination of Statewide

1 need and other applications submitted for facilities to be located in  
2 the affected regions.

3 k. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any permit  
4 applications submitted pursuant to a request for applications  
5 published in the New Jersey Register prior to the effective date of  
6 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.).

7 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.12)

8  
9 17. Section 13 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.3) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 13. a. The commission shall issue clinical registrant permits to  
12 qualified applicants that meet the requirements of this section. In  
13 addition to any other requirements as the commission establishes by  
14 regulation regarding application for and issuance of a clinical  
15 registrant permit, each clinical registrant applicant shall:

16 (1) complete a criminal history record background check that  
17 meets the requirements of subsection d. of section 7 of P.L.2009,  
18 c.307 (C.24:6I-7);

19 (2) submit to the commission any required application and  
20 permit fees;

21 (3) submit to the commission written documentation of an  
22 existing contract with an academic medical center that meets the  
23 requirements of subsection c. of this section; and

24 (4) submit to the commission documentation that the applicant  
25 has a minimum of \$15 million in capital.

26 b. The commission shall, no later than 90 days after the  
27 effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) or upon  
28 adoption of rules and regulations as provided in subsection c. of  
29 section 18 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-16), whichever occurs first,  
30 begin accepting and processing applications for <sup>2</sup>~~four~~ five<sup>2</sup>  
31 clinical registrant permits. Thereafter, the commission shall accept  
32 applications for and issue such additional clinical registrant permits  
33 as it determines to be necessary and consistent with the provisions  
34 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.). The commission shall make a  
35 determination as to a clinical registrant permit application no later  
36 than 90 days after receiving the application, which may include a  
37 determination that the commission reasonably requires more time to  
38 adequately review the application. In reviewing and approving  
39 applications for clinical registrant permits, the commission shall  
40 seek to incorporate the policies, practices, protocols, standards, and  
41 criteria developed by the Office of Minority, Disabled Veterans,  
42 and Women **Medical** Cannabis Business Development pursuant  
43 to section 32 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-25) to promote  
44 participation in the medical cannabis industry by persons from  
45 socially and economically disadvantaged communities. In no case  
46 shall the commission accept, process, or approve an application

1 submitted by an applicant that has contracted with an academic  
2 medical center that is part of a health care system that includes  
3 another academic medical center that has contracted with an  
4 applicant for, or a holder of, a clinical registrant permit.

5 c. A contract between a clinical registrant and an academic  
6 medical center shall include a commitment by the academic medical  
7 center, or its affiliate, to engage in or oversee clinical research  
8 related to the use or adverse effects of **【medical】** cannabis in order  
9 to advise the clinical registrant concerning patient health and safety,  
10 medical applications, **【and】** dispensing and management of  
11 controlled substances, and ways to mitigate adverse health or  
12 societal effects of adult, personal use legalization, among other  
13 areas. A clinical registrant issued a permit pursuant to this section  
14 shall have a written contractual relationship with no more than one  
15 academic medical center.

16 d. A clinical registrant issued a permit pursuant to this section  
17 shall be authorized to engage in all conduct involving the  
18 cultivation, manufacturing, and dispensing of medical cannabis as is  
19 authorized for an entity holding medical cannabis cultivator,  
20 medical cannabis manufacturer, and medical cannabis dispensary  
21 permits pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), including  
22 dispensing medical cannabis and medical cannabis products to  
23 qualifying patients and designated and institutional caregivers. The  
24 clinical registrant shall additionally be authorized to engage in  
25 clinical research involving medical cannabis using qualifying  
26 patients who consent to being part of such research, subject to any  
27 restrictions established by the commission.

28 e. (1) A clinical registrant issued a permit pursuant to this  
29 section may conduct authorized activities related to medical  
30 cannabis at more than one physical location, provided that each  
31 location is approved by the commission and is in the same region in  
32 which the academic medical center with which the clinical  
33 registrant has a contract is located.

34 (2) A clinical registrant may apply to the commission for  
35 approval to relocate an approved facility to another location in the  
36 same region, which application shall be approved unless the  
37 commission makes a specific determination that the proposed  
38 relocation would be inconsistent with the purposes of P.L.2009,  
39 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.). The denial of an application for relocation  
40 submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall be considered a final  
41 agency decision, subject to review by the Appellate Division of the  
42 Superior Court.

43 (3) The commission may authorize a clinical registrant to  
44 dispense medical cannabis and medical cannabis products from  
45 more than one physical location if the commission determines that  
46 authorizing additional dispensing locations is necessary for the

1 clinical registrant to best serve and treat qualifying patients and  
2 clinical trial participants.

3 (4) In no case shall a clinical registrant operate or be located on  
4 land that is valued, assessed or taxed as an agricultural or  
5 horticultural use pursuant to the "Farmland Assessment Act of  
6 1964," P.L.1964, c.48 (C.54:4-23.1 et seq.).

7 f. A clinical registrant permit shall not be sold or transferred to  
8 any other entity.

9 g. Clinical registrant permits shall be valid for the term of the  
10 contractual relationship between the academic medical center and  
11 the clinical registrant. The commission may renew a clinical  
12 registrant permit to correspond to any renewal of the contractual  
13 relationship between the academic medical center and the clinical  
14 registrant.

15 h. Each clinical registrant shall submit the results of the clinical  
16 research obtained through an approved clinical registrant permit to  
17 the commission no later than one year following the conclusion of  
18 the research study or publication of the research study in a peer-  
19 reviewed medical journal. Nothing in this subsection shall be  
20 deemed to require the disclosure of any clinical research that would  
21 infringe on the intellectual property of the clinical registrant or on  
22 the confidentiality of patient information.

23 i. Application materials submitted to the commission pursuant  
24 to this section shall not be considered a public record pursuant to  
25 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) <sup>2</sup>**[or]** <sup>2</sup> P.L.2001, c.404  
26 (C.47:1A-5 et al.) <sup>2</sup>, or the common law concerning access to  
27 records<sup>2</sup>.

28 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.13)

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30 18. (New section) Regulation of Cannabis.

31 a. The commission shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant  
32 to subsection d. of section 6 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
33 the Legislature as this bill), which shall be consistent with the intent  
34 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
35 The commission may create an expert task force to make  
36 recommendations to the commission about the content of such  
37 regulations. Such regulations shall include:

38 (1) Procedures for the application, issuance, denial, renewal,  
39 suspension, and revocation of a license or conditional license to  
40 operate as a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service.  
41 Such procedures shall include a periodic evaluation of whether the  
42 number of each class of cannabis establishment, or cannabis  
43 distributors or cannabis delivery services, is sufficient to meet the  
44 market demands of the State, a result of which is the commission's  
45 authority to <sup>1</sup>**[make requests for]** accept<sup>1</sup> new applications and  
46 issue additional licenses as it deems necessary to meet those  
47 demands, except as otherwise provided in section 33 of P.L. ,

- 1 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) regarding  
2 an initial period during which the number of Class 1 Cannabis  
3 <sup>1</sup>**Grower** Cultivator<sup>1</sup> licenses is capped <sup>1</sup>, which limit shall not  
4 apply to cannabis cultivator licenses issued to microbusinesses as  
5 set forth in that section<sup>1</sup>;
- 6 (2) Application, licensure, and renewal of licensure fees;
- 7 (3) Incorporation of the licensing goals for applicants for  
8 licensure who are New Jersey residents established in P.L. ,  
9 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The  
10 commission shall make good faith efforts to meet these goals.  
11 Qualifications for licensure shall be directly and demonstrably  
12 related to the operation of a cannabis establishment, distributor, or  
13 delivery service, provided that the commission shall make licenses  
14 available to as diverse a group as reasonably practicable, however  
15 no license of any kind shall be issued to a person under the legal  
16 age to purchase cannabis items;
- 17 (4) (a) Incorporation of the licensing measures established by  
18 the Office of Minority, Disabled Veterans, and Women Cannabis  
19 Business Development pursuant to subparagraph (b) of paragraph  
20 (1) of subsection c. of section 32 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-25) to  
21 promote the licensing of persons from socially and economically  
22 disadvantaged communities, and minority businesses and women's  
23 businesses, as these terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1986,  
24 c.195 (C.52:27H-21.18), and disabled veterans' businesses as  
25 defined in section 2 of P.L.2015, c.116 (C.52:32-31.2). The  
26 commission shall coordinate with the office with respect to the  
27 incorporation of these licensing measures;
- 28 (b) Procedures, to monitor the incorporated licensing measures  
29 established by the Office of Minority, Disabled Veterans, and  
30 Women Cannabis Business Development, which shall include a  
31 verification, as part of the application process for licensure or  
32 license renewal, of a minority, women's, or disabled veterans'  
33 business certification provided to that business by the office  
34 pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection b. of section 32 of  
35 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-25), or verification of an application for  
36 certification under review by the office pursuant to that paragraph,  
37 which review is occurring simultaneous to the application for  
38 licensure or license renewal;
- 39 (5) Security requirements for cannabis establishments and  
40 transportation of cannabis <sup>2</sup>and cannabis items<sup>2</sup> ;
- 41 (6) Requirements to prevent the sale or diversion of cannabis  
42 items to persons under the legal age to purchase cannabis items,  
43 including, but not limited to, requirements that:
- 44 (a) All licensees and licensee representatives, before permitting  
45 entrance to a cannabis establishment and selling or serving cannabis  
46 items to any person, shall require such person to produce one of the  
47 following pieces of identification:



- 1 (i) The person's United States passport <sup>1</sup>, or other country's  
2 passport or proper government-issued documentation for  
3 international travel if a citizen or other lawfully recognized resident  
4 of that <sup>2</sup>**[county]** country<sup>2</sup> , who is lawfully permitted to possess  
5 and use that country's passport or government-issued  
6 documentation for purposes of identification in the United States<sup>1</sup> ;  
7 (ii) The person's motor vehicle driver's license, whether issued  
8 by New Jersey or by any other state, <sup>1</sup>territory, or possession of the  
9 United States, or the District of Columbia,<sup>1</sup> provided the license  
10 displays a picture of the person;  
11 (iii) A New Jersey identification card issued by the New Jersey  
12 Motor Vehicle Commission; or  
13 (iv) Any other identification card issued by a state <sup>1</sup>, territory, or  
14 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia,<sup>1</sup> or the  
15 United States that bears a picture of the person, the name of the  
16 person, the person's date of birth, and a physical description of the  
17 person;  
18 (b) No cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service  
19 shall employ persons under 18 years of age nor shall any cannabis  
20 retailer allow persons under the legal age to purchase cannabis  
21 items, other than a person employed by the retailer, to enter or  
22 remain on the premises of a cannabis retailer unless accompanied  
23 by a parent or legal guardian;  
24 (c) Packaging and branding regulations to prevent the marketing  
25 of cannabis items and cannabis paraphernalia to people under the  
26 legal age to purchase cannabis items;  
27 (d) No edible cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[items]** products<sup>1</sup> shall be <sup>1</sup>**[produced]**  
28 manufactured<sup>1</sup>, marketed, or sold that are in the shape of, or a shape  
29 bearing the likeness or containing characteristics of, a realistic or  
30 fictional human, animal, or fruit, or part thereof, including artistic,  
31 caricature, or cartoon renderings;  
32 (7) Labeling and packaging requirements for cannabis items  
33 sold or distributed by a cannabis establishment, including, but not  
34 limited to, the affixing of a tracking stamp to containers or  
35 packaging as set forth in section 29 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-22)  
36 and requirements that:  
37 (a) Cannabis items and cannabis paraphernalia are not  
38 packaged, branded, or marketed using any statement, illustration, or  
39 image that:  
40 (i) Includes false, deceptive, or misleading statements;  
41 (ii) Promotes over-consumption;  
42 (iii) Depicts a child or other person under legal age consuming  
43 cannabis items; or  
44 (iv) Includes objects, such as toys, characters, or cartoon  
45 characters suggesting the presence of a person under the legal age to  
46 purchase cannabis items, or any other depiction designed in any

1 manner to be especially appealing to persons under the legal age to  
2 purchase cannabis items;

3 (b) Ensure cannabis items are packaged in opaque, child-  
4 resistant special packaging, or if applicable to a particular cannabis  
5 item, child resistant special packaging for liquid nicotine  
6 containers, in accordance with the “Poison Prevention Packaging  
7 Act of 1970,” 15 U.S.C. s.1471 et seq., and the associated  
8 regulations promulgated thereunder, except that these child-  
9 resistant packaging requirements shall not apply to any cannabis  
10 item obtained from a cannabis retailer or alternative treatment  
11 center for immediate, on-premises consumption at that retailer’s or  
12 center’s cannabis consumption area as permitted pursuant to section  
13 28 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-21);

14 (c) Cannabis items warning labels adequately inform consumers  
15 about safe cannabis use and warn of the consequences of misuse or  
16 overuse;

17 (d) Labeling rules that mandate clear identification of health  
18 and safety information, including, but not limited to:

19 (i) Net weight;

20 (ii) Production date and expiration date;

21 (iii) <sup>1</sup>**[An]** For a cannabis product, cannabis extract, or other  
22 cannabis resin, an<sup>1</sup> ingredient list that includes, but is not limited to,  
23 all ingredients used to manufacture the cannabis product <sup>1</sup>, any  
24 other inactive or excipient ingredients besides cannabis,<sup>1</sup> and a list  
25 of all potential allergens contained within the product;

26 (iv) Strain or type of cannabis, listed by scientific terms, if  
27 available, and generic or “slang” names;

28 (v) Whether the product requires refrigeration;

29 (vi) Growth method <sup>2</sup>**[ ]**, <sup>2</sup> whether dirt grown, hydroponic, or  
30 otherwise <sup>2</sup>**[ ]**, <sup>2</sup> and an indication whether the cannabis was grown  
31 using all-organic materials, and a complete list of any nonorganic  
32 pesticides, fungicides and herbicides used during the cultivation of  
33 the cannabis;

34 (vii) <sup>1</sup>**[Serving]** For a cannabis product, serving<sup>1</sup> size, the total  
35 number of servings, and a statement regarding the percentage of  
36 THC contained in the cannabis product and in each serving. For  
37 example: “The serving size of active THC in this product is X mg.  
38 This product contains X servings of cannabis, and the total amount  
39 of active THC in this product is X mg.”;

40 (viii) Warning labels that include the nationwide toll-free  
41 telephone number used to access poison control centers that is  
42 maintained in accordance with 42 U.S.C. s.300d-71, as well as  
43 include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following  
44 <sup>2</sup>statements<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>, if applicable to a particular cannabis item<sup>1</sup>:

45 -- “This product contains cannabis”;

46 -- “This product is infused with cannabis”;

1 -- “This product is intended for use by adults 21 years of age or  
2 older. Keep out of the reach of children”;

3 -- “The intoxicating effects of this product may be delayed by  
4 two or more hours”;

5 -- “There may be health risks associated with the consumption of  
6 this product, including for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding,  
7 or planning on becoming pregnant”;

8 -- “Do not drive a motor vehicle or operate heavy machinery  
9 while using <sup>2</sup>**[cannabis]** this product<sup>2</sup> ”;

10 (e) Labeling rules that mandate the source of <sup>2</sup>**[the]** a<sup>2</sup> cannabis  
11 <sup>2</sup>**[items]** item<sup>2</sup>, including, but not limited to, the license number of  
12 the cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[cultivation facility]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> where the <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup>  
13 cannabis used <sup>2</sup>**[to produce]** for<sup>2</sup> the cannabis item was grown, the  
14 license number of the cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[product manufacturing facility]**  
15 manufacturer<sup>1</sup> that <sup>1</sup>**[produced]** manufactured<sup>1</sup> the cannabis item,  
16 and the license number of the cannabis retailer that sold the  
17 cannabis item and the production batch and lot <sup>2</sup>**[numbers]**  
18 number<sup>2</sup> of the cannabis <sup>2</sup>**[items]** item<sup>2</sup>;

19 (8) Health and safety regulations and standards for the  
20 <sup>2</sup>cultivation of cannabis, and the<sup>2</sup> manufacture and sale of cannabis  
21 <sup>1</sup>**[products]** items<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>**[and the cultivation of cannabis]**<sup>2</sup>, including,  
22 but not limited to, requirements that:

23 (a) Establish accreditation and licensure criteria for cannabis  
24 testing facilities, which shall include, as a condition for licensure,  
25 the maintenance of a labor peace agreement and entrance into, or  
26 good faith effort to enter into, a collective bargaining agreement in  
27 accordance with subsection c. of section <sup>2</sup>**[18]** 19<sup>2</sup> of P.L. ,  
28 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The  
29 commission shall also incorporate the licensing measures  
30 established by the Office of Minority, Disabled Veterans, and  
31 Women Cannabis Business Development, and the assessment of  
32 their effectiveness, pursuant to subparagraph (b) of paragraph (1) of  
33 subsection c. of section 32 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-25), and  
34 apply them to the licensing of cannabis testing facilities in order to  
35 promote the licensing of persons from socially and economically  
36 disadvantaged communities, and minority businesses and women’s  
37 businesses, as these terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1986,  
38 c.195 (C.52:27H-21.18), and disabled veterans’ businesses as  
39 defined in section 2 of P.L.2015, c.116 (C.52:32-31.2). The license  
40 shall permit a cannabis testing facility to test <sup>1</sup>**[cannabis and]**<sup>1</sup>  
41 cannabis items in accordance with the provisions set forth in  
42 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), as  
43 well as test medical cannabis and medical cannabis products in  
44 accordance with the provisions of the “Jake Honig Compassionate  
45 Use Medical Cannabis Act,” P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.);

46 (b) <sup>2</sup>**[(i)]**<sup>2</sup> The commission issue licenses for a sufficient  
47 number of cannabis testing facilities, if those facilities <sup>2</sup>**[meet]** :

1 (i) Meet<sup>2</sup> the requirements for licensure, in order to ensure that  
 2 the testing of representative samples of cannabis items in  
 3 accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraph (13) of this  
 4 subsection can be completed in not more than 14 days following  
 5 their submission to any facility. Other factors that may be  
 6 considered by the commission in determining whether a sufficient  
 7 number of cannabis testing facilities are currently licensed include  
 8 the current licensees' experience or expertise in testing highly  
 9 regulated products, demonstrated testing efficiency and  
 10 effectiveness, existing research partnerships or capability to form  
 11 and maintain research partnerships focusing on <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup>  
 12 cannabis items, and any other factors established in regulation by  
 13 the commission; and

14 (ii) <sup>2</sup>**[Permits]** Permit<sup>2</sup> the commission to inspect any licensed  
 15 cannabis testing facility to determine the condition and calibration  
 16 of any equipment used for testing, and to ensure that a facility's  
 17 testing procedures are performed in accordance with the  
 18 commission's accreditation requirements for licensure;

19 (c) Every licensed cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[cultivation facility]** cultivator<sup>1</sup>  
 20 and cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[product manufacturing facility]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> shall  
 21 permit representatives of cannabis testing facilities to make  
 22 scheduled and unscheduled visits to <sup>2</sup>**[facilities]** their premises<sup>2</sup> in  
 23 order to obtain random samples of cannabis items, in a quantity  
 24 established by the commission, to be transported to cannabis testing  
 25 facilities for inspection and testing to certify compliance with  
 26 health, safety, and potency standards adopted by the commission;

27 (d) Prescribe methods of producing <sup>1</sup>cannabis<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>**[processing,]**  
 28 and manufacturing<sup>1</sup> and packaging cannabis items; conditions of  
 29 sanitation; safe handling requirements; approved pesticides and  
 30 pesticide testing requirements, to the extent not inconsistent with  
 31 approved pesticides and requirements otherwise established under  
 32 federal and State law; and standards of ingredients, quality, and  
 33 identity of cannabis items <sup>2</sup>**[produced,]**<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>**[processed]** <sup>2</sup>**[,]**<sup>2</sup>  
 34 manufactured<sup>1</sup>, packaged, or sold by cannabis establishments;

35 (e) Establish accreditation <sup>2</sup>**[and licensing]**<sup>2</sup> criteria for  
 36 responsible cannabis server and seller training and certification  
 37 programs for cannabis retailer employees;

38 (f) Provide that no licensed cannabis establishment, distributor,  
 39 or delivery service, or employee of a cannabis establishment  
 40 <sup>1</sup>**[or]**,<sup>1</sup> distributor, <sup>1</sup>or delivery service,<sup>1</sup> shall consume, or allow to  
 41 be consumed, any cannabis items on the establishment's,  
 42 distributor's, or delivery service's premises, except as permitted in  
 43 a cannabis consumption area or <sup>1</sup>premises,<sup>1</sup> private area <sup>1</sup>for  
 44 employees<sup>1</sup> as set forth in section 28 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-  
 45 21);

46 (g) (i) Set appropriate dosage, potency, and serving size limits  
 47 for <sup>1</sup>**[cannabis and other]**<sup>1</sup> cannabis items, provided that a

1 standardized serving of <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>product<sup>1</sup> shall be no more  
2 than 10 milligrams of active THC and no individual edible <sup>1</sup>**retail**  
3 cannabis<sup>1</sup> product <sup>1</sup>**unit**<sup>1</sup> for sale shall contain more than 100  
4 milligrams of active THC;

5 (ii) Require that each single standardized serving of <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
6 <sup>1</sup>product<sup>1</sup> in a multiple-serving edible <sup>1</sup>**cannabis**<sup>1</sup> product is  
7 physically demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to  
8 determine how much of the product constitutes a single serving of  
9 active THC, and that each standardized serving of <sup>1</sup>the<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
10 <sup>1</sup>product<sup>1</sup> shall be easily separable to allow an average person 21  
11 years of age or older to physically separate, with minimal effort,  
12 individual servings of the product;

13 (iii) Require that, if it is impracticable to clearly demark every  
14 standardized serving of cannabis <sup>1</sup>product<sup>1</sup> or to make each  
15 standardized serving easily separable in an edible cannabis product,  
16 the product shall contain no more than 10 milligrams of active THC  
17 per unit of sale;

18 (h) Establish a universal symbol to indicate that a cannabis item  
19 contains cannabis, which shall be marked, stamped, or imprinted  
20 directly on an edible retail cannabis <sup>1</sup>**item** product<sup>1</sup>, or on each  
21 single standardized serving in a multiple-serving edible cannabis  
22 <sup>1</sup>**item** product<sup>1</sup>, unless the item is a loose bulk good such as  
23 granola or cereal, a powder, a liquid-infused item, or another form  
24 too impractical to be marked, stamped, or imprinted;

25 (i) Prohibit the use of a commercially manufactured or  
26 trademarked food product as an edible retail cannabis <sup>1</sup>**item**  
27 product<sup>1</sup>, provided that a commercially manufactured or  
28 trademarked food product may be used as a component of an edible  
29 retail cannabis <sup>1</sup>**item** product<sup>1</sup> or part of <sup>1</sup>**an item's** a product's<sup>1</sup>  
30 recipe so long as the commercially manufactured or trademarked  
31 food product is used in a way that renders it unrecognizable in the  
32 final edible <sup>1</sup>**retail**<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**item** product<sup>1</sup> and the <sup>1</sup>**item**  
33 product<sup>1</sup> is not advertised as containing the commercially  
34 manufactured or trademarked food product;

35 (j) Establish screening, hiring, training, and supervising  
36 requirements for <sup>1</sup>**retail store** cannabis retailer<sup>1</sup> employees and  
37 others who manufacture or handle cannabis items;

38 (k) Promote general sanitary requirements for the handling,  
39 storage, and disposal of cannabis items, and the maintenance of  
40 cannabis establishments <sup>1</sup>, and cannabis distribution and cannabis  
41 delivery service premises<sup>1</sup>;

42 (l) Provide for rigorous auditing, inspection, and monitoring of  
43 cannabis establishments, distributors, and delivery services for  
44 compliance with health and safety rules and regulations;

45 (m) Require the implementation of security requirements for  
46 <sup>1</sup>**retail outlets** cannabis retailers<sup>1</sup> and premises where cannabis

1 items are <sup>2</sup>~~produced or~~<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>~~processed~~ <sup>2</sup>~~manufactured~~<sup>1</sup>  
2 manufactured<sup>2</sup>, and safety protocols for cannabis establishments,  
3 distributors, and delivery services, and their employees;

4 (n) Prescribe reasonable restrictions on the manner, methods,  
5 and means by which <sup>1</sup>cannabis cultivators <sup>2</sup>and cannabis  
6 distributors<sup>2</sup> shall transport cannabis within the State, and all<sup>1</sup>  
7 licensees shall transport cannabis items within the State; and

8 (o) Establish procedures for identification, seizure, confiscation,  
9 destruction, or donation to law enforcement for training purposes of  
10 <sup>2</sup>~~all~~<sup>2</sup> cannabis or cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~products~~ items<sup>1</sup> produced,  
11 <sup>2</sup>~~processed~~ manufactured<sup>2</sup>, sold, or offered for sale within this  
12 State which do not conform in all respects to the standards  
13 prescribed by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
14 as this bill);

15 (9) Restrictions on the advertising and display of cannabis items  
16 and cannabis paraphernalia, including, but not limited to,  
17 requirements that:

18 (a) Restrict advertising of cannabis items and cannabis  
19 paraphernalia in ways that target or are designed to appeal to  
20 individuals under the legal age to purchase cannabis items,  
21 including, but not limited to depictions of a person under 21 years  
22 of age consuming cannabis <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup>, or, includes objects, such as  
23 toys, characters, or cartoon characters suggesting the presence of a  
24 person under 21 years of age, or any other depiction designed in any  
25 manner to be especially appealing to a person under 21 years of  
26 age;

27 (b) Prohibit advertising of any cannabis items or cannabis  
28 paraphernalia on television, or on radio between the hours of 6:00  
29 <sup>2</sup>~~am~~ a.m.<sup>2</sup> and 10:00 <sup>2</sup>~~pm~~ p.m.<sup>2</sup>;

30 (c) Prohibit engaging in advertising unless the advertiser has  
31 reliable evidence that at least 71.6 percent of the audience for the  
32 advertisement is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older;

33 (d) Prohibit engaging in advertising or marketing directed  
34 towards location-based devices, including but not limited to cellular  
35 phones, unless the marketing is a mobile device application  
36 installed on the device by the owner of the device who is 21 years  
37 of age or older and includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature  
38 and warnings that the use of cannabis items is restricted to persons  
39 21 years of age or older;

40 (e) Prohibit the sponsoring of a charitable, sports, musical,  
41 artistic, cultural, social, or other similar event or advertising at or in  
42 connection with such an event unless the sponsor or advertiser has  
43 reliable evidence that no more than 20 percent of the audience at the  
44 event is reasonably expected to be under the legal age to purchase  
45 cannabis items;

1 (f) Require all advertisements to contain the following warning:  
2 “This product contains cannabis. For use only by adults 21 years of  
3 age or older. Keep out of the reach of children.”;

4 (g) Prohibit the advertising of cannabis items or cannabis  
5 paraphernalia in any form or through any medium whatsoever  
6 within 200 feet of <sup>2</sup>~~an~~ any<sup>2</sup> elementary or secondary school  
7 grounds. <sup>2</sup>This subparagraph shall not apply to advertisements  
8 within the premises of a cannabis retailer.<sup>2</sup>

9 For the purposes of this section, a noncommercial message shall  
10 not be considered an advertisement. <sup>2</sup>~~This section also shall not~~  
11 ~~apply to advertisements within the premises of a cannabis retailer.~~<sup>2</sup>

12 (10) A requirement that only cannabis items and cannabis  
13 paraphernalia are available for sale at a cannabis establishment;

14 (11) Procedures for the commission to conduct announced and  
15 unannounced visits to cannabis establishments, distributors, and  
16 delivery services, to make, or cause to be made, such investigations  
17 as it shall deem proper in the administration of P.L. ,  
18 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and any  
19 other laws which may hereafter be enacted concerning cannabis, or  
20 the <sup>1</sup>production,<sup>1</sup> manufacture, distribution, sale, or delivery  
21 thereof, including the inspection and search of <sup>2</sup>~~any~~<sup>2</sup> premises for  
22 which the license is sought or has been issued, of any building  
23 containing the same, of licensed buildings, examination of the  
24 books, records, accounts, documents and papers of the licensees or  
25 on the licensed premises;

26 (a) The commission shall be authorized <sup>2</sup>~~to~~, after adequate notice  
27 to the owner or the agent of the owner, to make an examination of  
28 the books<sup>2</sup> and may at any time make an examination of the  
29 premises of any person <sup>2</sup>~~or entity~~<sup>2</sup> licensed under P.L. ,  
30 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) for the  
31 purpose of determining compliance with P.L. , c. (C. )  
32 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and the rules of the  
33 commission <sup>2</sup>~~to~~. The commission shall not require the books of any  
34 licensee to be maintained on the premises of the licensee<sup>2</sup>;

35 (b) The commission may <sup>2</sup>~~to~~, at any time, examine the books and  
36 records of any cannabis licensee,<sup>2</sup> require <sup>2</sup>licensee<sup>2</sup> compliance  
37 with P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
38 bill), and may appoint auditors, investigators and other employees  
39 that the commission considers necessary to enforce its powers and  
40 perform its duties;

41 (c) During any inspection of a licensed premises, the  
42 commission may require proof that a person performing work at the  
43 premises is 18 years of age or older. If the person does not provide  
44 the commission with acceptable proof of age upon request, the  
45 commission may require the person to immediately cease any  
46 activity and leave the premises until the commission receives  
47 acceptable proof of age; and

1 (d) The commission shall not be required to obtain a search  
2 warrant to conduct an investigation or search of licensed premises;

3 (12) Record keeping requirements, including, but not limited to,  
4 the following:

5 (a) The obligation of every cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~grower~~ cultivator<sup>1</sup> to  
6 keep a complete and accurate record of all sales of cannabis  
7 flowers, cannabis leaves, and immature cannabis plants, and a  
8 complete and accurate record of the number of cannabis flowers  
9 produced, the number of ounces of cannabis leaves produced, the  
10 number of immature cannabis plants produced, and the dates of  
11 production; the obligation of every cannabis establishment to keep a  
12 complete and accurate record of all sales of cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~items~~<sup>1</sup>, and a  
13 complete and accurate record of the number of ounces of <sup>1</sup>~~usable~~<sup>1</sup>  
14 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~items~~<sup>1</sup> sold; the obligation of every cannabis  
15 distributor to keep a complete and accurate record of all <sup>1</sup>~~cannabis~~  
16 ~~and~~<sup>1</sup> cannabis items transported in bulk, and the sending and  
17 receiving cannabis establishments involved in each transportation of  
18 the <sup>1</sup>~~cannabis or~~<sup>1</sup> cannabis items; and the obligation of every  
19 cannabis delivery service to keep a complete and accurate record of  
20 all cannabis item deliveries made <sup>2</sup>~~on behalf of a~~ to consumers  
21 based on orders fulfilled by<sup>2</sup> of cannabis <sup>2</sup>~~retailer~~ retailers<sup>2</sup>;

22 (b) Such records shall be kept and maintained for four years <sup>2</sup>,  
23 however there shall not be a requirement that the records be  
24 maintained on the premises of a licensee,<sup>2</sup> and the records shall be  
25 in such form and contain such other information as the commission  
26 may require; and

27 (c) The commission may, at any time, with adequate notice,  
28 examine the books and records of any cannabis establishment,  
29 distributor, or delivery service, and may appoint auditors,  
30 investigators, and other employees that the commission considers  
31 necessary to enforce its powers and <sup>2</sup>~~its~~<sup>2</sup> duties <sup>2</sup>~~as described in~~  
32 ~~P.L. , c. (C. )~~ (pending before the Legislature as this  
33 bill)<sup>2</sup>;

34 (13) Procedures for inspecting samples of cannabis items,  
35 including:

36 (a) On a schedule determined by the commission, every licensed  
37 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~grower~~ cultivator<sup>1</sup> and <sup>1</sup>~~processor~~ manufacturer<sup>1</sup>  
38 shall submit representative samples of cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~useable~~  
39 ~~cannabis,~~ items<sup>1</sup> produced or <sup>1</sup>~~processed~~ manufactured<sup>1</sup> by the  
40 licensee to an independent, third-party licensed testing facility  
41 meeting the accreditation requirements established by the  
42 commission, <sup>2</sup>or random samples may be obtained by  
43 representatives of the facility making a scheduled or unscheduled  
44 visit to the licensee's premises,<sup>2</sup> for inspection and testing to certify  
45 compliance with standards adopted by the commission. Any sample  
46 remaining after testing shall be destroyed by the facility or returned



1 to the licensee, unless that sample does not meet the applicable  
2 standards adopted by the commission, in which case it may be  
3 retained for purposes of retesting upon request of a licensee in  
4 accordance with subparagraph (c) of this paragraph;

5 (b) Licensees shall submit the results of this <sup>2</sup>cannabis item<sup>2</sup>  
6 inspection and testing to the commission on a form developed by  
7 the commission; and

8 (c) If a <sup>2</sup>[representative]<sup>2</sup> sample inspected and tested under  
9 this section does not meet the applicable standards adopted by the  
10 commission, the <sup>2</sup>[representative]<sup>2</sup> sample may, upon notice to the  
11 commission, be retested at the request of a licensee in a manner  
12 prescribed by the commission, and in addition to a retest, or as an  
13 alternative thereto, the licensee may also be permitted an  
14 opportunity to remediate, upon notice to the commission, the <sup>1</sup>batch  
15 or<sup>1</sup> lot from which the failed <sup>2</sup>[representative]<sup>2</sup> sample was taken,  
16 which <sup>1</sup>batch or<sup>1</sup> lot shall be subject to a subsequent test of a new  
17 representative sample in a manner prescribed by the commission.  
18 Any request for a retest of a <sup>2</sup>[representative]<sup>2</sup> sample, and any  
19 retest and reporting of results, as well as any <sup>1</sup>batch or<sup>1</sup> lot  
20 remediation process undertaken and subsequent testing of that  
21 <sup>1</sup>batch or<sup>1</sup> lot, shall be completed within a time period established  
22 by the commission. The commission shall also provide a process  
23 by which <sup>2</sup>[representative]<sup>2</sup> samples <sup>1</sup>, batches,<sup>1</sup> and lots that  
24 failed retesting or remediation, as applicable, shall be destroyed;

25 (14) Establishing the number of cannabis retailers <sup>2</sup>, and  
26 permissible business arrangements with respect to other types of  
27 retailing businesses<sup>2</sup>;

28 (a) <sup>2</sup>(i)<sup>2</sup> Assuming there are sufficient qualified applicants for  
29 licensure, the commission shall, subject to <sup>2</sup>[annual review]  
30 periodic evaluation as described in paragraph (1) of this  
31 subsection<sup>2</sup>, issue a sufficient number of Class 5 Retailer licenses to  
32 meet the market demands of the State, giving regard to geographical  
33 and population distribution throughout the State; and

34 <sup>2</sup>[(b)] (ii)<sup>2</sup> the provision of adequate access to licensed sources  
35 of <sup>2</sup>[useable cannabis and]<sup>2</sup> cannabis <sup>2</sup>[products] items<sup>2</sup> to  
36 discourage purchases from the illegal market; and

37 <sup>2</sup>(b) A cannabis retailer's premises shall not be located in or  
38 upon any premises in which operates a grocery store, delicatessen,  
39 indoor food market, or other store engaging in retail sales of food,  
40 or in or upon any premises in which operates a store that engages in  
41 licensed retail sales of alcoholic beverages, as defined by subsection  
42 b. of R.S.33:1-1; and<sup>2</sup>

43 (15) Civil penalties for the failure to comply with regulations  
44 adopted pursuant to this section.

45 b. In order to ensure that individual privacy is protected, the  
46 commission shall not require a consumer to provide a cannabis

1 retailer with personal information other than government-issued  
2 identification <sup>1</sup>as set forth in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (6) of  
3 subsection a. of this section in order<sup>1</sup> to determine the consumer's  
4 <sup>1</sup>identity and<sup>1</sup> age, and a cannabis retailer shall not collect and  
5 retain any personal information about consumers other than  
6 information typically acquired in a financial transaction conducted  
7 by the holder of a Class C retail license concerning alcoholic  
8 beverages as set forth in R.S.33:1-12.

9 c. Once regulations are adopted by the commission pursuant to  
10 subsection a. of this section, but prior to the commencement of the  
11 application process, the commission shall conduct a series of  
12 information sessions in every county in New Jersey to educate  
13 residents of New Jersey about the responsibilities, opportunities,  
14 requirements, obligations, and processes for application for a  
15 license to operate a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
16 service. The commission shall conduct an appropriate number of  
17 information sessions in each county considering the population of  
18 each county, but no fewer than one information session in each  
19 county. The commission shall publicize the day, time, location, and  
20 agenda of each information session broadly through television,  
21 radio, Internet, print, and local agencies.

22 d. The commission shall:

23 (1) Examine available research, and may conduct or commission  
24 new research or convene an expert task force, to investigate the  
25 influence of cannabis and marijuana on the ability of a person to  
26 drive a vehicle, on methods for determining whether a person is  
27 under the influence of cannabis or marijuana, and on the  
28 concentration of <sup>1</sup>active<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>【delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol】 THC, as  
29 defined in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
30 Legislature as this bill).<sup>2</sup> in a person's blood, in each case taking  
31 into account all relevant factors; and

32 (2) Report <sup>2</sup>the results of the research to the Governor and<sup>2</sup>,  
33 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), <sup>2</sup>【the  
34 results of the research to】<sup>2</sup> the Legislature and make  
35 recommendations <sup>2</sup>【to the Legislature】<sup>2</sup> regarding <sup>2</sup>【legislation or  
36 other】 both administrative and<sup>2</sup> legislative action as the commission  
37 deems necessary.

38  
39 19. (New section) Application For License or Conditional  
40 License.

41 a. Each application for an annual license to operate a cannabis  
42 establishment, distributor, or delivery service, or conditional license  
43 for a proposed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
44 service, shall be submitted to the commission. A separate license or  
45 conditional license shall be required for each location at which a  
46 cannabis establishment seeks to operate, or for the location of each  
47 premises from which a cannabis distributor or delivery service

1 seeks to operate. Renewal applications for another annual license  
2 <sup>2</sup>~~may~~ shall<sup>2</sup> be filed <sup>1</sup>~~up to~~ no later than<sup>1</sup> 90 days prior to the  
3 expiration of the establishment's, distributor's, or delivery service's  
4 license. A conditional license shall not be renewed, but replaced  
5 with an annual license upon the commission's determination of  
6 qualification for the annual license, or otherwise expire, as set forth  
7 in paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section.

8 b. (1) Regarding the application for and issuance of annual  
9 licenses, the commission shall:

10 (a) begin accepting and processing applications within 30 days  
11 after the commission's initial rules and regulations have been  
12 adopted pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of subsection  
13 d. of section 6 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
14 as this bill);

15 (b) forward, within <sup>1</sup>~~seven~~ 14<sup>1</sup> days of receipt, a copy of each  
16 application to the municipality in which the applicant desires to  
17 operate the cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service;  
18 and

19 (c) verify the information contained in the application and  
20 review the qualifications for the applicable license class, set forth in  
21 section 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, or 26 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
22 before the Legislature as this bill), and regulations concerning  
23 qualifications for licensure promulgated by the commission for  
24 which the applicant seeks licensure, and not more than 90 days after  
25 the receipt of an application, make a determination as to whether  
26 the application is approved or denied, or that the commission  
27 requires more time to adequately review the application.

28 The commission shall deny a license application to any applicant  
29 who fails to provide information, documentation and assurances as  
30 required by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
31 this bill) or as requested by the commission, or who fails to reveal  
32 any <sup>2</sup>~~fact~~<sup>2</sup> material <sup>2</sup>~~fact~~<sup>2</sup> to qualification, or who supplies  
33 information which is untrue or misleading as to a material fact  
34 pertaining to the qualification criteria for licensure. The  
35 commission shall approve a license application that meets the  
36 requirements of this section unless the commission finds by clear  
37 and convincing evidence that the applicant would be manifestly  
38 unsuitable to perform the activities for the applicable license class  
39 for which licensure is sought.

40 (i) If the application is approved, upon collection of the license  
41 fee, the commission shall issue an annual license to the applicant no  
42 later than 30 days after giving notice of approval of the application  
43 unless the commission finds the applicant is not in compliance with  
44 regulations for annual licenses enacted pursuant to the provisions of  
45 paragraph (1) of subsection d. of section 6 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
46 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or the commission is  
47 notified by the relevant municipality that the applicant is not in  
48 compliance with ordinances and regulations made pursuant to the

1 provisions of section 31 of P.L. <sup>2</sup>~~of P.L.~~<sup>2</sup>, c. (C. )  
2 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and in effect at the time  
3 of application, provided, if a municipality has enacted a numerical  
4 limit on the number of cannabis establishments, distributors, or  
5 delivery services and a greater number of applicants seek licenses,  
6 the commission shall solicit and consider input from the  
7 municipality as to the municipality's preference or preferences for  
8 licensure.

9 (ii) If the application is denied, the commission shall notify the  
10 applicant in writing of the specific reason for its denial, and provide  
11 the applicant with the opportunity for a hearing in accordance with  
12 the "Administrative Procedure Act, P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
13 seq.).

14 (2) Regarding the application for and issuance of conditional  
15 licenses, the commission shall:

16 (a) begin accepting and processing applications from applicants  
17 within 30 days after the commission's initial rules and regulations  
18 have been adopted pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of  
19 subsection d. of section 6 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
20 Legislature as this bill), and ensure that at least 35 percent of the  
21 total licenses issued for each class of cannabis establishment, and  
22 for cannabis distributors and delivery services, are conditional  
23 licenses, which 35 percent figure shall also include any conditional  
24 license issued to an applicant which is subsequently replaced by the  
25 commission with an annual license due to that applicant's  
26 compliance for the annual license pursuant to subsubparagraph (i)  
27 of subparagraph (d) of this paragraph;

28 (b) forward, within <sup>1</sup>~~seven~~<sup>14</sup> days of receipt, a copy of each  
29 application to the municipality in which the applicant desires to  
30 operate a proposed cannabis establishment, or to the municipality in  
31 which the premises is located from which the applicant desires to  
32 operate a proposed cannabis distributor or delivery service; and

33 (c) verify the information contained in the application and  
34 review the following qualifications for a conditional license:

35 (i) that the application include at least one significantly  
36 involved person who has resided in this State for at least two years  
37 as of the date of the application;

38 (ii) a listing included with the application, showing all persons  
39 with a financial interest who also <sup>1</sup>~~has~~<sup>have</sup> decision making  
40 authority for the proposed cannabis establishment, distributor, or  
41 delivery service detailed in the application;

42 (iii) proof that the significantly involved person and any other  
43 person with a financial interest who also has decision making  
44 authority for the proposed cannabis establishment, distributor, or  
45 delivery service is 21 years of age or older;

46 (iv) the name, address, date of birth, and resumes of each  
47 executive officer <sup>1</sup>~~and~~<sup>1</sup>, all significantly involved persons <sup>1</sup>, and  
48 persons<sup>1</sup> with a financial interest who also <sup>1</sup>~~has~~<sup>have</sup> decision

1 making authority for the proposed cannabis establishment,  
2 distributor, or delivery service, as well as a photocopy of their  
3 driver's licenses or other government-issued form of identification,  
4 plus background check information in a form and manner  
5 determined by the commission in consultation with the  
6 Superintendent of State Police; concerning the background check,  
7 an application shall be denied if any person has any disqualifying  
8 conviction pursuant to  
9 subparagraph (c) of paragraph (4) of subsection a. of section <sup>1</sup>[19]  
10 20<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>[21,] <sup>1</sup>22, 23, <sup>1</sup>[or] <sup>1</sup>24 <sup>1</sup>, 25 or 26<sup>1</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. )  
11 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), based upon the  
12 applicable class of cannabis establishment for which the application  
13 was submitted, or based upon the application being for a cannabis  
14 distributor or delivery service, unless the commission determines  
15 pursuant to subsubparagraph (ii) of those subparagraphs that the  
16 conviction should not disqualify the application;  
17 (v) proof that each person with a financial interest who also has  
18 decision making authority for the proposed cannabis establishment,  
19 distributor, or delivery service has, for the immediately preceding  
20 taxable year, an adjusted gross income of no more than \$200,000 or  
21 no more than \$400,000 if filing jointly with another;  
22 (vi) a certification that each person with a financial interest who  
23 also has decision making authority for the proposed cannabis  
24 establishment, distributor, or delivery service does not have any  
25 financial interest in an application for an annual license under  
26 review before the commission or a cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>[or] <sup>2</sup>  
27 distributor <sup>2</sup>, or delivery service<sup>2</sup> that is currently operating with an  
28 annual license;  
29 (vii) the federal and State tax identification numbers for the  
30 proposed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service,  
31 and proof of business registration with the Division of Revenue in  
32 the Department of the Treasury;  
33 (viii) information about the proposed cannabis establishment,  
34 distributor, or delivery service including its legal name, any  
35 registered alternate name under which it may conduct business, and  
36 a copy of its articles of organization and bylaws;  
37 (ix) the business plan and management operation profile for the  
38 proposed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service;  
39 (x) the plan by which the applicant intends to obtain appropriate  
40 liability insurance coverage for the proposed cannabis  
41 establishment, distributor, or delivery service; and  
42 (xi) any other requirements established by the commission  
43 pursuant to regulation; and  
44 (d) not more than 30 days after the receipt of an application,  
45 make a determination as to whether the application is approved or  
46 denied, or that the commission requires more time to adequately  
47 review the application.

1       The commission shall deny a <sup>2</sup>conditional<sup>2</sup> license application to  
2       any applicant who fails to provide information, documentation and  
3       assurances as required by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
4       Legislature as this bill) or as requested by the commission, or who  
5       fails to reveal any <sup>2</sup>**[fact]**<sup>2</sup> material <sup>2</sup>fact<sup>2</sup> to qualification, or who  
6       supplies information which is untrue or misleading as to a material  
7       fact pertaining to the qualification criteria for licensure. The  
8       commission shall approve a license application that meets the  
9       requirements of this section unless the commission finds by clear  
10      and convincing evidence that the applicant would be manifestly  
11      unsuitable to perform the activities for the applicable license class  
12      for which <sup>2</sup>conditional<sup>2</sup> licensure is sought.

13      (i) If the application is approved, upon collection of the  
14      conditional license fee, the commission shall issue a conditional  
15      license to the applicant, which is non-transferable for its duration,  
16      no later than 30 days after giving notice of approval of the  
17      application, unless the commission finds the applicant is not in  
18      compliance with regulations for conditional licenses enacted  
19      pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection d. of  
20      section 6 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the legislature as  
21      this bill) or the commission is notified by the relevant municipality  
22      that the applicant is not in compliance with ordinances and  
23      regulations made pursuant to the provisions of section 31 of P.L. of  
24      P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
25      and in effect at the time of application, provided, if a municipality  
26      has enacted a numerical limit on the number of marijuana cannabis  
27      establishments, distributors, or delivery services and a greater  
28      number of applicants seek licenses, the commission shall solicit and  
29      consider input from the municipality as to the municipality's  
30      preference or preferences for licensure. For each license issued, the  
31      commission shall also provide the approved licensee with  
32      documentation setting forth the remaining conditions to be satisfied  
33      under section 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, or 26 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
34      (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or relevant regulations,  
35      based upon the applicable class of cannabis establishment for which  
36      the conditional license was issued, or based upon the conditional  
37      license issued for a cannabis distributor or delivery service, and  
38      which were not already required for the issuance of that license, to  
39      be completed within 120 days of issuance of the conditional license,  
40      which period may be extended upon request to the commission for  
41      an additional period of up to 45 days at the discretion of the  
42      commission. If the commission subsequently determines during  
43      that 120-day period, or during any additional period granted, that  
44      the conditional licensee is in compliance with all applicable  
45      conditions and is implementing the plans, procedures, protocols,  
46      actions, or other measures set forth in its application, the  
47      commission shall replace the conditional license by issuing an  
48      annual license, which will expire one year from its date of issuance;

1 if the conditional licensee is not in compliance with all applicable  
2 conditions or not implementing the plans, procedures, protocols,  
3 actions, or other measures set forth in its application, the  
4 conditional license shall automatically expire at the end of the 120-  
5 day period, or at the end of any additional period granted by the  
6 commission;

7 (ii) If the application is denied, the commission shall notify the  
8 applicant in writing of the specific reason for its denial, provide  
9 with this written notice a refund of 80 percent of the application fee  
10 submitted with the application, and provide the applicant with the  
11 opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the “Administrative  
12 Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.);

13 c. The commission shall require all applicants for cannabis  
14 licenses, other than applicants <sup>2</sup>**[issued]** for<sup>2</sup> a conditional license  
15 for any <sup>2</sup>**[form]** class<sup>2</sup> of cannabis establishment, <sup>2</sup>or for a  
16 cannabis<sup>2</sup> distributor <sup>2</sup>**[,]**<sup>2</sup> or delivery service, or <sup>2</sup>**[issued]** for<sup>2</sup>  
17 either a conditional or annual license for an establishment,  
18 distributor, or delivery service that is a microbusiness pursuant to  
19 subsection f. of this section, to submit an attestation signed by a  
20 bona fide labor organization stating that the applicant has entered  
21 into a labor peace agreement with such bona fide labor  
22 organization. The maintenance of a labor peace agreement with a  
23 bona fide labor organization by a licensed cannabis establishment,  
24 distributor, or delivery service, other than an establishment that is a  
25 microbusiness, shall be an ongoing material condition of the  
26 establishment’s, distributor’s, or delivery service’s license. The  
27 submission of an attestation and maintenance of a labor peace  
28 agreement with a bona fide labor organization by an applicant  
29 issued a conditional license for a cannabis establishment,  
30 distributor, or delivery service, other than an establishment that is a  
31 microbusiness, shall be a requirement for final approval for an  
32 annual license. Failure to enter, or to make a good faith effort to  
33 enter, into a collective bargaining agreement within 200 days of the  
34 opening of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or  
35 delivery service, other than an establishment that is a  
36 microbusiness, shall result in the suspension or revocation of the  
37 establishment’s <sup>2</sup>**[or]**, <sup>2</sup>distributor’s <sup>2</sup>, or delivery service’s license.

38 As used in this subsection, “bona fide labor organization”  
39 means a labor organization of any kind or employee representation  
40 committee, group, or association, in which employees participate  
41 and which exists and is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
42 part, of collective bargaining or otherwise dealing with medical or  
43 personal use cannabis employers concerning grievances, labor  
44 disputes, terms or conditions of employment, including wages and  
45 rates of pay, or other mutual aid or protection in connection with  
46 employment, and may be characterized by: it being a party to one or  
47 more executed collective bargaining agreements with medical or  
48 personal use cannabis employers, in this State or another state; it

1 having a written constitution or bylaws in the three immediately  
 2 preceding years; it filing the annual financial report required of  
 3 labor organizations pursuant to subsection (b) of 29 U.S.C. 431, or  
 4 it having at least one audited financial report in the three  
 5 immediately preceding years; it being affiliated with any regional or  
 6 national association of unions, including but not limited to state and  
 7 federal labor councils; or it being a member of a national labor  
 8 organization that has at least 500 general members in a majority of  
 9 the 50 states of the United States.<sup>2</sup>

10 d. (1) Each license application shall be scored and reviewed  
 11 based upon a point scale with the commission determining the  
 12 amount of points, the point categories, and the system of point  
 13 distribution by regulation. The commission shall 'assign points  
 14 and' rank '[all]' applicants '[, from the most to the least points,']'  
 15 according to the point system. The commission may, pursuant to a  
 16 process set forth in regulation and consistent with this subsection,  
 17 adjust the point system or utilize a separate point system and  
 18 rankings with respect to the review of an application for which a  
 19 conditional license is sought <sup>1</sup>, or for which a microbusiness license  
 20 is sought<sup>1</sup>. If two or more eligible applicants have the same number  
 21 of points, those applicants shall be grouped together and, if there  
 22 are more eligible applicants in this group than the remaining  
 23 number of licenses available, the commission shall utilize a public  
 24 lottery to determine which applicants receive a license or  
 25 conditional license, as the case may be.

26 (a) An initial application for licensure shall be evaluated  
 27 according to criteria to be developed by the commission. <sup>1</sup>[For the  
 28 point values assigned to each criterion, there] There<sup>1</sup> shall be  
 29 included bonus points for applicants who are residents of New  
 30 Jersey.

31 (b) The criteria to be developed by the commission pursuant to  
 32 subparagraph (a) <sup>2</sup>of<sup>2</sup> this paragraph shall include, in addition to the  
 33 criteria set forth in subparagraphs (c) and (d) of this paragraph and  
 34 any other criteria developed by the commission, an analysis of the  
 35 applicant's operating plan, excluding safety and security criteria,  
 36 which shall include the following:

37 (i) In the case of an applicant for a cannabis <sup>1</sup>[grower]  
 38 cultivator<sup>1</sup> license, the operating plan summary shall include a  
 39 written description concerning the applicant's qualifications for,  
 40 experience in, and knowledge of each of the following topics:

- 41 - <sup>1</sup>[State-authorized]<sup>1</sup> cultivation of <sup>1</sup>[personal use]<sup>1</sup> cannabis;
- 42 - conventional horticulture or agriculture, familiarity with good
- 43 agricultural practices, and any relevant certifications or degrees;
- 44 - quality control and quality assurance;
- 45 - recall plans;
- 46 - packaging and labeling;



- 1       - inventory control and tracking software or systems for the  
2 production of personal use cannabis;
- 3       - analytical chemistry and testing of <sup>2</sup>**[personal use]**<sup>2</sup> cannabis;
- 4       - water management practices;
- 5       - odor mitigation practices;
- 6       - onsite and offsite recordkeeping;
- 7       - strain variety and plant genetics;
- 8       - pest control and disease management practices, including plans  
9 for the use of pesticides, nutrients, and additives;
- 10      - waste disposal plans; and
- 11      - compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 12      (ii) In the case of an applicant for a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]**  
13 manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license, or, as applicable, a cannabis wholesaler  
14 license, cannabis distributor license, or cannabis delivery service  
15 license, the operating plan summary shall include a written  
16 description concerning the applicant's qualifications for, experience  
17 in, and knowledge of each of the following topics:
- 18      - <sup>1</sup>**[State-authorize]**<sup>1</sup> manufacture <sup>1</sup>**[, production,]**<sup>1</sup> and creation  
19 of cannabis products using appropriate extraction methods,  
20 including intended use and sourcing of extraction equipment and  
21 associated solvents or intended methods and equipment for non-  
22 solvent extraction;
- 23      - quality control and quality assurance;
- 24      - recall plans;
- 25      - packaging and labeling;
- 26      - inventory control and tracking software or systems for the  
27 <sup>2</sup>**[production]** manufacturing, warehousing, transportation, or  
28 delivery<sup>2</sup> of <sup>2</sup>**[personal use]**<sup>2</sup> cannabis and cannabis items;
- 29      - analytical chemistry and testing of <sup>2</sup>**[personal use cannabis**  
30 **and]**<sup>2</sup> cannabis items;
- 31      - water management practices;
- 32      - odor mitigation practices;
- 33      - onsite and offsite recordkeeping;
- 34      - a list of product formulations or products proposed to be  
35 manufactured with estimated cannabinoid profiles, if known,  
36 including varieties with high cannabidiol content;
- 37      - intended use and sourcing of all non-cannabis ingredients used  
38 in the manufacture <sup>2</sup>**[, production,]**<sup>2</sup> and creation of cannabis  
39 products, including methods to verify or ensure the safety and  
40 integrity of those ingredients and their potential to be or contain  
41 allergens;
- 42      - waste disposal plans; and
- 43      - compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 44      (iii) In the case of an applicant for a cannabis retailer license, the  
45 operating plan summary shall include a written description  
46 concerning the applicant's qualifications for, experience in, and  
47 knowledge of each of the following topics:

- 1 - <sup>1</sup>**【State-authorized】**<sup>1</sup> sales of cannabis items to consumers;
  - 2 - <sup>1</sup>**【personal use】**<sup>1</sup> cannabis product evaluation procedures;
  - 3 - recall plans;
  - 4 - packaging and labeling;
  - 5 - inventory control and point-of-sale software or systems for the
  - 6 sale of cannabis items;
  - 7 - the routes of administration, strains, varieties, and cannabinoid
  - 8 profiles of <sup>2</sup>**【personal use】**<sup>2</sup> cannabis and cannabis items;
  - 9 - odor mitigation practices;
  - 10 - onsite and offsite recordkeeping;
  - 11 - waste disposal plans; and
  - 12 - compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 13 (c) The criteria to be developed by the commission pursuant to
- 14 subparagraph (a) of this paragraph shall include, in addition to the
- 15 criteria set forth in subparagraph (b) and (d) of this paragraph and
- 16 any other criteria developed by the commission, an analysis of the
- 17 following factors, if applicable:
- 18 (i) The applicant's environmental impact plan.
  - 19 (ii) A summary of the applicant's safety and security plans and
  - 20 procedures, which shall include descriptions of the following:
  - 21 - plans for the use of security personnel, including contractors;
  - 22 - the experience or qualifications of security personnel and
  - 23 proposed contractors;
  - 24 - security and surveillance features, including descriptions of any
  - 25 alarm systems, video surveillance systems, and access and visitor
  - 26 management systems, along with drawings identifying the proposed
  - 27 locations for surveillance cameras and other security features;
  - 28 - plans for the storage of <sup>1</sup>**【cannabis and】**<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>cannabis and<sup>2</sup>
  - 29 cannabis items, including any safes, vaults, and climate control
  - 30 systems that will be utilized for this purpose;
  - 31 - a diversion prevention plan;
  - 32 - an emergency management plan;
  - 33 - procedures for screening, monitoring, and performing criminal
  - 34 history record background checks of employees;
  - 35 - cybersecurity procedures;
  - 36 - workplace safety plans and the applicant's familiarity with
  - 37 federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations;
  - 38 - the applicant's history of workers' compensation claims and
  - 39 safety assessments;
  - 40 - procedures for reporting adverse events; and
  - 41 - a sanitation practices plan.
  - 42 (iii) A summary of the applicant's business experience, including
  - 43 the following, if applicable:
  - 44 - the applicant's experience operating businesses in highly-
  - 45 regulated industries;
  - 46 - the applicant's experience in operating cannabis establishments
  - 47 or alternative treatment centers and related <sup>1</sup>**【personal use or**
  - 48 **medical】**<sup>1</sup> cannabis production <sup>2</sup>**【and dispensation】** <sup>2</sup>

1 manufacturing, warehousing, or retail<sup>2</sup> entities, or experience in  
2 operating cannabis distributors or delivery services, under the laws  
3 of New Jersey or any other state or jurisdiction within the United  
4 States; and

5 - the applicant's plan to comply with and mitigate the effects of  
6 26 U.S.C. s.280E on cannabis businesses, and for evidence that the  
7 applicant is not in arrears with respect to any tax obligation to the  
8 State.

9 In evaluating the experience described under this  
10 subsubparagraph, the commission shall afford the greatest weight to  
11 the experience of the applicant itself, controlling owners, and  
12 entities with common ownership or control with the applicant;  
13 followed by the experience of those with a 15 percent or greater  
14 ownership interest in the applicant's organization; followed by  
15 <sup>2</sup>**[interest holders]** significantly involved persons<sup>2</sup> in the  
16 applicant's organization; followed by other officers, directors, and  
17 <sup>2</sup>**[bona fide full-time]** current and prospective<sup>2</sup> employees of the  
18 applicant <sup>2</sup>who have a bona fide relationship with application's  
19 organization<sup>2</sup> as of the <sup>2</sup>**[submission]**<sup>2</sup> date of the application.

20 (iv) A description of the proposed location for the applicant's  
21 site, including the following, if applicable:

22 - the proposed location, the surrounding area, and the suitability  
23 or advantages of the proposed location, along with a floor plan and  
24 optional renderings or architectural or engineering plans;

25 - the submission of zoning approvals for the proposed location,  
26 which shall consist of a letter or affidavit from appropriate officials  
27 of the municipality that the location will conform to local zoning  
28 requirements allowing for activities related to the operations of the  
29 proposed cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]**  
30 <sup>2</sup>**[mandufacturer<sup>1</sup>]** manufacturer<sup>2</sup> , cannabis wholesaler, cannabis  
31 distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service <sup>2</sup>**[and**  
32 **related supplies]**<sup>2</sup> as will be conducted at the proposed facility; and

33 - the submission of proof of local support for the suitability of  
34 the location, which may be demonstrated by a resolution adopted by  
35 the municipality's governing body indicating that the intended  
36 location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for activities  
37 related to the operations of the proposed cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]**  
38 cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
39 wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis  
40 delivery service.

41 <sup>2</sup>An application for a cannabis retailer shall not include in that  
42 application a proposed site that would place the retailer's premises  
43 in or upon any premises in which operates a grocery store,  
44 delicatessen, indoor food market, or other store engaging in retail  
45 sales of food, or in or upon any premises in which operates a store  
46 that engages in licensed retail sales of alcoholic beverages, as  
47 defined by subsection b. of R.S.33:1-1; any application presented to

1 the commission shall be denied if it includes that form of proposed  
 2 site.<sup>2</sup>

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsubparagraph, an  
 4 application shall be disqualified from consideration unless it  
 5 includes documentation demonstrating that the applicant will have  
 6 final control of the premises upon approval of the application,  
 7 including, but not limited to, a lease agreement, contract for sale,  
 8 title, deed, or similar documentation. In addition, if the applicant  
 9 will lease the premises, the application will be disqualified from  
 10 consideration unless it includes certification from the landlord that  
 11 the landlord is aware that the tenant's use of the premises will  
 12 involve <sup>2</sup>activities associated with<sup>2</sup> operations as a cannabis  
 13 <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>,  
 14 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or  
 15 cannabis delivery service. <sup>1</sup>**[An application shall not be**  
 16 **disqualified from consideration if the application does not include**  
 17 **the materials described in this subsubparagraph.]**<sup>1</sup>

18 (v) A community impact, social responsibility, and research  
 19 statement, which may include, but shall not be limited to, the  
 20 following:

21 - a community impact plan summarizing how the applicant  
 22 intends to have a positive impact on the community in which the  
 23 proposed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service is  
 24 to be located, which shall include an economic impact plan and a  
 25 description of outreach activities;

26 - a written description of the applicant's record of social  
 27 responsibility, philanthropy, and ties to the proposed host  
 28 community;

29 - a written description of any research the applicant has  
 30 conducted on the adverse effects of the use of cannabis items,  
 31 substance abuse or addiction, and the applicant's participation in or  
 32 support of cannabis-related research and educational activities; and

33 - a written plan describing any research and development  
 34 regarding the <sup>2</sup>**[medical efficacy or]**<sup>2</sup> adverse effects of cannabis,  
 35 and any cannabis-related educational and outreach activities, which  
 36 the applicant intends to conduct if issued a license by the  
 37 commission.

38 In evaluating the information submitted pursuant to this  
 39 subsubparagraph, the commission shall afford the greatest weight to  
 40 <sup>2</sup>**[the experience of]** responses pertaining to<sup>2</sup> the applicant itself,  
 41 controlling owners, and entities with common ownership or control  
 42 with the applicant; followed by <sup>2</sup>**[the experience of]**<sup>2</sup> those with a  
 43 15 percent or greater ownership interest in the applicant's  
 44 organization; followed by <sup>2</sup>**[interest holders]** significantly involved  
 45 persons<sup>2</sup> in the applicant's organization; followed by other officers,  
 46 directors, and <sup>2</sup>**[bona fide full-time]** current and prospective<sup>2</sup>  
 47 employees of the applicant <sup>2</sup>who have a bona fide relationship with

1 the applicant's organization<sup>2</sup> as of the <sup>2</sup>**[submission]**<sup>2</sup> date of the  
2 application.

3 (vi) A workforce development and job creation plan, which may  
4 include <sup>1</sup>**[**, but shall not be limited to a description of the  
5 applicant's workforce development and job creation plan, which  
6 may include<sup>1</sup>**]** information on the applicant's history of job creation  
7 and planned job creation at the proposed cannabis establishment,  
8 distributor, or delivery service; education, training, and resources to  
9 be made available for employees; any relevant certifications; and an  
10 optional diversity plan.

11 (vii) A business and financial plan, which may include, but shall  
12 not be limited to, the following:

13 - an executive summary of the applicant's business plan;

14 - a demonstration of the applicant's financial ability to  
15 implement its business plan, which may include, but shall not be  
16 limited to, bank statements, business and individual financial  
17 statements, net worth statements, and debt and equity financing  
18 statements; and

19 - a description of the applicant's <sup>1</sup>**[experience complying]** plan  
20 to comply<sup>1</sup> with guidance pertaining to cannabis issued by the  
21 Financial Crimes Enforcement Network under 31 U.S.C. s.5311 et  
22 seq., the federal "Bank Secrecy Act," which may be demonstrated  
23 by submitting letters regarding the applicant's banking history from  
24 banks or credit unions that certify they are aware of the business  
25 activities of the applicant, or entities with common ownership or  
26 control <sup>2</sup>**[of]** with<sup>2</sup> the <sup>2</sup>**[applicant's organization]** applicant<sup>2</sup>, in  
27 any state where the applicant has operated a business related to  
28 personal use or medical cannabis. For the purposes of this  
29 <sup>2</sup>**[subparagraph]** subsubparagraph<sup>2</sup>, the commission shall consider  
30 only bank references involving accounts in the name of the  
31 applicant or of an entity with common ownership or control <sup>2</sup>**[of]**  
32 with<sup>2</sup> the <sup>2</sup>**[applicant's organization]** applicant<sup>2</sup>. An applicant who  
33 does not submit the information <sup>2</sup>**[described in this subparagraph]**  
34 about a plan of compliance with the federal "Bank Secrecy Act"<sup>2</sup>  
35 shall not be disqualified from consideration.

36 (viii) Whether any of the applicant's majority or controlling  
37 owners were previously approved by the commission to serve as an  
38 officer, director, principal, or key employee of an alternative  
39 treatment center or personal use cannabis establishment, distributor,  
40 or delivery service, provided any such individual served in that  
41 capacity for six or more months;

42 (ix) <sup>1</sup>**[Whether the applicant can demonstrate that its governance**  
43 **structure includes the involvement of a school of medicine or**  
44 **osteopathic medicine licensed and accredited in the United States,**  
45 **or a general acute care hospital, ambulatory care facility, adult day**  
46 **care services program, or pharmacy licensed in New Jersey,**  
47 **provided that:**

1 - the school, hospital, facility, or pharmacy has conducted or  
2 participated in research approved by an institutional review board  
3 related to cannabis involving the use of human subjects, except in  
4 the case of an accredited school of medicine or osteopathic  
5 medicine that is located and licensed in New Jersey;

6 - the school, hospital, facility, or pharmacy holds a profit share  
7 or ownership interest in the applicant's organization of 10 percent  
8 or more, except in the case of an accredited school of medicine or  
9 osteopathic medicine that is located and licensed in New Jersey;  
10 and

11 - the school, hospital, facility, or pharmacy participates in major  
12 decision-making activities within the applicant's organization,  
13 which may be demonstrated by representation on the board of  
14 directors of the applicant's organization.

15 (x)]<sup>1</sup> Any other information the commission deems relevant in  
16 determining whether to grant a license to the applicant.

17 (2) In ranking applications, in addition to the awarding of points  
18 as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the commission shall  
19 give priority to the following, regardless of '[regardless of']<sup>1</sup>  
20 whether there is any competition among applications for a particular  
21 class of license:

22 (a) Applicants that include a significantly involved person or  
23 persons lawfully residing in New Jersey for at least five years as of  
24 the date of the application.

25 (b) Applicants that are party to a collective bargaining  
26 agreement with a 'bona fide'<sup>1</sup> labor organization that currently  
27 represents, or is actively seeking to represent cannabis workers in  
28 New Jersey.

29 (c) Applicants that are party to a collective bargaining  
30 agreement with a 'bona fide'<sup>1</sup> labor organization that currently  
31 represents cannabis workers in another state.

32 (d) Applicants that submit '[an attestation affirming that they  
33 will use best efforts to utilize] a signed project labor agreement  
34 with a bona fide'<sup>1</sup> building trades labor '[organizations in]  
35 organization, which is a form of pre-hire collective bargaining  
36 agreement covering terms and conditions of a specific project,  
37 including labor issues and worker grievances associated with that  
38 project, for'<sup>1</sup> the construction or retrofit of the facilities associated  
39 with the licensed entity.

40 (e) Applicants that submit '[an attestation affirming that they  
41 have]'<sup>1</sup> a 'signed'<sup>1</sup> project labor agreement '[, or will utilize a  
42 project labor agreement, which is a form of pre-hire collective  
43 bargaining agreement covering terms and conditions of a specific  
44 project, including labor issues and worker grievances associated  
45 with any construction or retrofit of facilities, or] with a bona fide  
46 labor organization for any'<sup>1</sup> other applicable project '[,]'<sup>1</sup> associated  
47 with the licensed entity.

<sup>2</sup>As used in this paragraph, “bona fide labor organization” means “bona fide labor organization” as defined in subsection c. of this section, and includes a bona fide building trades labor organization.<sup>2</sup>

(3) In reviewing an initial <sup>2</sup>license<sup>2</sup> application, unless the information is otherwise solicited by the commission in a specific application question, the commission’s evaluation of the application shall be limited to the experience and qualifications of the applicant’s organization, including <sup>2</sup>controlling owners,<sup>2</sup> any entities with common ownership or control <sup>2</sup>[of] with<sup>2</sup> the <sup>2</sup>[applicant’s organization] applicant<sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup>[controlling owners or] those with a 15 percent or greater ownership<sup>2</sup> interest <sup>2</sup>[holders]<sup>2</sup> in the applicant’s organization, <sup>2</sup>[and] significantly involved persons in the applicant’s organization,<sup>2</sup> the <sup>2</sup>other<sup>2</sup> officers, directors, and current <sup>2</sup>[full-time existing] or prospective<sup>2</sup> employees of the <sup>2</sup>[applicant’s organization] applicant who have a bona fide relationship with the applicant’s organization as of the date of the application, and consultants and independent contractors who have a bona fide relationship with the applicant as of the date of the application<sup>2</sup>. Responses pertaining to <sup>2</sup>[consultants, independent contractors,]<sup>2</sup> applicants who are exempt from the criminal history record background check requirements of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) <sup>2</sup>[, and prospective or part-time employees of the entity]<sup>2</sup> shall not be considered. Each applicant shall certify as to the status of the individuals and entities included in the application.

(4) The commission shall give special consideration to any applicant that has entered into an agreement with an institution of higher education to create an integrated curriculum involving the <sup>2</sup>[growing] cultivation<sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup>[processing] manufacturing<sup>2</sup>, wholesaling, distributing, <sup>2</sup>[and] ,<sup>2</sup> retail sales <sup>2</sup>, or delivery<sup>2</sup> of personal use cannabis <sup>2</sup>[and] or<sup>2</sup> cannabis items, provided that the curriculum is approved by both the commission and the <sup>2</sup>[Department] Office<sup>2</sup> of <sup>2</sup>the Secretary of Higher<sup>2</sup> Education and the applicant agrees to maintain the integrated curriculum in perpetuity. An integrated curriculum <sup>2</sup>[permit] license<sup>2</sup> shall be subject to revocation if the license holder fails to maintain or continue the integrated curriculum. In the event that, because of circumstances outside a license holder’s control, the license holder will no longer be able to continue an integrated curriculum, the license holder shall notify the commission and shall make reasonable efforts to establish a new integrated curriculum with an institution of higher education, subject to approval by the commission and the <sup>2</sup>[Department] Office<sup>2</sup> of <sup>2</sup>the Secretary of Higher<sup>2</sup> Education. If the license holder is unable to establish a new integrated curriculum within six months after the date the

1 current integrated curriculum arrangement ends, the commission  
 2 shall revoke the entity's license, unless the commission finds there  
 3 are extraordinary circumstances that justify allowing the license  
 4 holder to retain the license without an integrated curriculum and the  
 5 commission finds that allowing the license holder to retain the  
 6 license would be consistent with the purposes of P.L. ,  
 7 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The  
 8 commission may revise the application and license fees or other  
 9 conditions for a license pursuant to this paragraph as may be  
 10 necessary to encourage applications for <sup>2</sup>**[license]** licensure which  
 11 involves an integrated curriculum<sup>2</sup>.

12 (5) Application materials submitted to the commission pursuant  
 13 to this section shall not be considered a public record pursuant to  
 14 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) <sup>1</sup>, P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et  
 15 al.), or the common law concerning access to government records<sup>1</sup>.

16 (6) If the commission notifies an applicant that it has performed  
 17 sufficiently well on multiple applications to be awarded more than  
 18 one <sup>2</sup>**[cannabis** <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> license, cannabis  
 19 <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license, cannabis wholesaler license,  
 20 cannabis distributor license, cannabis retailer license, or cannabis  
 21 delivery service]<sup>2</sup> license, the applicant shall notify the  
 22 commission, within seven business days after receiving such notice,  
 23 as to which <sup>2</sup>class of<sup>2</sup> license it will accept. For any license award  
 24 that is declined by an applicant pursuant to this paragraph, the  
 25 commission shall, upon receiving notice from the applicant of the  
 26 declination, award the license to the applicant for that license class  
 27 who, in the determination of the commission, best satisfies the  
 28 commission's criteria while meeting the commission's  
 29 determination of Statewide marketplace need. If an applicant fails  
 30 to notify the commission as to which license it will accept, the  
 31 commission shall have the discretion to determine which license it  
 32 will award to the applicant, based on the commission's  
 33 determination of Statewide marketplace need and other applications  
 34 submitted for cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery  
 35 services to be located in the affected regions.

36 e. (1) The commission shall also prioritize applications on the  
 37 basis of impact zones, for which past criminal marijuana enterprises  
 38 contributed to higher concentrations of law enforcement activity,  
 39 unemployment, and poverty <sup>2</sup>, or any combination thereof,<sup>2</sup> within  
 40 parts of or throughout these zones, regardless of whether there is  
 41 any competition among applications for a particular class of license.  
 42 An "impact zone" means any municipality that:

43 (a) has a population of 120,000 or more according to the most  
 44 recently compiled federal decennial census as of the effective date  
 45 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);  
 46 <sup>2</sup>**[or]**<sup>2</sup>

47 (b) <sup>1</sup>based upon data for calendar year 2019:<sup>1</sup>



1 (i) ranks in the top 40 percent of municipalities in the State for  
2 marijuana- or hashish-related arrests for violation of paragraph (4)  
3 of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10 <sup>1</sup>["in the calendar year next  
4 preceding the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
5 the Legislature as this bill)"]<sup>1</sup>;

6 (ii) has a crime index total of 825 or higher based upon the  
7 indexes listed in the <sup>1</sup>["most recently issued"]<sup>1</sup> annual Uniform  
8 Crime Report by the Division of State Police <sup>1</sup>["as of that effective  
9 date"]<sup>1</sup>; and

10 (iii) has a local average annual unemployment rate that ranks in  
11 the top 15 percent of all municipalities in the State <sup>1</sup>["for the  
12 calendar year next preceding that effective date"]<sup>1</sup>, based upon  
13 average annual unemployment rates estimated for the relevant  
14 calendar year by the Office of Research and Information in the  
15 Department of Labor and Workforce Development <sup>2</sup>;

16 (c) is a municipality located in a county of the third class, based  
17 upon the county's population according to the most recently  
18 compiled federal decennial census as of the effective date of P.L. ,  
19 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), that  
20 meets all of the criteria set forth in subparagraph (b) other than  
21 having a crime index total of 825 or higher; or

22 (d) is a municipality located in a county of the second class,  
23 based upon the county's population according to the most recently  
24 compiled federal decennial census as of the effective date of P.L. ,  
25 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

26 (i) with a population of less than 60,000 according to the most  
27 recently compiled federal decennial census, that for calendar year  
28 2019 ranks in the top 40 percent of municipalities in the State for  
29 marijuana- or hashish-related arrests for violation of paragraph (4)  
30 of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10; has a crime index total of 1,000  
31 or higher based upon the indexes listed in the 2019 annual Uniform  
32 Crime Report by the Division of State Police; but for calendar year  
33 2019 does not have a local average annual unemployment rate that  
34 ranks in the top 15 percent of all municipalities, based upon average  
35 annual unemployment rates estimated for the relevant calendar year  
36 by the Office of Research and Information in the Department of  
37 Labor and Workforce Development; or

38 (ii) with a population of not less than 60,000 or more than 80,000  
39 according to the most recently compiled federal decennial census;  
40 has a crime index total of 650 or higher based upon the indexes  
41 listed in the 2019 annual Uniform Crime Report; and for calendar  
42 year 2019 has a local average annual unemployment rate of 3.0  
43 percent or higher using the same estimated annual unemployment  
44 rates<sup>2</sup>.

45 (2) In ranking applications with respect to impact zones, the  
46 commission shall give priority to the following:

1 (a) An application for a cannabis establishment, distributor, or  
2 delivery service that is located, or is intended to be located, within  
3 an impact zone, and that impact zone has less than two licensees, so  
4 that there will be a prioritized distribution of licenses to at least two  
5 licensees within each impact zone.

6 (b) An applicant who is a current resident of an impact zone and  
7 has resided therein for three or more consecutive years at the time  
8 of making the application. To the extent reasonably practicable, at  
9 least 25 percent of the total licenses issued to applicants for a  
10 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service license shall  
11 be awarded to applicants who have resided in an impact zone for  
12 three or more consecutive years at the time of making the  
13 application, regardless of where the cannabis establishment,  
14 distributor, or delivery service is, or is intended to be, located.

15 (c) An applicant who presents a plan, attested to, to employ <sup>1</sup>at  
16 least<sup>1</sup> 25 percent of employees who reside in an impact zone, of  
17 whom at least 25 percent shall reside in the impact zone nearest to  
18 the location, or intended location, of the cannabis establishment,  
19 distributor, or delivery service; failure to meet the requisite  
20 percentages of employees from an impact zone within 90 days of  
21 the opening of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or  
22 delivery service shall result in the suspension or revocation of a  
23 license or conditional license, as applicable, issued based on an  
24 application with an impact zone employment plan.

25 f. (1) The commission shall ensure that at least 10 percent of  
26 the total licenses issued for each class of cannabis establishment, or  
27 for cannabis distributors and cannabis delivery services, are  
28 designated for and only issued to microbusinesses, and that at least  
29 25 percent of the total licenses issued be issued to microbusinesses.  
30 The determination of the percentage for each class of license issued  
31 to microbusinesses shall include the number of conditional licenses  
32 issued to microbusinesses for each class, as the percentage of  
33 conditional licenses issued for each class pursuant to subparagraph  
34 (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section shall not be  
35 mutually exclusive of the percentage of licenses issued to  
36 microbusinesses pursuant to this <sup>2</sup>**[paragraph]** subsection<sup>2</sup>. <sup>2</sup>There  
37 shall not be any cap or other numerical restriction on the number of  
38 licenses issued to microbusinesses pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )  
39 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and this prohibition on  
40 a cap or other numerical restriction shall apply to every class of  
41 license issued.<sup>2</sup> The maximum fee assessed by the commission for  
42 issuance or renewal of a license designated and issued to a  
43 microbusiness shall be no more than half the fee applicable to a  
44 license of the same class issued to a person or entity that is not a  
45 microbusiness. <sup>2</sup>**[A** license designated and issued to a  
46 microbusiness shall be valid for one year and may be renewed  
47 annually.<sup>2</sup>

48 (2) A microbusiness shall meet the following requirements:

- 1 (a) 100 percent of the ownership interest in the microbusiness
- 2 shall be held by current New Jersey residents who have resided in
- 3 the State for at least the past two consecutive years;
- 4 (b) at least 51 percent of the owners, directors, officers, or
- 5 employees of the microbusiness shall be residents of the
- 6 municipality in which the microbusiness is located, or to be located,
- 7 or a municipality bordering the municipality in which the
- 8 microbusiness is located, or to be located;
- 9 (c) concerning business operations, and capacity and quantity
- 10 restrictions:
- 11 (i) employ no more than 10 employees;
- 12 (ii) operate a cannabis establishment occupying an area of no
- 13 more than 2,500 square feet, and in the case of a cannabis
- 14 <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, grow cannabis on an area no more than 2,500
- 15 square feet measured on a horizontal plane and grow above that
- 16 plane not higher than 24 feet; provided, that a cannabis <sup>2</sup>**[grower's]**
- 17 cultivator's<sup>2</sup> grow space may, if approved by the commission, be
- 18 part of a larger premises that is owned or operated by a cannabis
- 19 <sup>1</sup>**[grower]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> that is not a licensed microbusiness, allowing
- 20 for the sharing of <sup>2</sup>**a**<sup>2</sup> physical <sup>2</sup>**[facilities]** premises<sup>2</sup> and certain
- 21 business operations, but only the microbusiness cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower]**
- 22 cultivator<sup>1</sup> shall grow cannabis on and above the <sup>1</sup>**[grower's]**
- 23 cultivator's<sup>1</sup> grow space <sup>2</sup>**[.]**<sup>2</sup>
- 24 (iii) possess no more than 1,000 cannabis plants each month,
- 25 except that a cannabis distributor's possession of cannabis plants
- 26 for transportation shall not be subject to this limit;
- 27 (iv) in the case of a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>,
- 28 acquire <sup>2</sup>**[and process]**<sup>2</sup> no more than 1,000 pounds of <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup>
- 29 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[in dried form]**<sup>1</sup> each month;
- 30 (v) in the case of a cannabis wholesaler, acquire for resale no
- 31 more than 1,000 pounds of <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[in dried form]**<sup>1</sup>, or
- 32 the equivalent amount in any <sup>1</sup>**[other]**<sup>1</sup> form <sup>1</sup>of manufactured
- 33 cannabis product or cannabis resin<sup>1</sup> , or any combination thereof,
- 34 each month; and
- 35 (vi) in the case of a cannabis retailer, acquire for retail sale no
- 36 more than 1,000 pounds of <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[in dried form]**<sup>1</sup>, or
- 37 the equivalent amount in any <sup>1</sup>**[other]**<sup>1</sup> form <sup>1</sup>of manufactured
- 38 cannabis product or cannabis resin<sup>1</sup> , or any combination thereof,
- 39 each month <sup>2</sup>**[.]**<sup>2</sup>
- 40 (d) no owner, director, officer, or other person with a financial
- 41 interest who also has decision making authority for the
- 42 microbusiness shall hold any financial interest in any other licensed
- 43 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, whether or
- 44 not a microbusiness;
- 45 (e) no owner, director, officer, or other person with a financial
- 46 interest who also has decision making authority for a licensed

1 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, whether or  
 2 not a microbusiness, shall hold any financial interest in a  
 3 microbusiness;

4 (f) the microbusiness shall not sell or transfer the license issued  
 5 to it; and

6 (g) the microbusiness shall comply with such other requirements  
 7 as may be established by the commission by regulation.

8 <sup>2</sup>(3) A license designated and issued to a microbusiness shall be  
 9 valid for one year and may be renewed annually, or alternatively  
 10 replaced, while still valid, with an annual license allowing the  
 11 microbusiness to convert and continue its operations as a licensed  
 12 person or entity that is not a microbusiness subject to the provisions  
 13 of this subsection, based upon a process and criteria established by  
 14 the commission in regulation for the conversion.

15 (a) Any microbusiness that meets the criteria established by the  
 16 commission for conversion may submit an application to convert its  
 17 operations. Upon review of the application to confirm the  
 18 commission's criteria have been met, the commission shall issue a  
 19 new annual license to the person or entity, and the previously issued  
 20 license for the microbusiness shall be deemed expired as of the date  
 21 of issuance of the new annual license. If the commission  
 22 determines that the criteria have not been met, the conversion  
 23 application shall be denied, and the commission shall notify the  
 24 microbusiness applicant of the specific reason for its denial, and  
 25 provide the applicant with the opportunity for a hearing in  
 26 accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,  
 27 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

28 (b) Any new annual license issued pursuant to this paragraph  
 29 allowing a microbusiness to convert and continue its operations as a  
 30 licensed person or entity that is not a microbusiness subject to the  
 31 provisions of this subsection shall be counted towards the  
 32 percentages of licenses that are designated for and only issued to  
 33 microbusiness as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection,  
 34 notwithstanding the microbusiness' converted operations.<sup>2</sup>

35

36 20. (New section) Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【Grower】** Cultivator<sup>1</sup>  
 37 license.

38 A cannabis <sup>1</sup>**【grower】** cultivator<sup>1</sup> shall have a Class 1 Cannabis  
 39 <sup>1</sup>**【Grower】** Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license issued by the commission for the  
 40 premises at which the cannabis is grown or cultivated. Except for  
 41 an initial period during which the number of licenses is capped  
 42 pursuant to section 33 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 43 Legislature as this bill), <sup>1</sup>except as otherwise provided therein  
 44 concerning cannabis cultivator licenses issued to microbusinesses.<sup>1</sup>,  
 45 the commission shall determine the maximum number of licenses,  
 46 of which at least 35 percent shall be conditional licenses issued  
 47 pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection b. of

1 section <sup>1</sup>~~18~~ <sup>19</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 2 Legislature as this bill), and at least <sup>2</sup>~~25~~ <sup>10</sup> percent of the total  
 3 number of licenses and conditional licenses shall be designated for  
 4 and only issued to microbusinesses pursuant subsection f. of that  
 5 section. After the initial period during which the number of licenses  
 6 is capped pursuant to section 33 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
 7 before the Legislature as this bill), <sup>1</sup>except as otherwise provided  
 8 therein concerning cannabis cultivator licenses issued to  
 9 microbusinesses,<sup>1</sup> the commission shall review the current number  
 10 of licenses issued and, <sup>2</sup>~~providing~~ <sup>provided</sup><sup>2</sup> there exist qualified  
 11 applicants, <sup>2</sup>the commission shall issue a sufficient number of  
 12 licenses to meet the market demands of the State, and<sup>2</sup> may, as  
 13 authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. ,  
 14 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), <sup>1</sup>~~make~~  
 15 ~~requests for~~ <sup>accept</sup><sup>1</sup> new applications for additional licenses as it  
 16 deems necessary to meet <sup>2</sup>~~the market~~ <sup>those</sup><sup>2</sup> demands <sup>2</sup>~~of the~~  
 17 ~~State~~<sup>2</sup>.

18 a. To hold a Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~Grower~~ <sup>Cultivator</sup><sup>1</sup> license  
 19 under this section, an applicant:

20 (1) Shall apply for a license in the manner described in section  
 21 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 22 this bill);

23 (2) Shall have at least one significantly involved person who has  
 24 resided in this State for at least two years as of the date of the  
 25 application, and provide proof that this person and any other person  
 26 with <sup>1</sup>~~an investment~~ <sup>financial</sup><sup>1</sup> interest who also has decision  
 27 making authority for the cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~grower~~ <sup>cultivator</sup><sup>1</sup> listed on an  
 28 application submitted under section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
 29 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) is 21 years of age or  
 30 older;

31 (3) Shall meet the requirements of any rule or regulation  
 32 adopted by the commission under subsection b. of this section; and

33 (4) Shall provide for each of the following persons to undergo a  
 34 criminal history record background check: any owner, other than an  
 35 owner who holds less than a five percent investment interest in the  
 36 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~grower~~ <sup>cultivator</sup><sup>1</sup> or who is a member of a group that  
 37 holds less than a 20 percent investment interest in the cannabis  
 38 <sup>1</sup>~~grower~~ <sup>cultivator</sup><sup>1</sup> and no member of that group holds more than  
 39 a five percent interest in the total group investment, and who lacks  
 40 the authority to make controlling decisions regarding the cannabis  
 41 <sup>1</sup>~~grower's~~ <sup>cultivator's</sup><sup>1</sup> operations; any director; any officer; and  
 42 any employee.

43 (a) Pursuant to this provision, the commission is authorized to  
 44 exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record  
 45 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
 46 Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with the provisions of

1 applicable <sup>2</sup>~~['federal and']~~<sup>2</sup> State <sup>2</sup>and federal<sup>2</sup> laws, rules, and  
2 regulations. The Division of State Police shall forward criminal  
3 history record background information to the commission in a  
4 timely manner when requested pursuant to the provisions of this  
5 section;

6 (b) Each person shall submit to being fingerprinted in  
7 accordance with applicable State and federal laws, rules, and  
8 regulations. No check of criminal history record background  
9 information shall be performed pursuant to this section unless a  
10 person has furnished his written consent to that check. A person  
11 who refuses to consent to, or cooperate in, the securing of a check  
12 of criminal history record background information shall not be  
13 considered for licensure as a <sup>1</sup>~~['grower']~~ cultivator<sup>1</sup>. Each person  
14 shall bear the cost for the criminal history record background check,  
15 including all costs of administering and processing the check;

16 (c) (i) With respect to determining whether any conviction of a  
17 person contained in the criminal history record background check  
18 should disqualify an applicant for a Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~['Grower']~~  
19 Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license, the commission shall not take into consideration  
20 any conviction for a crime or offense that occurred prior to the  
21 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
22 Legislature as this bill) involving a controlled dangerous substance  
23 or controlled substance analog as set forth in paragraph (11) or (12)  
24 of subsection b., or subparagraph (b) of paragraph (10) of  
25 subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:35-5, or paragraph (3) or (4) of  
26 subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10, or any similar indictable offense  
27 under federal law, this State's law, or any other state's law, or for  
28 any conviction under federal law for conduct involving cannabis or  
29 <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~['resin']~~ item<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. ,  
30 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
31 Additionally, the commission shall not take into consideration any  
32 other prior conviction, unless that conviction is for an indictable  
33 offense under federal law, other than a conviction for conduct  
34 involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~['resin']~~ item<sup>1</sup> that is authorized  
35 by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
36 or under this State's law, or any other state's law that is  
37 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties for  
38 which the license is required, and not more than five years have  
39 passed since the date of that conviction, satisfactory completion of  
40 probation or parole, or release from incarceration, <sup>1</sup>~~['which']~~  
41 whichever<sup>1</sup> is later. In determining which indictable offenses are  
42 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties for  
43 which the license is required, the commission shall at least consider  
44 any conviction involving fraud, deceit, or embezzlement, and any  
45 conviction for N.J.S.2C:35-6, employing a minor in a drug  
46 distribution scheme, or similar indictable offense in this or another

1 jurisdiction involving the use of a minor to dispense or distribute a  
2 controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog;

3 (ii) The commission may approve an applicant for a Class 1  
4 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>【Grower】 <sup>2</sup>【Cultivation<sup>1</sup>】 Cultivator<sup>2</sup> license after  
5 conducting a thorough review of any previous conviction of a  
6 person that substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or  
7 duties for which the license is required that is contained in the  
8 criminal history record background information, and this review  
9 shall include examining the nature of the indictable offense, the  
10 circumstances at the time of committing the offense, and evidence  
11 of rehabilitation since conviction. If the commission determines  
12 that the reviewed conviction should not disqualify the applicant, the  
13 applicant may be approved so long as the applicant is otherwise  
14 qualified to be issued the license; and

15 (d) Upon receipt and review of the criminal history record  
16 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
17 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the commission shall provide  
18 written notification to the applicant of the qualification <sup>2</sup>【for】<sup>2</sup> or  
19 disqualification for a Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>【Grower】 Cultivator<sup>1</sup>  
20 license.

21 If the applicant is disqualified because the commission  
22 determined that a person has a disqualifying conviction pursuant to  
23 the provisions of this section, the conviction that constitutes the  
24 basis for the disqualification shall be identified in the written  
25 notice.

26 (e) The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the  
27 commission in the event that a person who was the subject of a  
28 criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to  
29 this section is convicted of a crime or offense in this State after the  
30 date the background check was performed. Upon receipt of that  
31 notification, the commission shall make a determination regarding  
32 the continued eligibility for the applicant, or following application,  
33 for the licensee, to hold a Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>【Grower】 Cultivator<sup>1</sup>  
34 license.

35 b. The commission shall adopt rules and regulations that:

36 (1) Provide for the annual renewal of the Class 1 Cannabis  
37 <sup>1</sup>【Grower】 Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license;

38 (2) Establish application, licensure, and renewal of licensure  
39 fees for cannabis <sup>1</sup>【growers】 cultivators<sup>1</sup> in accordance with  
40 paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
41 (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

42 (3) Require <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis produced by cannabis <sup>1</sup>【growers】  
43 cultivators<sup>1</sup> to be tested in accordance with P.L. , c. (C. )  
44 (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

45 (4) Require cannabis <sup>1</sup>【growers】 cultivators<sup>1</sup> to submit, at the  
46 time of applying for or renewing a license under P.L. ,  
47 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), a report

1 describing the applicant's or licensee's electrical and water usage;  
2 and

3 (5) Require a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower] cultivator**<sup>1</sup> to meet any public  
4 health and safety standards, industry best practices, and all  
5 applicable regulations established by the commission <sup>2</sup>**[by rule or**  
6 **regulation]**<sup>2</sup> related to the production of cannabis or the  
7 propagation of immature cannabis plants and the seeds of the plant  
8 *Cannabis sativa* L. within the plant family Cannabaceae. The  
9 commission may regulate the number of immature cannabis plants  
10 that may be possessed by a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower] cultivator**<sup>1</sup> licensed  
11 under this section <sup>2</sup>**[;]** , and<sup>2</sup> the size of the grow canopy a cannabis  
12 <sup>1</sup>**[grower] cultivator**<sup>1</sup> licensed under this section uses to grow  
13 immature cannabis plants <sup>2</sup>**[;]** and the weight or size of shipments of  
14 immature cannabis plants made by a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower] cultivator**<sup>1</sup>  
15 licensed under this section]<sup>2</sup>.

16 c. Fees adopted under subsection b. of this section:

17 (1) Shall be in the form of a schedule that imposes a greater fee  
18 for premises with more square footage or on which more mature  
19 cannabis plants are grown; and

20 (2) Shall be deposited in the "Cannabis Regulatory,  
21 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund"  
22 established under section <sup>1</sup>**[40] 41**<sup>1</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. )  
23 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

24 d. (1) The commission shall issue or deny issuance of a Class  
25 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[Grower] Cultivator**<sup>1</sup> license or conditional license in  
26 accordance with the procedures set forth in section 18 of P.L. ,  
27 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

28 (2) The commission may suspend or revoke a Class 1 Cannabis  
29 <sup>1</sup>**[Grower] Cultivator**<sup>1</sup> license or conditional license to operate as a  
30 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[cultivation facility] cultivator**<sup>1</sup> for cause, which shall be  
31 considered a final agency action for the purposes of the  
32 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
33 seq.) and shall be subject only to judicial review as provided in the  
34 Rules of Court.

35 e. A person who has been issued a license or conditional  
36 license shall display the license or conditional license at the  
37 premises at all times when cannabis is being produced.

38 f. As required by the commission in regulation, a licensee or  
39 conditional licensee shall report required changes in information  
40 about the licensee to the commission within the time specified by  
41 the commission.

42  
43 21. (New section) Grow Canopies for Licensed Cannabis  
44 <sup>1</sup>**[Growers] Cultivators**<sup>1</sup>.

45 a. Subject to subsection b. of this section, the commission shall  
46 adopt rules or regulations restricting the size of mature cannabis  
47 plant grow canopies at premises for which a license has been issued



1 to a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower] cultivator**<sup>1</sup> pursuant to P.L. ,  
 2 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

3 b. When adopting rules and regulations under this  
 4 <sup>2</sup>**[subsection] section**<sup>2</sup>, the commission shall consider whether to:

5 (1) Limit the size of mature cannabis plant grow canopies for  
 6 premises where cannabis is grown outdoors and for premises where  
 7 cannabis is grown indoors in a manner calculated to result in  
 8 premises that produce the same amount of harvested cannabis  
 9 leaves and harvested cannabis flowers, regardless of whether the  
 10 cannabis is grown outdoors or indoors;

11 (2) Adopt a tiered system under which the permitted size of a  
 12 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[growers'] cultivators'**<sup>1</sup> mature cannabis plant grow  
 13 canopy <sup>1</sup>**[increases] may increase or decrease**<sup>1</sup> at the time of  
 14 licensure renewal <sup>2</sup>**[,]**<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>in accordance with that tiered system.<sup>1</sup>  
 15 except that the permitted size of a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower's] cultivator's**<sup>1</sup>  
 16 mature cannabis plant grow canopy may not increase following any  
 17 year during which the commission disciplined the cannabis  
 18 <sup>1</sup>**[grower] cultivator**<sup>1</sup> for violating a provision of <sup>2</sup>**[,]**<sup>2</sup> or a rule <sup>2</sup>**or**  
 19 regulation<sup>2</sup> adopted under <sup>2</sup>**[,]**<sup>2</sup> a provision of P.L. , c. (C. )  
 20 (pending before the Legislature as this bill); provided, that at the  
 21 time of adoption, any growing or cultivation square footage  
 22 previously approved or authorized for an alternative treatment  
 23 center that was issued a permit prior to the effective date of  
 24 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), or that was issued a permit on  
 25 or after that effective date pursuant to an application submitted  
 26 prior to that effective date, shall not be reduced, but the  
 27 commission's adopted <sup>1</sup>**[tier] tiered**<sup>1</sup> system shall apply to the  
 28 growing or cultivation square footage of that alternative treatment  
 29 center thereafter;

30 (3) Take into consideration the market demand for cannabis  
 31 items in this State, the number of persons applying for a license  
 32 pursuant to sections 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 of P.L. ,  
 33 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and to  
 34 whom a license has been issued pursuant to those sections, and  
 35 whether the availability of cannabis items in this State is  
 36 commensurate with the market demand.

37 c. This section shall not apply to premises for which a license  
 38 has been issued to a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[grower] cultivator**<sup>1</sup> pursuant to  
 39 section 20 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 40 Legislature as this bill), if the premises is used only to propagate  
 41 immature cannabis plants.

42  
 43 22. (New section) Class 2 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[Processor]**  
 44 Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license.

45 A cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor] manufacturer**<sup>1</sup> shall have a Class 2  
 46 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[Processor] Manufacturer**<sup>1</sup> license issued by the  
 47 commission for the premises at which the cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[product is**

1 produced] items are manufactured<sup>1</sup>. The commission shall  
2 determine the maximum number of licenses, of which at least 35  
3 percent shall be conditional licenses issued pursuant to  
4 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection b. of section <sup>2</sup>[18]  
5 <sup>19</sup><sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
6 bill), and at least <sup>2</sup>[25] <sup>10</sup><sup>2</sup> percent of the total number of licenses  
7 and conditional licenses shall be designated for and only issued to  
8 microbusinesses pursuant to subsection f. of that section. Providing  
9 there exist qualified applicants, the commission shall issue a  
10 sufficient number of licenses to meet the market demands of the  
11 State, and may, as authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection a. of  
12 section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
13 as this bill), <sup>1</sup>[make requests for] accept<sup>1</sup> new applications for  
14 additional licenses as it deems necessary to meet those demands.

15 a. To hold a Class 2 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>[Processor] Manufacturer<sup>1</sup>  
16 license under this section, an applicant:

17 (1) Shall apply for a license in the manner described in section  
18 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
19 this bill);

20 (2) Shall have at least one significantly involved person who has  
21 resided in this State for at least two years as of the date of the  
22 application, and provide proof that this person and any other person  
23 with <sup>1</sup>[an investment] a financial<sup>1</sup> interest who also has decision  
24 making authority for the cannabis <sup>1</sup>[processor] manufacturer<sup>1</sup> listed  
25 on an application submitted under section 18 of P.L. ,  
26 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) is 21  
27 years of age or older;

28 (3) Shall meet the requirements of any rule or regulation  
29 adopted by the commission under subsection b. of this section; and

30 (4) Shall provide for each of the following persons to undergo a  
31 criminal history record background check: any owner, other than an  
32 owner who holds less than a five percent investment interest in the  
33 cannabis <sup>1</sup>[processor] manufacturer<sup>1</sup> or who is a member of a  
34 group that holds less than a 20 percent investment interest in the  
35 cannabis <sup>1</sup>[processor] manufacturer<sup>1</sup> and no member of that group  
36 holds more than a five percent interest in the total group investment,  
37 and who lacks the authority to make controlling decisions regarding  
38 the cannabis <sup>1</sup>[processor's] manufacturer's<sup>1</sup> operations; any  
39 director; any officer; and any employee.

40 (a) Pursuant to this provision, the commission is authorized to  
41 exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record  
42 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
43 Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with the provisions of  
44 applicable <sup>2</sup>[federal and] <sup>2</sup> State <sup>2</sup>and federal<sup>2</sup> laws, rules, and  
45 regulations. The Division of State Police shall forward criminal  
46 history record background information to the commission in a

1 timely manner when requested pursuant to the provisions of this  
2 section;

3 (b) Each person shall submit to being fingerprinted in  
4 accordance with applicable State and federal laws, rules, and  
5 regulations. No check of criminal history record background  
6 information shall be performed pursuant to this section unless a  
7 person has furnished his written consent to that check. A person  
8 who refuses to consent to, or cooperate in, the securing of a check  
9 of criminal history record background information shall not be  
10 considered for licensure as a <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>. Each  
11 person shall bear the cost for the criminal history record  
12 background check, including all costs of administering and  
13 processing the check;

14 (c) (i) With respect to determining whether any conviction of a  
15 person contained in the criminal history record background check  
16 should disqualify an applicant for a Class 2 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**Processor**  
17 Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license, the commission shall not take into  
18 consideration any conviction for a crime or offense that occurred  
19 prior to the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
20 the Legislature as this bill) involving a controlled dangerous  
21 substance or controlled substance analog as set forth in paragraph  
22 (11) or (12) of subsection b., or subparagraph (b) of paragraph (10)  
23 of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:35-5, or paragraph (3) or (4) of  
24 subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10, or any similar indictable offense  
25 under federal law, this State's law, or any other state's law, or for  
26 any conviction under federal law for conduct involving cannabis or  
27 <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**resin** item<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. ,  
28 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
29 Additionally, the commission shall not take into consideration any  
30 other prior conviction, unless that conviction is for an indictable  
31 offense under federal law, other than a conviction for conduct  
32 involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**resin** item<sup>1</sup> that is authorized  
33 by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
34 or under this State's law, or any other state's law that is  
35 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties for  
36 which the license is required, and not more than five years have  
37 passed since the date of that conviction, satisfactory completion of  
38 probation or parole, or release from incarceration, whichever is  
39 later. In determining which indictable offenses are substantially  
40 related to the qualifications, functions, or duties for which the  
41 license is required, the commission shall at least consider any  
42 conviction involving fraud, deceit, or embezzlement, and any  
43 conviction for N.J.S.2C:35-6, employing a minor in a drug  
44 distribution scheme, or similar indictable offense in this or another  
45 jurisdiction involving the use of a minor to dispense or distribute a  
46 controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog;

47 (ii) The commission may approve an applicant for a Class 2  
48 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**Processor** Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license after conducting a

1 thorough review of any previous conviction of a person that  
2 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties for  
3 which the license is required that is contained in the criminal  
4 history record background information, and this review shall  
5 include examining the nature of the indictable offense, the  
6 circumstances at the time of committing the offense, and evidence  
7 of rehabilitation since conviction. If the commission determines  
8 that the reviewed conviction should not disqualify the applicant, the  
9 applicant may be approved so long as the applicant is otherwise  
10 qualified to be issued the license; and

11 (d) Upon receipt and review of the criminal history record  
12 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
13 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the commission shall provide  
14 written notification to the applicant of the qualification <sup>2</sup>~~for~~<sup>2</sup> or  
15 disqualification for a Class 2 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~Processor~~ Manufacturer<sup>1</sup>  
16 license.

17 If the applicant is disqualified because the commission  
18 determined that a person has a disqualifying conviction pursuant to  
19 the provisions of this section, the conviction that constitutes the  
20 basis for the disqualification shall be identified in the written  
21 notice.

22 (e) The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the  
23 commission in the event that an individual who was the subject of a  
24 criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to  
25 this section is convicted of a crime or offense in this State after the  
26 date the background check was performed. Upon receipt of that  
27 notification, the commission shall make a determination regarding  
28 the continued eligibility for the applicant, or following application,  
29 for the licensee, to hold a Class 2 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~Processor~~ Manufacturer<sup>1</sup>  
30 license.

31 b. The commission shall adopt rules that:

32 (1) Provide for the annual renewal of the Class 2 Cannabis  
33 <sup>1</sup>~~Processor~~ Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license;

34 (2) Establish application, licensure, and renewal of licensure  
35 fees for cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~processors~~ manufacturers<sup>1</sup> in accordance with  
36 paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
37 (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

38 (3) Require cannabis <sup>2</sup>~~items~~<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>~~produced~~ manufactured<sup>1</sup> by  
39 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~processors~~ manufactures<sup>1</sup> to be tested in accordance  
40 with P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
41 bill); and

42 (4) Require a cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~processor~~ manufacturer<sup>1</sup> to meet any  
43 public health and safety standards, industry best practices, and all  
44 applicable regulations established by the commission <sup>2</sup>~~by rule or~~  
45 ~~regulation~~<sup>2</sup> related to the <sup>1</sup>~~processing~~ manufacturing<sup>1</sup> of  
46 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~items~~<sup>1</sup>.

47 c. Fees adopted under subsection b. of this section:

- 1 (1) Shall be in the form of a schedule that imposes a greater fee  
2 for premises with more square footage; and
- 3 (2) Shall be deposited in the “Cannabis Regulatory,  
4 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund”  
5 established under section <sup>1</sup>~~40~~ 41<sup>1</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. )  
6 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- 7 d. (1) The commission shall issue or deny issuance of a Class  
8 2 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~Processor~~ Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license or conditional  
9 license in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 18 of  
10 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- 11 (2) The commission may suspend or revoke a Class 2 Cannabis  
12 <sup>1</sup>~~Processor~~ Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license or conditional license to  
13 operate as a cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~production facility~~ manufacturer<sup>1</sup> for  
14 cause, which shall be considered a final agency action for the  
15 purposes of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
16 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) and shall be subject only to judicial review as  
17 provided in the Rules of Court.
- 18 e. A person who has been issued a license or conditional  
19 license shall display the license or conditional license at the  
20 premises at all times when cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~is~~ <sup>2</sup>~~products or cannabis~~  
21 ~~extracts~~ items<sup>2</sup> are<sup>1</sup> being <sup>1</sup>~~processed~~ manufactured<sup>1</sup>.
- 22 f. As required by the commission in regulation, a licensee or  
23 conditional licensee shall report required changes in information  
24 about the licensee to the commission within the time specified by  
25 the commission.
- 26
- 27 23. (New section) Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license.
- 28 A cannabis wholesaler shall have a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler  
29 license issued by the commission for the premises at which <sup>1</sup>~~the~~<sup>1</sup>  
30 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~is~~ items are<sup>1</sup> warehoused. The commission shall  
31 determine the maximum number of licenses, of which at least 35  
32 percent shall be conditional licenses issued pursuant to  
33 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection b. of section <sup>2</sup>~~18~~  
34 19<sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
35 bill), and at least <sup>2</sup>~~25~~ 10<sup>2</sup> percent of the total number of licenses  
36 and conditional licenses shall be designated for and only issued to  
37 microbusinesses pursuant subsection f. of that section. Providing  
38 there exist qualified applicants, the commission shall issue a  
39 sufficient number of licenses to meet the market demands of the  
40 State, and may, as authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection a. of  
41 section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
42 as this bill), <sup>1</sup>~~make requests for~~ accept<sup>1</sup> new applications for  
43 additional licenses as it deems necessary to meet those demands.
- 44 a. To hold a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license under this  
45 section, an applicant:

1 (1) Shall apply for a license in the manner described in section  
2 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
3 this bill);

4 (2) Shall have at least one significantly involved person who has  
5 resided in this State for at least two years as of the date of the  
6 application, and provide proof that this person and any other person  
7 with <sup>1</sup>[an investment] a financial<sup>1</sup> interest who also has decision  
8 making authority for the cannabis wholesaler listed on an  
9 application submitted under section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
10 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) is 21 years of age or  
11 older;

12 (3) Shall meet the requirements of any rule or regulation  
13 adopted by the commission under subsection b. of this section; and

14 (4) Shall provide for each of the following persons to undergo a  
15 criminal history record background check: any owner, other than an  
16 owner who holds less than a five percent investment interest in the  
17 cannabis wholesaler or who is a member of a group that holds less  
18 than a 20 percent investment interest in the cannabis wholesaler and  
19 no member of that group holds more than a five percent interest in  
20 the total group investment, and who lacks the authority to make  
21 controlling decisions regarding the cannabis wholesaler's  
22 operations; any director; any officer; and any employee.

23 (a) Pursuant to this provision, the commission is authorized to  
24 exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record  
25 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
26 Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with the provisions of  
27 applicable <sup>2</sup>[federal and]<sup>2</sup> State <sup>2</sup>and federal<sup>2</sup> laws, rules, and  
28 regulations. The Division of State Police shall forward criminal  
29 history record background information to the commission in a  
30 timely manner when requested pursuant to the provisions of this  
31 section;

32 (b) Each person shall submit to being fingerprinted in  
33 accordance with applicable State and federal laws, rules, and  
34 regulations. No check of criminal history record background  
35 information shall be performed pursuant to this section unless a  
36 person has furnished his written consent to that check. A person  
37 who refuses to consent to, or cooperate in, the securing of a check  
38 of criminal history record background information shall not be  
39 considered for licensure as a wholesaler. Each person shall bear the  
40 cost for the criminal history record background check, including all  
41 costs of administering and processing the check;

42 (c) (i) With respect to determining whether any conviction of a  
43 person contained in the criminal history record background check  
44 should disqualify an applicant for a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler  
45 license, the commission shall not take into consideration any  
46 conviction for a crime or offense that occurred prior to the effective  
47 date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
48 bill) involving a controlled dangerous substance or controlled

1 substance analog as set forth in paragraph (11) or (12) of subsection  
2 b., or subparagraph (b) of paragraph (10) of subsection b. of  
3 N.J.S.2C:35-5, or paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection a. of  
4 N.J.S.2C:35-10, or any similar indictable offense under federal law,  
5 this State's law, or any other state's law, or for any conviction  
6 under federal law for conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
7 <sup>1</sup>**["resin"] item**<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
8 before the Legislature as this bill). Additionally, the commission  
9 shall not take into consideration any other prior conviction, unless  
10 that conviction is for an indictable offense under federal law, other  
11 than a conviction for conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
12 <sup>1</sup>**["resin"] item**<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
13 before the Legislature as this bill), or under this State's law, or any  
14 other state's law that is substantially related to the qualifications,  
15 functions, or duties for which the license is required, and not more  
16 than five years have passed since the date of that conviction,  
17 satisfactory completion of probation or parole, or release from  
18 incarceration, whichever is later. In determining which indictable  
19 offenses are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or  
20 duties for which the license is required, the commission shall at  
21 least consider any conviction involving fraud, deceit, or  
22 embezzlement, and any conviction for N.J.S.2C:35-6, employing a  
23 minor in a drug distribution scheme, or similar indictable offense in  
24 this or another jurisdiction involving the use of a minor to dispense  
25 or distribute a controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
26 substance analog;

27 (ii) The commission may approve an applicant for a Class 3  
28 Cannabis Wholesaler license after conducting a thorough review of  
29 any previous conviction of a person that substantially related to the  
30 qualifications, functions, or duties for which the license is required  
31 that is contained in the criminal history record background  
32 information, and this review shall include examining the nature of  
33 the indictable offense, the circumstances at the time of committing  
34 the offense, and evidence of rehabilitation since conviction. If the  
35 commission determines that the reviewed conviction should not  
36 disqualify the applicant, the applicant may be approved so long as  
37 the applicant is otherwise qualified to be issued the license; and

38 (d) Upon receipt and review of the criminal history record  
39 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
40 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the commission shall provide  
41 written notification to the applicant of the qualification <sup>2</sup>**["for"]**<sup>2</sup> or  
42 disqualification for a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license.

43 If the applicant is disqualified because the commission  
44 determined that a person has a disqualifying conviction pursuant to  
45 the provisions of this section, the conviction that constitutes the  
46 basis for the disqualification shall be identified in the written  
47 notice.

(e) The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the commission in the event that an individual who was the subject of a criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to this section is convicted of a crime or offense in this State after the date the background check was performed. Upon receipt of that notification, the commission shall make a determination regarding the continued eligibility for the applicant, or following application, for the licensee to hold a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license.

b. The commission shall adopt rules that:

(1) Provide for the annual renewal of the Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license;

(2) Establish application, licensure, and renewal of licensure fees for cannabis wholesalers in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill); and

(3) Require a cannabis wholesaler to meet any public health and safety standards, industry best practices, and all applicable regulations established by the commission <sup>2</sup>**[by rule or regulation]**<sup>2</sup> related to the warehousing of cannabis <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup>.

c. Fees adopted under subsection b. of this section:

(1) Shall be in the form of a schedule that imposes a greater fee for premises with more square footage; and

(2) Shall be deposited in the "Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund" established under section <sup>1</sup>**[40]** 41<sup>1</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

d. (1) The commission shall issue or deny issuance of a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license or conditional license in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

(2) The commission may suspend or revoke a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license or conditional license to operate as a cannabis wholesaler for cause, which shall be considered a final agency action for the purposes of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) and shall be subject only to judicial review as provided in the Rules of Court.

e. A person who has been issued a license or conditional license shall display the license or conditional license at the premises at all times when cannabis is being warehoused.

f. As required by the commission in regulation, a licensee or conditional licensee shall report required changes in information about the licensee to the commission within the time specified by the commission.

24. (New section) Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license.

A cannabis distributor shall have a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license issued by the commission for the premises from which the cannabis distributor will conduct operations to transport cannabis



1 items in bulk. The commission shall determine the maximum  
2 number of licenses, of which at least 35 percent shall be conditional  
3 licenses issued pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of  
4 subsection b. of section <sup>2</sup>[18] <sup>19</sup><sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
5 before the Legislature as this bill), and at least <sup>2</sup>[25] <sup>10</sup><sup>2</sup> percent of  
6 the total number of licenses and conditional licenses shall be  
7 designated for and only issued to microbusinesses pursuant  
8 subsection f. of that section. Providing there exist qualified  
9 applicants, the commission shall issue a sufficient number of  
10 licenses to meet the market demands of the State, and may, as  
11 authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. ,  
12 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), <sup>1</sup>[make  
13 requests for] accept<sup>1</sup> new applications for additional licenses as it  
14 deems necessary to meet those demands.

15 a. To hold a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license under this  
16 section, an applicant:

17 (1) Shall apply for a license in the manner described in section  
18 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
19 this bill);

20 (2) Shall have at least one significantly involved person who has  
21 resided in this State for at least two years as of the date of the  
22 application, and provide proof that this person and any other person  
23 with <sup>1</sup>[an investment] a financial<sup>1</sup> interest who also has decision  
24 making authority for the cannabis distributor listed on an  
25 application submitted under section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
26 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) is 21 years of age or  
27 older;

28 (3) Shall meet the requirements of any rule or regulation  
29 adopted by the commission under subsection b. of this section; and

30 (4) Shall provide for each of the following persons to undergo a  
31 criminal history record background check: any owner, other than an  
32 owner who holds less than a five percent investment interest in the  
33 cannabis distributor or who is a member of a group that holds less  
34 than a 20 percent investment interest in the cannabis distributor and  
35 no member of that group holds more than a five percent interest in  
36 the total group investment, and who lacks the authority to make  
37 controlling decisions regarding the cannabis distributor's  
38 operations; any director; any officer; and any employee.

39 (a) Pursuant to this provision, the commission is authorized to  
40 exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record  
41 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
42 Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with the provisions of  
43 applicable <sup>2</sup>[federal and] <sup>2</sup> State <sup>2</sup>and federal<sup>2</sup> laws, rules, and  
44 regulations. The Division of State Police shall forward criminal  
45 history record background information to the commission in a  
46 timely manner when requested pursuant to the provisions of this  
47 section;

1 (b) Each person shall submit to being fingerprinted in  
2 accordance with applicable State and federal laws, rules, and  
3 regulations. No check of criminal history record background  
4 information shall be performed pursuant to this section unless a  
5 person has furnished his written consent to that check. A person  
6 who refuses to consent to, or cooperate in, the securing of a check  
7 of criminal history record background information shall not be  
8 considered for licensure as a distributor. Each person shall bear the  
9 cost for the criminal history record background check, including all  
10 costs of administering and processing the check;

11 (c) (i) With respect to determining whether any conviction of a  
12 person contained in the criminal history record background check  
13 should disqualify an applicant for a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor  
14 license, the commission shall not take into consideration any  
15 conviction for a crime or offense that occurred prior to the effective  
16 date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
17 bill) involving a controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
18 substance analog as set forth in paragraph (11) or (12) of subsection  
19 b., or subparagraph (b) of paragraph (10) of subsection b. of  
20 N.J.S.2C:35-5, or paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection a. of  
21 N.J.S.2C:35-10, or any similar indictable offense under federal law,  
22 this State's law, or any other state's law, or for any conviction  
23 under federal law for conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
24 <sup>1</sup>resin item<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
25 before the Legislature as this bill). Additionally, the commission  
26 shall not take into consideration any other prior conviction, unless  
27 that conviction is for an indictable offense under federal law, other  
28 than a conviction for conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
29 <sup>1</sup>resin item<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
30 before the Legislature as this bill), or under this State's law, or any  
31 other state's law that is substantially related to the qualifications,  
32 functions, or duties for which the license is required, and not more  
33 than five years have passed since the date of that conviction,  
34 satisfactory completion of probation or parole, or release from  
35 incarceration, whichever is later. In determining which indictable  
36 offenses are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or  
37 duties for which the license is required, the commission shall at  
38 least consider any conviction involving fraud, deceit, or  
39 embezzlement, and any conviction for N.J.S.2C:35-6, employing a  
40 minor in a drug distribution scheme, or similar indictable offense in  
41 this or another jurisdiction involving the use of a minor to dispense  
42 or distribute a controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
43 substance analog;

44 (ii) The commission may approve an applicant for a Class 4  
45 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>Disrtibutor Distributor<sup>1</sup> license after conducting a  
46 thorough review of any previous conviction of a person that  
47 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties for  
48 which the license is required that is contained in the criminal

1 history record background information, and this review shall  
2 include examining the nature of the indictable offense, the  
3 circumstances at the time of committing the offense, and evidence  
4 of rehabilitation since conviction. If the commission determines  
5 that the reviewed conviction should not disqualify the applicant, the  
6 applicant may be approved so long as the applicant is otherwise  
7 qualified to be issued the license; and

8 (d) Upon receipt and review of the criminal history record  
9 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
10 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the commission shall provide  
11 written notification to the applicant of the qualification <sup>2</sup>**[for]**<sup>2</sup> or  
12 disqualification for a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license.

13 If the applicant is disqualified because the commission  
14 determined that a person has a disqualifying conviction pursuant to  
15 the provisions of this section, the conviction that constitutes the  
16 basis for the disqualification shall be identified in the written  
17 notice.

18 (e) The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the  
19 commission in the event that an individual who was the subject of a  
20 criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to  
21 this section is convicted of a crime or offense in this State after the  
22 date the background check was performed. Upon receipt of that  
23 notification, the commission shall make a determination regarding  
24 the continued eligibility for the applicant, or following application,  
25 for the licensee to hold a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license.

26 b. The commission shall adopt rules that:

27 (1) Provide for the annual renewal of the Class 4 Cannabis  
28 Distributor license;

29 (2) Establish application, licensure, and renewal of licensure  
30 fees for cannabis distributors in accordance with paragraph (2) of  
31 subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
32 the Legislature as this bill); and

33 (3) Require a cannabis distributor to meet any public health and  
34 safety standards, industry best practices, and all applicable  
35 regulations established by the commission <sup>2</sup>**[by rule or regulation]**<sup>2</sup>  
36 related to the bulk transportation of cannabis items.

37 c. Fees adopted under subsection b. of this section:

38 (1) Shall be in the form of a schedule that imposes a greater fee  
39 for larger transportation operations; and

40 (2) Shall be deposited in the “Cannabis Regulatory,  
41 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund”  
42 established under section <sup>1</sup>**[40]** <sup>41</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. )  
43 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

44 d. (1) The commission shall issue or deny issuance of a Class  
45 4 Cannabis Distributor license or conditional license in accordance  
46 with the procedures set forth in section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
47 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

1 (2) The commission may suspend or revoke a Class 4 Cannabis  
2 Distributor license or conditional license to operate as a cannabis  
3 distributor for cause, which shall be considered a final agency  
4 action for the purposes of the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
5 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) and shall be subject only to  
6 judicial review as provided in the Rules of Court.

7 e. A person who has been issued a license or conditional  
8 license shall display the license or conditional license at the  
9 distributor's premises at all times when cannabis is being  
10 transported.

11 f. As required by the commission in regulation, a licensee or  
12 conditional licensee shall report required changes in information  
13 about the licensee to the commission within the time specified by  
14 the commission.

15

16 25. (New section) Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license.

17 A cannabis retailer shall have a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license  
18 issued by the commission for the premises at which <sup>1</sup>~~the~~<sup>1</sup>  
19 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~is~~ items are<sup>1</sup> retailed <sup>1</sup>, which may include purchase  
20 orders for off-premises delivery by a certified cannabis handler  
21 working for or on behalf of the cannabis retailer, or consumer  
22 purchases to be fulfilled from the retail premises that are presented  
23 by a cannabis delivery service with a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery  
24 Service license and which will be delivered by the cannabis  
25 delivery service to that consumer<sup>1</sup>. The commission shall  
26 determine the maximum number of licenses, of which at least 35  
27 percent shall be conditional licenses issued pursuant to  
28 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection b. of section <sup>2</sup>~~18~~<sup>2</sup>  
29 ~~19~~<sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
30 bill), and at least <sup>2</sup>~~25~~ <sup>10</sup><sup>2</sup> percent of the total number of licenses  
31 and conditional licenses shall be designated for and only issued to  
32 microbusinesses pursuant subsection f. of that section. Providing  
33 there exist qualified applicants, the commission shall issue a  
34 sufficient number of licenses to meet the market demands of the  
35 State, and may, as authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection a. of  
36 section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
37 as this bill), <sup>1</sup>~~make requests for~~ accept<sup>1</sup> new applications for  
38 additional licenses as it deems necessary to meet those demands.

39 a. To hold a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license under this  
40 section, a cannabis retailer:

41 (1) Shall apply for a license in the manner described in section  
42 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
43 this bill);

44 (2) Shall have at least one significantly involved person who has  
45 resided in this State for at least two years as of the date of the  
46 application, and provide proof that this person and any other person  
47 with <sup>1</sup>~~an investment~~ a financial<sup>1</sup> interest who also has decision

1 making authority for the cannabis retailer listed on an application  
2 submitted under section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
3 before the Legislature as this bill) is 21 years of age or older;

4 (3) Shall meet the requirements of any rule adopted by the  
5 commission under subsection b. of this section; and

6 (4) Shall provide for each of the following persons to undergo a  
7 criminal history record background check: any owner, other than an  
8 owner who holds less than a five percent investment interest in the  
9 cannabis retailer or who is a member of a group that holds less than  
10 a 20 percent investment interest in the cannabis retailer and no  
11 member of that group holds more than a five percent interest in the  
12 total group investment, and who lacks the authority to make  
13 controlling decisions regarding the cannabis retailer's operations;  
14 any director; any officer; and any employee.

15 (a) Pursuant to this provision, the commission is authorized to  
16 exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record  
17 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
18 Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with the provisions of  
19 applicable <sup>2</sup>[federal and]<sup>2</sup> State <sup>2</sup>and federal<sup>2</sup> laws, rules, and  
20 regulations. The Division of State Police shall forward criminal  
21 history record background information to the commission in a  
22 timely manner when requested pursuant to the provisions of this  
23 section;

24 (b) Each person shall submit to being fingerprinted in  
25 accordance with applicable State and federal laws, rules, and  
26 regulations. No check of criminal history record background  
27 information shall be performed pursuant to this section unless a  
28 person has furnished his written consent to that check. A person  
29 who refuses to consent to, or cooperate in, the securing of a check  
30 of criminal history record background information shall not be  
31 considered for licensure as a retailer. Each person shall bear the  
32 cost for the criminal history record background check, including all  
33 costs of administering and processing the check;

34 (c) (i) With respect to determining whether any conviction of a  
35 person contained in the criminal history record background check  
36 should disqualify an applicant for a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer  
37 license, the commission shall not take into consideration any  
38 conviction for a crime or offense that occurred prior to the effective  
39 date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
40 bill) involving a controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
41 substance analog as set forth in paragraph (11) or (12) of subsection  
42 b., or subparagraph (b) of paragraph (10) of subsection b. of  
43 N.J.S.2C:35-5, or paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection a. of  
44 N.J.S.2C:35-10, or any similar indictable offense under federal law,  
45 this State's law, or any other state's law, or for any conviction  
46 under federal law for conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
47 <sup>1</sup>[resin] item<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
48 before the Legislature as this bill). Additionally, the commission

1 shall not take into consideration any other prior conviction, unless  
2 that conviction is for an indictable offense under federal law, other  
3 than a conviction for conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
4 <sup>1</sup>**[resin]** item<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
5 before the Legislature as this bill), or under this State's law, or any  
6 other state's law that is substantially related to the qualifications,  
7 functions, or duties for which the license is required, and not more  
8 than five years have passed since the date of that conviction,  
9 satisfactory completion of probation or parole, or release from  
10 incarceration, whichever is later. In determining which indictable  
11 offenses are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or  
12 duties for which the license is required, the commission shall at  
13 least consider any conviction involving fraud, deceit, or  
14 embezzlement, and any conviction for N.J.S.2C:35-6, employing a  
15 minor in a drug distribution scheme, or similar indictable offense in  
16 this or another jurisdiction involving the use of a minor to dispense  
17 or distribute a controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
18 substance analog;

19 (ii) The commission may approve an applicant for a Class 5  
20 Cannabis Retailer license after conducting a thorough review of any  
21 previous conviction of a person that substantially related to the  
22 qualifications, functions, or duties for which the license is required  
23 that is contained in the criminal history record background  
24 information, and this review shall include examining the nature of  
25 the indictable offense, the circumstances at the time of committing  
26 the offense, and evidence of rehabilitation since conviction. If the  
27 commission determines that the reviewed conviction should not  
28 disqualify the applicant, the applicant may be approved so long as  
29 the applicant is otherwise qualified to be issued the license; and

30 (d) Upon receipt and review of the criminal history record  
31 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
32 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the commission shall provide  
33 written notification to the applicant of the qualification <sup>2</sup>**[for]**<sup>2</sup> or  
34 disqualification for a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license.

35 If the applicant is disqualified because the commission  
36 determined that a person has a disqualifying conviction pursuant to  
37 the provisions of this section, the conviction that constitutes the  
38 basis for the disqualification shall be identified in the written  
39 notice.

40 (e) The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the  
41 commission in the event that an individual who was the subject of a  
42 criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to  
43 this section is convicted of a crime or offense in this State after the  
44 date the background check was performed. Upon receipt of that  
45 notification, the commission shall make a determination regarding  
46 the continued eligibility for the applicant, or following application,  
47 for the licensee, to hold a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license.

48 b. The commission shall adopt rules that:

- 1 (1) Provide for the annual renewal of the Class 5 Cannabis  
2 Retailer license;
- 3 (2) Establish application, licensure, and renewal of licensure  
4 fees for a cannabis retailer in accordance with paragraph (2) of  
5 subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
6 the Legislature as this bill); and
- 7 (3) Require a cannabis retailer to meet any public health and  
8 safety standards, industry best practices, and all applicable  
9 regulations established by the commission <sup>2</sup>[by rule]<sup>2</sup> related to the  
10 <sup>2</sup>[sale] retailing<sup>2</sup> of cannabis <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup>.
- 11 c. Fees adopted under subsection b. of this section:
- 12 (1) Shall be in the form of a schedule that imposes a greater fee  
13 for premises with more square footage; and
- 14 (2) Shall be deposited in the “Cannabis Regulatory,  
15 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund”  
16 established under section <sup>1</sup>[40] 41<sup>1</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. )  
17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- 18 d. (1) The commission shall issue or deny issuance of a Class  
19 5 Cannabis Retailer license or conditional license in accordance  
20 with the procedures set forth in section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
21 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
- 22 (2) The commission may suspend or revoke a Class <sup>2</sup>[4] 5<sup>2</sup>  
23 Cannabis Retailer license or conditional license to operate as a  
24 cannabis retailer for cause, which shall be considered a final agency  
25 action for the purposes of the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
26 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) and shall be subject only to  
27 judicial review as provided in the Rules of Court.
- 28 e. A person who has been issued a license or conditional  
29 license shall display the license or conditional license at the  
30 premises at all times when cannabis is being retailed.
- 31 f. As required by the commission in regulation, a licensee or  
32 conditional licensee shall report required changes in information  
33 about the licensee to the commission within the time specified by  
34 the commission.
- 35 g. Subject to receiving an endorsement pursuant to section 28  
36 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-21):
- 37 (1) A licensed cannabis retailer may operate a cannabis  
38 consumption area at which the on-premises consumption of  
39 cannabis items either obtained from the retailer, or brought by a  
40 person to the consumption area, may occur.
- 41 (2) Each licensed cannabis retailer may operate only one  
42 cannabis consumption area.
- 43 (3) The cannabis consumption area shall be either (a) an indoor,  
44 structurally enclosed area of the licensed cannabis retailer that is  
45 separate from the area in which retail sales of cannabis items occur  
46 or (b) an exterior structure on the same premises as the retailer,  
47 either separate from or connected to the retailer.

(4) A Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licensee that has been approved for a cannabis consumption area endorsement may transfer cannabis items purchased by a <sup>2</sup>[person] consumer<sup>2</sup> in its retail establishment to <sup>2</sup>[the person] that consumer<sup>2</sup> in its cannabis consumption area. The Class <sup>2</sup>[4] 5<sup>2</sup> Cannabis Retailer licensee shall not transfer to the consumption area an amount of cannabis items that exceed the limits established by the commission.

26. (New section) Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license.

A cannabis delivery service shall have a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license issued by the commission for the premises from which the cannabis delivery service will conduct operations to provide courier services for <sup>1</sup>consumer purchases of cannabis items and related supplies fulfilled by<sup>1</sup> a cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of <sup>1</sup>the<sup>1</sup> cannabis items and related supplies to <sup>1</sup>[a] that<sup>1</sup> consumer <sup>1</sup>, and which services include the ability of a consumer to purchase the cannabis items directly through the cannabis delivery service, which after presenting the purchase order to the cannabis retailer for fulfillment, is delivered to that consumer<sup>1</sup>. The commission shall determine the maximum number of licenses, of which at least 35 percent shall be conditional licenses issued pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection b. of section <sup>2</sup>[18] 19<sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and at least <sup>2</sup>[25] 10<sup>2</sup> percent of the total number of licenses and conditional licenses shall be designated for and only issued to microbusinesses pursuant subsection f. of that section. Providing there exist qualified applicants, the commission shall issue a sufficient number of licenses to meet the market demands of the State, and may, as authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), <sup>1</sup>[make requests for] accept<sup>1</sup> new applications for additional licenses as it deems necessary to meet those demands.

a. To hold a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license under this section, an applicant:

(1) Shall apply for a license in the manner described in section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

(2) Shall have at least one significantly involved person who has resided in this State for at least two years as of the date of the application, and provide proof that this person and any other person with an investment interest who also has decision making authority for the cannabis delivery service listed on an application submitted under section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) is 21 years of age or older;

(3) Shall meet the requirements of any rule or regulation adopted by the commission under subsection b. of this section; and



1 (4) Shall provide for each of the following persons to undergo a  
2 criminal history record background check: any owner, other than an  
3 owner who holds less than a five percent investment interest in the  
4 cannabis delivery service or who is a member of a group that holds  
5 less than a 20 percent investment interest in the cannabis delivery  
6 service and no member of that group holds more than a five percent  
7 interest in the total group investment, and who lacks the authority to  
8 make controlling decisions regarding the cannabis delivery  
9 service's operations; any director; any officer; and any employee.

10 (a) Pursuant to this provision, the commission is authorized to  
11 exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record  
12 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
13 Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with the provisions of  
14 applicable <sup>2</sup>~~["federal and"]~~<sup>2</sup> State <sup>2</sup>and federal<sup>2</sup> laws, rules, and  
15 regulations. The Division of State Police shall forward criminal  
16 history record background information to the commission in a  
17 timely manner when requested pursuant to the provisions of this  
18 section;

19 (b) Each person shall submit to being fingerprinted in  
20 accordance with applicable State and federal laws, rules, and  
21 regulations. No check of criminal history record background  
22 information shall be performed pursuant to this section unless a  
23 person has furnished his written consent to that check. A person  
24 who refuses to consent to, or cooperate in, the securing of a check  
25 of criminal history record background information shall not be  
26 considered for licensure as a delivery service. Each person shall  
27 bear the cost for the criminal history record background check,  
28 including all costs of administering and processing the check;

29 (c) (i) With respect to determining whether any conviction of a  
30 person contained in the criminal history record background check  
31 should disqualify an applicant for a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery  
32 license, the commission shall not take into consideration any  
33 conviction for a crime or offense that occurred prior to the effective  
34 date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
35 bill) involving a controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
36 substance analog as set forth in paragraph (11) or (12) of subsection  
37 b., or subparagraph (b) of paragraph (10) of subsection b. of  
38 N.J.S.2C:35-5, or paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection a. of  
39 N.J.S.2C:35-10, or any similar indictable offense under federal law,  
40 this State's law, or any other state's law, or for any conviction  
41 under federal law for conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
42 <sup>1</sup>~~["resin"] item~~<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
43 before the Legislature as this bill). Additionally, the commission  
44 shall not take into consideration any other prior conviction, unless  
45 that conviction is for an indictable offense under federal law, other  
46 than a conviction for conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
47 <sup>1</sup>~~["resin"] item~~<sup>1</sup> that is authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
48 before the Legislature as this bill), or under this State's law, or any

1 other state's law that is substantially related to the qualifications,  
2 functions, or duties for which the license is required, and not more  
3 than five years have passed since the date of that conviction,  
4 satisfactory completion of probation or parole, or release from  
5 incarceration, whichever is later. In determining which indictable  
6 offenses are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or  
7 duties for which the license is required, the commission shall at  
8 least consider any conviction involving fraud, deceit, or  
9 embezzlement, and any conviction for N.J.S.2C:35-6, employing a  
10 minor in a drug distribution scheme, or similar indictable offense in  
11 this or another jurisdiction involving the use of a minor to dispense  
12 or distribute a controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
13 substance analog;

14 (ii) The commission may approve an applicant for a Class <sup>1</sup>~~4~~  
15 <sup>6</sup>~~1~~ Cannabis ~~Disrtibutor~~ Delivery<sup>1</sup> license after conducting a  
16 thorough review of any previous conviction of a person that  
17 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties for  
18 which the license is required that is contained in the criminal  
19 history record background information, and this review shall  
20 include examining the nature of the indictable offense, the  
21 circumstances at the time of committing the offense, and evidence  
22 of rehabilitation since conviction. If the commission determines  
23 that the reviewed conviction should not disqualify the applicant, the  
24 applicant may be approved so long as the applicant is otherwise  
25 qualified to be issued the license; and

26 (d) Upon receipt and review of the criminal history record  
27 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
28 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the commission shall provide  
29 written notification to the applicant of the qualification <sup>2</sup>~~for~~<sup>2</sup> or  
30 disqualification for a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license.

31 If the applicant is disqualified because the commission  
32 determined that a person has a disqualifying conviction pursuant to  
33 the provisions of this section, the conviction that constitutes the  
34 basis for the disqualification shall be identified in the written  
35 notice.

36 (e) The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the  
37 commission in the event that an individual who was the subject of a  
38 criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to  
39 this section is convicted of a crime or offense in this State after the  
40 date the background check was performed. Upon receipt of that  
41 notification, the commission shall make a determination regarding  
42 the continued eligibility for the applicant, or following application,  
43 for the licensee to hold a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license.

44 b. The commission shall adopt rules that:

45 (1) Provide for the annual renewal of the Class 6 Cannabis  
46 Delivery license;

47 (2) Establish application, licensure, and renewal of licensure  
48 fees for cannabis delivery services in accordance with paragraph (2)

1 of subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
2 before the Legislature as this bill); and

3 (3) Require a cannabis delivery service to meet any public  
4 health and safety standards, industry best practices, and all  
5 applicable regulations established by the commission by rule or  
6 regulation related to the delivery of cannabis items and related  
7 supplies to a consumer.

8 c. Fees adopted under subsection b. of this section:

9 (1) Shall be in the form of a schedule that imposes a greater fee  
10 for larger <sup>2</sup>~~transportation~~ delivery<sup>2</sup> operations; and

11 (2) Shall be deposited in the “Cannabis Regulatory,  
12 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund”  
13 established under section <sup>1</sup>~~40~~ 41<sup>1</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. )  
14 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

15 d. (1) The commission shall issue or deny issuance of a Class  
16 6 Cannabis Delivery license or conditional license in accordance  
17 with the procedures set forth in section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
18 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

19 (2) The commission may suspend or revoke a Class 6 Cannabis  
20 Delivery license or conditional license to operate as a cannabis  
21 distributor for cause, which shall be considered a final agency  
22 action for the purposes of the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
23 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) and shall be subject only to  
24 judicial review as provided in the Rules of Court.

25 e. A person who has been issued a license or conditional  
26 license shall display the license or conditional license at the  
27 delivery service’s premises at all times when cannabis is being  
28 transported.

29 f. As required by the commission in regulation, a licensee or  
30 conditional licensee shall report required changes in information  
31 about the licensee to the commission within the time specified by  
32 the commission.

33

34 27. (New section) Personal Use Cannabis Handlers <sup>2</sup>;  
35 Transportation and Delivery of Cannabis and Cannabis Items<sup>2</sup> .

36 a. <sup>1</sup>(1)<sup>1</sup> An individual who performs work for or on behalf of a  
37 person who holds a license classified pursuant to section 20, 22, 23,  
38 24, 25, or 26 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
39 Legislature as this bill) shall have a valid certification issued by the  
40 commission under this section if the individual participates in:

41 <sup>1</sup>~~[(1)]~~ (a)<sup>1</sup> the possession, securing, or selling of <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup>  
42 cannabis items at the premises for which the license has been  
43 issued; <sup>2</sup>~~[or]~~<sup>2</sup>

44 <sup>1</sup>~~[(2)]~~ (b)<sup>1</sup> the recording of the possession, securing, or selling  
45 of <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> cannabis items at the premises for which the  
46 license has been issued; or

1       <sup>1</sup>[(3)] (c)<sup>1</sup> the transportation <sup>2</sup>of cannabis or cannabis items  
2       between licensed cannabis establishments or testing facilities,<sup>2</sup> or  
3       delivery of cannabis items <sup>2</sup>to consumers<sup>2</sup> .

4       <sup>1</sup>(2) An individual who has a valid certification as a personal use  
5       cannabis handler issued under this section may also simultaneously  
6       have a valid certification as a medical cannabis handler issued  
7       under section 27 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-20) to perform work  
8       for or on behalf of entities issued medical cannabis permits or  
9       licenses as described in subsection a. of that section.<sup>1</sup>

10      b. A person who holds a license classified pursuant to section  
11      20, 22, 23, 24, 25, or 26 of P.L.     , c.     (C.     ) (pending before  
12      the Legislature as this bill) shall verify that an individual has a valid  
13      certification issued under this section before allowing the individual  
14      to perform any work described in <sup>2</sup>[(subsection a. of)]<sup>2</sup> this section  
15      <sup>2</sup>[(at the premises)]<sup>2</sup> for which the license has been issued <sup>2</sup>pursuant  
16      to those sections<sup>2</sup> .

17      c. The commission shall issue certifications to qualified  
18      applicants to perform work described in this section. The  
19      commission shall adopt rules and regulations establishing: the  
20      qualifications for performing work described in this section; the  
21      terms of a certification issued under this section; procedures for  
22      applying for and renewing a certification issued under this section;  
23      and reasonable application, issuance, and renewal fees for a  
24      certification issued under this section.

25      d. <sup>2</sup>(1)(a)<sup>2</sup> The commission may require an individual applying  
26      for a certification under this section to successfully complete a  
27      course, made available by or through the commission, in which the  
28      individual receives training on: checking identification; detecting  
29      intoxication; handling <sup>2</sup>cannabis and<sup>2</sup> cannabis items; statutory and  
30      regulatory provisions relating to cannabis; and any matter deemed  
31      necessary by the commission to protect the public health and safety.  
32      The commission or other provider may charge a reasonable fee for  
33      the course.

34      <sup>2</sup>(b)<sup>2</sup> The commission shall not require an individual to  
35      successfully complete the course more than once, except that the  
36      commission may adopt regulations directing continuing education  
37      training on a prescribed schedule.

38      <sup>2</sup>(2)<sup>2</sup> As part of a final order suspending a certification issued  
39      under this section, the commission may require a holder of a  
40      certification to successfully complete the course as a condition of  
41      lifting the suspension <sup>2</sup>,<sup>2</sup> and as part of a final order revoking a  
42      certification issued under this section <sup>2</sup>[(,)]<sup>2</sup> the commission shall  
43      require an individual to successfully complete the course prior to  
44      applying for a new certification.

45      e. (1) Each individual applying for a certification under this  
46      section shall undergo a criminal history record background check.  
47      The commission is authorized to exchange fingerprint data with and

1 receive criminal history record background information from the  
2 Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
3 consistent with the provisions of applicable <sup>2</sup>~~[[federal and]]~~<sup>2</sup> State  
4 <sup>2</sup>~~and federal~~<sup>2</sup> laws, rules, and regulations. The Division of State  
5 Police shall forward criminal history record background  
6 information to the commission in a timely manner when requested  
7 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

8 (2) Each individual shall submit to being fingerprinted in  
9 accordance with applicable State and federal laws, rules, and  
10 regulations. No check of criminal history record background  
11 information shall be performed pursuant to this subsection unless  
12 the individual has furnished written consent to that check. Any  
13 individual who refuses to consent to, or cooperate in, the securing  
14 of a check of criminal history record background information shall  
15 not be considered for a certification. Each individual shall bear the  
16 cost for the criminal history record background check, including all  
17 costs of administering and processing the check.

18 (3) Upon receipt and review of the criminal history record  
19 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
20 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the commission shall provide  
21 written notification to the individual of the qualification <sup>2</sup>~~[[for]]~~<sup>2</sup> or  
22 disqualification for a certification. If the individual is disqualified  
23 because of a disqualifying conviction as set forth in subsection f. of  
24 this section, the conviction that constitutes the basis for the  
25 disqualification shall be identified in the written notice.

26 (4) The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the  
27 commission in the event that an individual who was the subject of a  
28 criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to  
29 this subsection is convicted of a crime in this State after the date the  
30 background check was performed. Upon receipt of that  
31 notification, the commission shall make a determination regarding  
32 the continued eligibility to hold a certification.

33 f. (1) (a) With respect to determining whether any conviction  
34 of an individual contained in the criminal history record background  
35 check should disqualify an applicant for a certification, the  
36 commission shall not take into consideration any conviction for a  
37 crime or offense that occurred prior to the effective date of P.L. ,  
38 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) involving  
39 a controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog as  
40 set forth in paragraph (11) or (12) of subsection b., or subparagraph  
41 (b) of paragraph (10) of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:35-5, or  
42 paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10, or any  
43 similar indictable offense under federal law, this State's law, or any  
44 other state's law, or for any conviction under federal law for  
45 conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>~~a~~<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~[[resin]]~~ <sup>1</sup>~~item~~<sup>1</sup> that is  
46 authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
47 as this bill). Additionally, the commission shall not take into  
48 consideration any other prior conviction, unless that conviction is

1 for an indictable offense under federal law, other than a conviction  
2 for conduct involving cannabis or <sup>1</sup>a<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[resin]** item<sup>1</sup> that  
3 is authorized by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
4 Legislature as this bill), or under this State's law, or any other  
5 state's law that is substantially related to the qualifications,  
6 functions, or duties for which certification is required, and not more  
7 than five years have passed since the date of that conviction,  
8 satisfactory completion of probation or parole, or release from  
9 incarceration, whichever is later. In determining which indictable  
10 offenses are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or  
11 duties for which certification is required, the commission shall at  
12 least consider any conviction involving fraud, deceit, or  
13 embezzlement, and any conviction for N.J.S.2C:35-6, employing a  
14 minor in a drug distribution scheme, or similar indictable offense in  
15 this or another jurisdiction involving the use of a minor to dispense  
16 or distribute a controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
17 substance analog;

18 (b) The commission may approve an applicant for a certification  
19 after conducting a thorough review of any previous conviction of a  
20 person that substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or  
21 duties for which certification is required that is contained in the  
22 criminal history record background information, and this review  
23 shall include examining the nature of the indictable offense, the  
24 circumstances at the time of committing the offense, and evidence  
25 of rehabilitation since conviction. If the commission determines  
26 that the reviewed conviction should not disqualify the applicant, the  
27 applicant may be approved so long as the applicant is otherwise  
28 qualified to be issued the certification.

29 g. The commission shall deny an application to any applicant  
30 who fails to provide information, documentation and assurances as  
31 required by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
32 this bill) or as requested by the commission, or who fails to reveal  
33 any <sup>2</sup>**[fact]**<sup>2</sup> material <sup>2</sup>fact<sup>2</sup> to qualification, or who supplies  
34 information which is untrue or misleading as to a material fact  
35 pertaining to the qualification criteria for <sup>2</sup>**[licensure]**  
36 certification<sup>2</sup>.

37 h. The commission may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a  
38 certification if the individual who is applying for or who holds the  
39 certification: violates any provision of P.L. , c. (C. )  
40 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or any rule or regulation  
41 adopted under P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
42 Legislature as this bill); makes a false statement to the commission;  
43 or refuses to cooperate in any investigation by the commission.

44 i. A certification issued under this section is a personal  
45 privilege and permits work described under <sup>2</sup>subsection a. of<sup>2</sup> this  
46 section only for the individual who holds the certification.

47 j. In addition to the requirements for regulations set forth in  
48 paragraph (1) of subsection d. of section 6 of P.L. ,

1 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) the  
2 commission shall <sup>2</sup>~~enact~~ promulgate<sup>2</sup> regulations to allow for a  
3 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~retailer to engage in delivery~~ retailer's customer  
4 orders<sup>1</sup> of cannabis items <sup>1</sup>and related supplies to be delivered off-  
5 premises<sup>1</sup> by a certified cannabis handler performing work for or on  
6 behalf of a cannabis retailer, <sup>1</sup>~~including~~ as well as<sup>1</sup> a certified  
7 cannabis handler employed by a cannabis delivery service providing  
8 courier <sup>1</sup>~~service~~ services<sup>1</sup> for <sup>1</sup>consumer purchases of cannabis  
9 items and related supplies fulfilled by<sup>1</sup> the cannabis retailer, and  
10 which regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
11 requirements:

12 (1) <sup>1</sup>~~A cannabis retailer may only deliver cannabis items~~  
13 Deliveries shall be made only<sup>1</sup> to a residence, including a temporary  
14 residence, in this State.

15 (2) Deliveries shall be made only to a legal consumer by a  
16 certified cannabis handler who is an employee of a cannabis  
17 retailer, cannabis delivery service, or an approved contractor vender  
18 for a cannabis retailer.

19 (3) <sup>1</sup>~~A cannabis retailer shall not deliver~~ Deliveries shall not  
20 be made<sup>1</sup> to a residence located on land owned by the federal  
21 government or any residence on land or in a building leased by the  
22 federal government.

23 (4) <sup>1</sup>~~A cannabis retailer shall staff each~~ Each<sup>1</sup> delivery  
24 vehicle <sup>1</sup>~~with~~ shall be staffed by<sup>1</sup> a certified cannabis handler  
25 who is an employee of the cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>or cannabis delivery  
26 service<sup>1</sup> who shall be at least 18 years of age, or use <sup>1</sup>~~a cannabis~~  
27 delivery service or<sup>1</sup> an approved contract vendor whose <sup>1</sup>certified  
28 cannabis handler<sup>1</sup> delivery employees shall be at least 18 years of  
29 age.

30 (5) All deliveries of cannabis items shall be made in person. A  
31 delivery of cannabis items shall not be made through the use of an  
32 unmanned vehicle.

33 (6) Each certified cannabis handler shall carry a <sup>2</sup>~~copy of the~~<sup>2</sup>  
34 cannabis employee, cannabis delivery service, or contract vendor  
35 identification card. The cannabis handler shall present the  
36 identification card upon request to State and local law enforcement,  
37 and State and local regulatory authorities and agencies.

38 (7) Each certified cannabis handler shall have access to a secure  
39 form of communication with the cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>or cannabis  
40 delivery service making a customer delivery of a purchase order  
41 fulfilled by the cannabis retailer<sup>1</sup>, such as a cellular telephone, at  
42 all times that a delivery vehicle contains cannabis items.

43 (8) During delivery, the certified cannabis handler shall  
44 maintain a physical or electronic copy of the <sup>1</sup>customer's<sup>1</sup> delivery  
45 request and shall make it available upon request to State and local

1 law enforcement, and State and local regulatory authorities and  
2 agencies.

3 (9) Delivery vehicles shall be equipped with a secure lockbox in  
4 a secured cargo area, which shall be used for the sanitary and secure  
5 transport of cannabis items.

6 (10) A certified cannabis handler shall not leave cannabis items  
7 in an unattended delivery vehicle unless the vehicle is locked and  
8 equipped with an active vehicle alarm system.

9 (11) A delivery vehicle shall contain a Global Positioning  
10 System (GPS) device for identifying the geographic location of the  
11 delivery vehicle. The device shall be either permanently or  
12 temporarily affixed to the delivery vehicle while the delivery  
13 vehicle is in operation, and the device shall remain active and in the  
14 possession of the certified cannabis handler at all times during  
15 delivery. At all times, the cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>or cannabis delivery  
16 service<sup>1</sup> shall be able to identify the geographic location of all  
17 delivery vehicles that are making deliveries for the cannabis retailer  
18 <sup>1</sup>, or for the cannabis delivery service making deliveries of  
19 customer purchase orders fulfilled by the cannabis retailer, as the  
20 case may be,<sup>1</sup> and shall provide that information to the commission  
21 upon request.

22 (12) Upon request, a cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>or cannabis delivery  
23 service<sup>1</sup> shall provide the commission with information regarding  
24 any vehicles used for delivery, including the vehicle's make, model,  
25 color, Vehicle Identification Number, license plate number, and  
26 vehicle registration.

27 (13) Each cannabis retailer, delivery service, or contract vendor  
28 of a cannabis retailer shall maintain current hired and non-owned  
29 automobile liability insurance sufficient to insure all vehicles used  
30 for delivery of cannabis in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000  
31 per occurrence or accident.

32 (14) Each cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>and cannabis delivery service<sup>1</sup> shall  
33 ensure that vehicles used to deliver cannabis <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup> bear no  
34 markings that would either identify or indicate that the vehicle is  
35 used to deliver cannabis items.

36 (15) Each cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>and cannabis delivery service<sup>1</sup> shall  
37 ensure that deliveries are completed in a timely and efficient  
38 manner.

39 (16) While making residential deliveries, a certified cannabis  
40 handler shall only travel from the cannabis retailer's licensed  
41 premises, or as part of a cannabis delivery service or contract  
42 vendor deliveries, between multiple cannabis retailers, then to a  
43 residence for delivery; from one residential delivery to another  
44 residence for residential delivery; or from a residential delivery  
45 back to the cannabis retailer's <sup>1</sup>or cannabis delivery services<sup>1</sup>  
46 licensed premises. A cannabis handler shall not deviate from the  
47 delivery path described in this paragraph, except in the event of



1 emergency or as necessary for rest, fuel, or vehicle repair stops, or  
 2 because road conditions make continued use of the route or  
 3 operation of the vehicle unsafe, impossible, or impracticable.

4 (17) The process of delivery begins when the certified cannabis  
 5 handler leaves the cannabis retailer licensed premises with the  
 6 <sup>1</sup>customer's purchase order of <sup>2</sup>a<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>cannabis <sup>2</sup>[items] item<sup>2</sup> for  
 7 delivery. The process of delivering ends when the cannabis handler  
 8 returns to the cannabis retailer's licensed premises, or delivery  
 9 service's or contract vendor's premises, after delivering the  
 10 cannabis item to the consumer.

11 (18) Each cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>and cannabis delivery <sup>2</sup>[servicer]  
 12 service<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> shall maintain a record of each <sup>2</sup>cannabis item<sup>2</sup> delivery  
 13 of <sup>2</sup>[cannabis items]<sup>2</sup> in a delivery log, which may be written or  
 14 electronic. For each delivery, the log shall record:

- 15 (a) The date and time that the delivery began and ended;
- 16 (b) The name of the certified cannabis handler;
- 17 (c) The cannabis <sup>2</sup>[items] item<sup>2</sup> delivered;
- 18 (d) The <sup>1</sup>batch or<sup>1</sup> lot number of the cannabis <sup>1</sup>item<sup>1</sup>; and
- 19 (e) The signature of the consumer who accepted delivery.

20 (19) A cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>or cannabis delivery service<sup>1</sup> shall  
 21 report any vehicle accidents, diversions, losses, or other reportable  
 22 events that occur during delivery to the appropriate State and local  
 23 authorities, including the commission.

24 <sup>2</sup>k. Any cannabis or cannabis item may be transported or  
 25 delivered, consistent with the requirements set forth in this section  
 26 and regulations promulgated by the commission, to any location in  
 27 the State. As set forth in section 33 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
 28 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), in no case may a  
 29 municipality restrict the transportation or deliveries of cannabis  
 30 items to consumers within that municipality by adoption of a  
 31 municipal ordinance or any other measure, and any restriction to the  
 32 contrary shall be deemed void and unenforceable.

33 1. The commission may authorize the use of an Internet-based  
 34 web service developed and maintained by an independent third  
 35 party entity that does not hold any license or certificate issued  
 36 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 37 this bill), and is not a significantly involved person or other investor  
 38 in any licensee, which may be used by cannabis retailers to receive,  
 39 process, and fulfill orders by consumers, or used by consumers to  
 40 request or schedule deliveries of cannabis items pursuant to  
 41 subsection j. of this section.<sup>2</sup>

42  
 43 28. Section 24 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-17) is amended to  
 44 read as follows:

45 24. a. (1) Each batch of medical cannabis cultivated by a  
 46 medical cannabis cultivator or a clinical registrant and each batch of  
 47 a medical cannabis product <sup>2</sup>[produced] manufactured<sup>2</sup> by a

1 medical cannabis manufacturer or a clinical registrant shall be  
 2 tested in accordance with the requirements of section 26 of  
 3 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-19) by a laboratory licensed pursuant to  
 4 section 25 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-18) <sup>2</sup>or cannabis testing  
 5 facility licensed pursuant to section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
 6 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)<sup>2</sup>. The laboratory <sup>2</sup>or  
 7 facility<sup>2</sup> performing the testing shall produce a written report  
 8 detailing the results of the testing, a summary of which shall be  
 9 included in any packaging materials for medical cannabis and  
 10 medical cannabis products dispensed to qualifying patients and their  
 11 designated and institutional caregivers. The laboratory <sup>2</sup>or facility<sup>2</sup>  
 12 may charge a reasonable fee for any test performed pursuant to this  
 13 section.

14 (2) Each <sup>2</sup>representative<sup>2</sup> sample of <sup>1</sup>personal use<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>usable<sup>2</sup>  
 15 cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>1</sup>, cannabis products, cannabis extracts, or other  
 16 cannabis resins<sup>2</sup> from a <sup>1</sup>cannabis cultivation facility and each  
 17 representative sample of a personal use cannabis item from a  
 18 cannabis product manufacturing facility <sup>2</sup>cannabis<sup>2</sup> cultivator or  
 19 cannabis manufacturer<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>shall <sup>2</sup>may<sup>2</sup> be tested in accordance with  
 20 the provisions of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
 21 the Legislature as this bill) by a laboratory licensed pursuant to  
 22 section 25 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-18).

23 b. The requirements of <sup>2</sup>paragraph (1) of<sup>2</sup> subsection a. of this  
 24 section shall take effect at such time as the commission certifies  
 25 that a sufficient number of laboratories have been licensed pursuant  
 26 to section 25 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-18) , or pursuant to  
 27 section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ), to ensure that all medical  
 28 cannabis and medical cannabis products can be promptly tested  
 29 consistent with the requirements of this section without disrupting  
 30 patient access to medical cannabis. <sup>2</sup>Once the requirements of that  
 31 paragraph have taken effect, a laboratory licensed pursuant to  
 32 section 25 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-18) shall not make  
 33 operational changes that reduce the prompt testing of medical  
 34 cannabis and medical cannabis products, thereby disrupting patient  
 35 access to medical cannabis, in order to test samples of usable  
 36 cannabis, cannabis products, cannabis extracts, or any other  
 37 cannabis resins in accordance with section 18 of P.L. ,  
 38 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).<sup>2</sup>  
 39 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.24)

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 41 29. Section 25 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-18) is amended to  
 42 read as follows:

43 25. a. (1) A laboratory that performs testing services pursuant  
 44 to section 24 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-17) shall be licensed by  
 45 the commission and may be subject to inspection by the  
 46 commission to determine the condition and calibration of any  
 47 equipment used for testing purposes and to ensure that testing of

1 medical cannabis and medical cannabis products is being performed  
 2 in accordance with the requirements of section 26 of P.L.2019,  
 3 c.153 (C.24:6I-19), and the testing of <sup>1</sup>["personal use"] usable<sup>1</sup>  
 4 cannabis <sup>1</sup>["and personal use"] , <sup>1</sup>cannabis <sup>1</sup>["items"] <sup>2</sup>["product"]  
 5 products<sup>2</sup> , cannabis <sup>2</sup>["extract"] extracts<sup>2</sup> , or any other cannabis  
 6 <sup>2</sup>["resin"] resins<sup>2</sup> is being performed in accordance with the  
 7 requirements of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
 8 the Legislature as this bill). Each applicant for licensure pursuant  
 9 to this section shall submit an attestation signed by a bona fide  
 10 labor organization stating that the applicant has entered into a labor  
 11 peace agreement with such bona fide labor organization. The  
 12 maintenance of a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor  
 13 organization shall be an ongoing material condition of maintaining  
 14 a license to test <sup>2</sup>["medical"] all forms of<sup>2</sup> cannabis.

15 <sup>2</sup>As used in this paragraph, "bona fide labor organization" means  
 16 a labor organization of any kind or employee representation  
 17 committee, group, or association, in which employees participate  
 18 and which exists and is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
 19 part, of collective bargaining or otherwise dealing with medical or  
 20 personal use cannabis employers concerning grievances, labor  
 21 disputes, terms or conditions of employment, including wages and  
 22 rates of pay, or other mutual aid or protection in connection with  
 23 employment, and may be characterized by: it being a party to one or  
 24 more executed collective bargaining agreements with medical or  
 25 personal use cannabis employers, in this State or another state; it  
 26 having a written constitution or bylaws in the three immediately  
 27 preceding years; it filing the annual financial report required of  
 28 labor organizations pursuant to subsection (b) of 29 U.S.C. 431, or  
 29 it having at least one audited financial report in the three  
 30 immediately preceding years; it being affiliated with any regional or  
 31 national association of unions, including but not limited to state and  
 32 federal labor councils; or it being a member of a national labor  
 33 organization that has at least 500 general members in a majority of  
 34 the 50 states of the United States.<sup>2</sup>

35 (2) Any laboratory licensed pursuant to this section prior to the  
 36 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) to only test medical cannabis  
 37 and medical cannabis products shall be authorized to test <sup>1</sup>["personal  
 38 use"] usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>["and personal use"] , <sup>1</sup>cannabis <sup>1</sup>["items"]  
 39 <sup>2</sup>["product"] products<sup>2</sup> , cannabis <sup>2</sup>["extract"] extracts<sup>2</sup> , or any other  
 40 cannabis <sup>2</sup>["resin"] resins<sup>2</sup> under an existing license in good  
 41 standing, if the laboratory certifies to the commission that its  
 42 facility, and the condition and calibration of any equipment used for  
 43 testing meet the commission's accreditation requirements for  
 44 licensure as a cannabis testing facility, <sup>2</sup>["and"]<sup>2</sup> its testing  
 45 procedures will be performed in accordance with the requirements  
 46 of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 47 Legislature as this bill) <sup>2</sup> , and it will not make operational changes

1 that reduce the prompt testing of medical cannabis and medical  
2 cannabis products as required by subsection b. of section 24 of  
3 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-17)<sup>2</sup> . The commission shall acknowledge  
4 receipt of the laboratory's certification in writing to that laboratory,  
5 which shall serve as notice and recognition that the laboratory may  
6 test '【personal use】 usable' cannabis '【and personal use】 .'  
7 cannabis '【items】 product, cannabis extract, or any other cannabis  
8 resin<sup>1</sup> under the existing license.

9 b. There shall be no upper limit on the number of laboratories  
10 that may be licensed to perform testing services.

11 c. A person who has been convicted of a crime involving any  
12 controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog as  
13 set forth in chapter 35 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes except  
14 paragraph (4) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10, or any similar law  
15 of the United States or any other state shall not be issued a license  
16 to operate as or be a director, officer, or employee of a medical  
17 cannabis testing laboratory, unless such conviction occurred after  
18 the effective date of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and was for a  
19 violation of federal law relating to possession or sale of cannabis  
20 for conduct that is authorized under P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et  
21 al.) or P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.).

22 d. (1) The commission shall require each applicant for  
23 licensure as a medical cannabis testing laboratory to undergo a  
24 criminal history record background check, except that no criminal  
25 history record background check shall be required for an applicant  
26 who completed a criminal history record background check as a  
27 condition of professional licensure or certification.

28 For purposes of this section, the term "applicant" shall include  
29 any owner, director, officer, or employee of a medical cannabis  
30 testing laboratory. The commission is authorized to exchange  
31 fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record  
32 background information from the Division of State Police and the  
33 Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with the provisions of  
34 applicable federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. The  
35 Division of State Police shall forward criminal history record  
36 background information to the commission in a timely manner  
37 when requested pursuant to the provisions of this section.

38 An applicant who is required to undergo a criminal history  
39 record background check pursuant to this section shall submit to  
40 being fingerprinted in accordance with applicable State and federal  
41 laws, rules, and regulations. No check of criminal history record  
42 background information shall be performed pursuant to this section  
43 unless the applicant has furnished the applicant's written consent to  
44 that check. An applicant who is required to undergo a criminal  
45 history record background check pursuant to this section who  
46 refuses to consent to, or cooperate in, the securing of a check of  
47 criminal history record background information shall not be  
48 considered for a license to operate, or authorization to be employed

1 at, a medical cannabis testing laboratory. An applicant shall bear  
2 the cost for the criminal history record background check, including  
3 all costs of administering and processing the check.

4 (2) The commission shall not approve an applicant for a license  
5 to operate, or authorization to be employed at, a medical cannabis  
6 testing laboratory if the criminal history record background  
7 information of the applicant reveals a disqualifying conviction as  
8 set forth in subsection c. of this section.

9 (3) Upon receipt of the criminal history record background  
10 information from the Division of State Police and the Federal  
11 Bureau of Investigation, the commission shall provide written  
12 notification to the applicant of the applicant's qualification <sup>2</sup>~~for~~<sup>2</sup>  
13 or disqualification for a <sup>2</sup>~~permit~~ license<sup>2</sup> to operate or be a  
14 director, officer, or employee of a medical cannabis testing  
15 laboratory.

16 If the applicant is disqualified because of a disqualifying  
17 conviction pursuant to the provisions of this section, the conviction  
18 that constitutes the basis for the disqualification shall be identified  
19 in the written notice.

20 (4) The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the  
21 commission in the event that an individual who was the subject of a  
22 criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to  
23 this section is convicted of a crime or offense in this State after the  
24 date the background check was performed. Upon receipt of that  
25 notification, the commission shall make a determination regarding  
26 the continued eligibility to operate or be a director, officer, or  
27 employee of a medical cannabis testing laboratory.

28 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of this  
29 section to the contrary, the commission may offer provisional  
30 authority for an applicant to be an owner, director, officer, or  
31 employee of a medical cannabis testing laboratory for a period not  
32 to exceed three months if the applicant submits to the commission a  
33 sworn statement attesting that the person has not been convicted of  
34 any disqualifying conviction pursuant to this section.

35 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of this  
36 section to the contrary, no applicant to be an owner, director,  
37 officer, or employee of a medical cannabis testing laboratory shall  
38 be disqualified on the basis of any conviction disclosed by a  
39 criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to  
40 this section if the individual has affirmatively demonstrated to the  
41 commission clear and convincing evidence of rehabilitation. In  
42 determining whether clear and convincing evidence of rehabilitation  
43 has been demonstrated, the following factors shall be considered:

44 (a) the nature and responsibility of the position which the  
45 convicted individual would hold, has held, or currently holds;

46 (b) the nature and seriousness of the crime or offense;

47 (c) the circumstances under which the crime or offense  
48 occurred;

1 (d) the date of the crime or offense;

2 (e) the age of the individual when the crime or offense was  
3 committed;

4 (f) whether the crime or offense was an isolated or repeated  
5 incident;

6 (g) any social conditions which may have contributed to the  
7 commission of the crime or offense; and

8 (h) any evidence of rehabilitation, including good conduct in  
9 prison or in the community, counseling or psychiatric treatment  
10 received, acquisition of additional academic or vocational  
11 schooling, successful participation in correctional work-release  
12 programs, or the recommendation of those who have had the  
13 individual under their supervision.

14 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.25)

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16 30. Section 15 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-13) is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 15. a. The Cannabis Regulatory Commission is authorized to  
19 exchange fingerprint data with, and receive information from, the  
20 Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public  
21 Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for use in reviewing  
22 applications for individuals who are required to complete a criminal  
23 history record background check in connection with applications:

24 (1) to serve as designated caregivers or institutional caregivers  
25 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-4), for licenses to  
26 operate as, or to be a director, officer, or employee of, medical  
27 cannabis testing laboratories pursuant to section 25 of P.L.2019,  
28 c.153 (C.24:6I-18), for permits to operate as, or to be a director,  
29 officer, or employee of, or a significantly involved person in,  
30 clinical registrants pursuant to section 13 of P.L.2019, c.153  
31 (C.24:6I-7.3), and for permits to operate as, or to be a director,  
32 officer, or employee of, or a significantly involved person in,  
33 medical cannabis cultivators, medical cannabis manufacturers, and  
34 medical cannabis dispensaries pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009,  
35 c.307 (C.24:6I-7); or

36 (2) for licenses to operate as, or to be <sup>1</sup>[a] owner,<sup>1</sup>director,  
37 officer, or employee of, or a significantly involved person in,  
38 cannabis <sup>1</sup>[growers] cultivators<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>[processors]  
39 manufacturers<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesalers, cannabis distributors,  
40 cannabis retailers, cannabis delivery services, and personal use  
41 cannabis testing facilities pursuant to sections 18, 20, <sup>1</sup>[21,]<sup>1</sup> 22,  
42 23, 24, 25, and 26 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
43 Legislature as this bill).

44 b. The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the  
45 Cannabis Regulatory Commission in the event an applicant  
46 **[**seeking to serve as a designated or institutional caregiver, an

1 applicant for a license to operate as, or to be a director, officer, or  
 2 employee of, a medical cannabis testing laboratory, an applicant for  
 3 a permit to operate as, or to be a director, officer, or employee of, or  
 4 a significantly involved person in, a clinical registrant, or an  
 5 applicant for a permit to operate as, or to be a director, officer, or  
 6 employee of, or a significantly involved person in, a medical  
 7 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, or medical  
 8 cannabis dispensary<sup>1</sup>, who was the subject of a criminal history  
 9 record background check conducted pursuant to subsection a. of this  
 10 section, is convicted of a crime involving possession or sale of a  
 11 controlled dangerous substance.

12 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.21)

13  
 14 31. (New section) Municipal Regulations or Ordinances.

15 a. A municipality may enact ordinances or regulations, not in  
 16 conflict with the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 17 Legislature as this bill):

18 (1) governing the <sup>2</sup>【times of operation, location, manner, and】<sup>2</sup>  
 19 number of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery  
 20 services <sup>2</sup>, as well as the location, manner, and times of operation of  
 21 establishments and distributors, but the time of operation of  
 22 delivery services shall be subject only to regulation by the  
 23 commission<sup>2</sup>; and

24 (2) establishing civil penalties for violation of an ordinance or  
 25 regulation governing the <sup>2</sup>【times of operation, location, manner,  
 26 and】<sup>2</sup> number of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery  
 27 services that may operate in such municipality <sup>2</sup>, or their location,  
 28 manner, or the times of operations<sup>2</sup>.

29 b. A municipality may prohibit the operation of any one or  
 30 more classes of cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup> or cannabis distributors  
 31 <sup>2</sup>【, but not】 or<sup>2</sup> cannabis delivery services, <sup>2</sup>but not the delivery of  
 32 cannabis items and related supplies by a delivery service,<sup>2</sup> within  
 33 the jurisdiction of the municipality through the enactment of an  
 34 ordinance, and this prohibiting ordinance shall apply throughout the  
 35 municipality, even if that municipality or parts thereof fall within  
 36 any district, area, or other geographical jurisdiction for which land  
 37 use planning, site planning, zoning requirements or other  
 38 development authority is exercised by an independent State  
 39 authority, commission, instrumentality, or agency pursuant to the  
 40 enabling legislation that governs its duties, functions, and powers,  
 41 even if this development authority is expressly stated or interpreted  
 42 to be exclusive thereunder; the local prohibiting ordinance applies,  
 43 notwithstanding the provisions of any independent State authority  
 44 law to the contrary. Only an ordinance to prohibit one or more  
 45 classes of cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup> or cannabis distributors <sup>2</sup>or  
 46 cannabis delivery services<sup>2</sup> enacted pursuant to the specific

1 authority to do so by this section shall be valid and enforceable; any  
 2 ordinance enacted by a municipality prior to the effective date of  
 3 this section addressing the issue of prohibiting one or more types of  
 4 cannabis-related activities within the jurisdiction of the  
 5 municipality is null and void, and that entity may only prohibit the  
 6 operation of one or more classes of cannabis establishment <sup>2,2</sup> or  
 7 cannabis distributors <sup>2</sup>or cannabis delivery services<sup>2</sup> by enactment  
 8 of a new ordinance based upon the specific authority to do so by  
 9 this section. The failure of a municipality to enact an ordinance  
 10 prohibiting the operation of one or more classes of cannabis  
 11 establishment <sup>2,2</sup> or cannabis distributors <sup>2</sup>or cannabis delivery  
 12 services<sup>2</sup> within 180 days after the effective date of P.L. ,  
 13 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), shall result  
 14 in any class of cannabis establishment <sup>2,2</sup> or a cannabis distributor  
 15 <sup>2</sup>or cannabis delivery service<sup>2</sup> that is not prohibited from operating  
 16 within the municipality as being permitted to operate therein as  
 17 follows: the growing, cultivating, <sup>1</sup>**["processing"]** manufacturing<sup>1</sup> ,  
 18 and selling and reselling of <sup>1</sup>**["cannabis and"]**<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>cannabis and<sup>2</sup>  
 19 cannabis items, and operations to transport in bulk cannabis items  
 20 by a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**["grower"]** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**["processor"]**  
 21 manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler, or <sup>2</sup>as a<sup>2</sup> cannabis distributor  
 22 <sup>2</sup>or cannabis delivery service<sup>2</sup> shall be permitted uses in all  
 23 industrial zones of the municipality; and the selling of cannabis  
 24 items to consumers from a retail store by a cannabis retailer shall be  
 25 a conditional use in all commercial zones or retail zones, subject to  
 26 meeting the conditions set forth in any applicable zoning ordinance  
 27 or receiving a variance from one or more of those conditions in  
 28 accordance with the "Municipal Land Use Law," P.L.1975, c.291  
 29 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.). At the end of a five-year period following the  
 30 initial failure of a municipality to enact an ordinance prohibiting the  
 31 operation of one or more classes of cannabis establishment <sup>2,2</sup> or  
 32 cannabis distributors <sup>2</sup>or cannabis delivery services<sup>2</sup>, and every  
 33 five-year period thereafter following a failure to enact a prohibiting  
 34 ordinance, the municipality shall again be permitted to prohibit the  
 35 future operation of any one or more classes of cannabis  
 36 establishment <sup>2,2</sup> or cannabis distributors <sup>2</sup>or cannabis delivery  
 37 services<sup>2</sup> through the enactment of an ordinance <sup>2</sup>during a new 180-  
 38 day period<sup>2</sup>, but this ordinance shall be prospective only and not  
 39 apply to any cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>**["or"]** <sup>2</sup> distributor <sup>2</sup>or delivery  
 40 service<sup>2</sup> operating in the municipality prior to the enactment of the  
 41 ordinance.

42 c. (1) When the commission receives an application for initial  
 43 licensing or renewal of an existing license for any cannabis  
 44 establishment, distributor, or delivery service pursuant to section 19  
 45 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
 46 or endorsement for a cannabis consumption area pursuant to section



1 28 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-21), the commission shall provide,  
 2 within ~~‘[seven] 14’~~ days, a copy of the application to the  
 3 municipality in which the establishment, distributor, delivery  
 4 service, or consumption area is to be located, unless the  
 5 municipality has prohibited the operation of the particular class of  
 6 business for which licensure is sought pursuant to subsection b. of  
 7 this section, or in the case of an application seeking a consumption  
 8 area endorsement, prohibited the operation of cannabis retailers.  
 9 The ~~‘[local jurisdiction] municipality’~~<sup>2</sup> shall determine whether the  
 10 application complies with ~~‘its’~~<sup>2</sup> local restrictions on ~~‘[times of~~  
 11 ~~operation, location, manner, and]’~~<sup>2</sup> the number of cannabis  
 12 ~~‘[businesses. The local jurisdiction] establishments, distributors,~~  
 13 ~~or delivery services, or their location, manner, or times of~~  
 14 ~~operation, and the municipality’~~<sup>2</sup> shall inform the commission  
 15 whether the application complies with ~~‘its’~~<sup>2</sup> local restrictions ~~‘[on~~  
 16 ~~times of operation, location, manner, and the number of cannabis~~  
 17 ~~businesses]’~~<sup>2</sup>.

18 (2) A municipality may impose a separate local licensing or  
 19 endorsement requirement as a part of its restrictions on ~~‘[times of~~  
 20 ~~operation, location, manner, and]’~~<sup>2</sup> the number of cannabis  
 21 ~~‘[businesses] establishments, distributors, or delivery services, or~~  
 22 ~~their location, manner, or times of operation’~~<sup>2</sup>. A municipality may  
 23 decline to impose any local licensing or endorsement requirements,  
 24 but a local jurisdiction shall notify the commission that it either  
 25 approves or denies each application forwarded to it.

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 27 32. Section 28 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-21) is amended to  
 28 read as follows:

29 28. a. A municipality may authorize, through the enactment of  
 30 an ordinance, the operation of locally endorsed **[medical]** cannabis  
 31 consumption areas:

32 (1) operated by medical cannabis dispensaries , including any  
 33 alternative treatment centers deemed to hold a medical cannabis  
 34 dispensary permit pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-  
 35 7), and clinical registrants within its jurisdiction, at which areas the  
 36 on-premises consumption of medical cannabis may occur;

37 (2) operated by cannabis retailers within its jurisdiction, at which  
 38 areas the on-premises consumption of personal use cannabis may  
 39 occur; and

40 (3) operated by medical cannabis dispensaries, including any  
 41 alternative treatment centers deemed to hold a medical cannabis  
 42 dispensary permit pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-  
 43 7), within its jurisdiction that are also deemed to have, pursuant to  
 44 that section, one or more Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses and for  
 45 which the commission has correspondingly issued one or more  
 46 licenses following receipt of the municipality’s <sup>2</sup>and commission’s<sup>2</sup>

1 approval to operate as a cannabis retailer pursuant to subparagraph  
 2 (a) of paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 33 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
 3 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or  
 4 medical cannabis dispensaries and alternative treatment centers  
 5 otherwise issued a license by the commission pursuant to P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
 6 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), to  
 7 simultaneously operate as a cannabis retailer, at which areas the on-  
 8 premises consumption of both medical cannabis and personal use  
 9 cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> may occur.

10 b. Applications for an endorsement pursuant to this section  
 11 shall be made to the commission in a form and manner as shall be  
 12 prescribed by the commission and shall set forth such information  
 13 as the commission may require. Each application shall be verified  
 14 by the oath or affirmation of such persons as the commission may  
 15 prescribe. The endorsement shall be conditioned upon approval by  
 16 a municipality. An applicant is prohibited from operating a  
 17 cannabis consumption area without State and local approval. If the  
 18 applicant does not receive approval from the municipality within  
 19 one year after the date of State approval, the State endorsement  
 20 shall expire and may not be renewed. If an application is denied by  
 21 the municipality or the approval of the municipality is revoked, the  
 22 commission shall revoke the State endorsement. Any person  
 23 aggrieved by the local denial of an endorsement application may  
 24 request a hearing in the Superior Court of the county in which the  
 25 application was filed. The request for a hearing shall be filed  
 26 within 30 days after the date the application was denied. The  
 27 person shall serve a copy of the person's request for a hearing upon  
 28 the appropriate officer for the municipality that denied the  
 29 application. The hearing shall be held and a record made thereof  
 30 within 30 days after the receipt of the application for a hearing. No  
 31 formal pleading and no filing fee shall be required for the hearing.

32 c. (1) The commission shall deny a State endorsement if the  
 33 premises on which the applicant proposes to conduct its business  
 34 does not meet the requirements of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et  
 35 al.) <sup>2</sup>[,] or<sup>2</sup> P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature  
 36 as this bill), <sup>2</sup>as applicable,<sup>2</sup> or for reasons set forth in this section.  
 37 The commission may revoke or deny <sup>2</sup>an initial endorsement,<sup>2</sup> an  
 38 endorsement renewal, or reinstatement, <sup>2</sup>[or an initial  
 39 endorsement]<sup>2</sup> for good cause.

40 (2) For purposes of this subsection "good cause" means:

41 (a) the endorsed permit holder, license holder, or applicant has  
 42 violated, does not meet, or has failed to comply with, any of the  
 43 terms, conditions, or provisions of this section, any rules <sup>2</sup>or  
 44 regulations<sup>2</sup> promulgated pursuant to this section, or any  
 45 supplemental local laws, rules, or regulations;

- 1 (b) the endorsed permit holder , license holder, or applicant has  
2 failed to comply with any special terms or conditions that were  
3 placed on its endorsement by the commission or municipality; or
- 4 (c) the premises have been operated in a manner that adversely  
5 affects the public health or the safety of the immediate  
6 neighborhood in which the **【medical cannabis】** consumption area is  
7 located.
- 8 (3) Any commission decision made pursuant to this subsection  
9 shall be considered a final agency decision for the purposes of the  
10 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
11 seq.) and may be subject to judicial review as provided in the Rules  
12 of Court.
- 13 d. A **【medical】** cannabis consumption area endorsement shall  
14 be valid for one year and may be renewed annually, subject to the  
15 approval of the commission and the municipality as set forth in this  
16 section. The commission shall establish by <sup>2</sup>**【rule】** regulation<sup>2</sup> the  
17 amount of the application fee and renewal fee for the endorsement,  
18 which shall not exceed the administrative cost for processing and  
19 reviewing the application.
- 20 e. The commission shall maintain a list of all **【medical】**  
21 cannabis consumption areas in the State and shall make the list  
22 available on its Internet website.
- 23 f. A **【medical】** cannabis consumption area shall be located on  
24 the premises of a medical cannabis dispensary **【or】** , clinical  
25 registrant, or cannabis retailer, may be indoors or outdoors, and  
26 shall be designated by conspicuous signage. The signage shall also  
27 indicate whether the cannabis consumption area may be used for the  
28 on-premises consumption of medical cannabis, personal use  
29 cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> , or both.
- 30 (1) (a) An indoor **【medical】** cannabis consumption area in  
31 which medical cannabis may be consumed, or both medical  
32 cannabis and personal use cannabis may be consumed, shall be a  
33 structurally enclosed area within a medical cannabis dispensary or  
34 clinical registrant facility that is separated by solid walls or  
35 windows from the area in which medical cannabis is dispensed  
36 **【and】** , or in which retail sales of cannabis items occur if the  
37 dispensary or facility is also licensed as a cannabis retailer, shall  
38 only be accessible through an interior door after first entering the  
39 <sup>2</sup>dispensary or<sup>2</sup> facility , and for a dispensary or facility that is also  
40 licensed as a cannabis retailer, with respect to any smoking, vaping,  
41 or aerosolizing of personal use cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> , the consumption  
42 area shall comply with all ventilation requirements applicable to  
43 cigar lounges, as that term is defined in section 3 of P.L.2005, c.383  
44 (C.26:3D-57), in order to permit indoor smoking, vaping, or  
45 aerosolizing that is the equivalent of smoking tobacco not in

1 violation of the “New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act,” P.L.2005, c.383  
2 (C.26:3D-55 et seq.). Nothing in this subparagraph shall be  
3 construed to authorize the consumption of medical cannabis by  
4 smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing in this or any other indoor public  
5 place or workplace, as those terms are defined in section 3 of  
6 P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-57).

7 (b) An indoor cannabis consumption area in which only personal  
8 use cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> may be consumed shall be a structurally  
9 enclosed area within a cannabis retailer that is separated by solid  
10 walls or windows from the area in which retail sales of cannabis  
11 items occur, shall only be accessible through an interior door after  
12 first entering the retailer, and shall comply with all ventilation  
13 requirements applicable to cigar lounges, as that term is defined in  
14 section 3 of P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-57), in order to permit indoor  
15 smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing that is the equivalent of smoking  
16 tobacco not in violation of the “New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act,”  
17 P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-55 et seq.).

18 (2) An outdoor **【medical】** cannabis consumption area shall be  
19 an exterior structure on the same premises as the medical cannabis  
20 dispensary **【or】** , clinical registrant facility, or cannabis retailer,  
21 that is either separate from or connected to the dispensary, facility,  
22 or retailer, and that is not required to be completely enclosed, but  
23 shall have sufficient walls, fences, or other barriers to prevent any  
24 view of patients consuming medical cannabis or persons consuming  
25 personal use cannabis <sup>2</sup>items within the consumption area<sup>2</sup> from  
26 any sidewalk or other pedestrian or non-motorist right-of-way, as  
27 the case may be <sup>2</sup>**【**, within the consumption area<sup>2</sup>**】**.

28 **【(3)** Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize  
29 the consumption of medical cannabis by smoking in any indoor  
30 public place or workplace, as those terms are defined in subsection  
31 3 of P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-57), and the **】** A medical cannabis  
32 dispensary **【or】** , clinical registrant , or cannabis retailer operating  
33 **【the】** a consumption area shall ensure that any smoking, vaping, or  
34 aerosolizing of medical cannabis or personal use cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup>  
35 that occurs in an outdoor **【medical】** cannabis consumption area  
36 does not result in migration, seepage, or recirculation of smoke or  
37 other exhaled material to any indoor public place or workplace as  
38 those terms are defined in section 3 of P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-  
39 57). The commission may require **【a】** an outdoor consumption area  
40 to include any ventilation features as the commission deems  
41 necessary and appropriate.

42 g. (1) A medical cannabis dispensary **【or】** , clinical registrant ,  
43 or cannabis retailer holding a **【medical】** cannabis consumption area  
44 endorsement, and the employees **【of the dispensary or clinical**  
45 **registrant】** thereof, subject to any regulations for **【medical】**

1 cannabis consumption areas promulgated by the commission, may  
2 permit a person to bring medical cannabis or personal use cannabis  
3 <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> into a **【medical】** cannabis consumption area , so long as the  
4 on-premises consumption of that cannabis is authorized by the  
5 endorsement .

6 (2) A medical cannabis dispensary **【or】**, clinical registrant , or  
7 cannabis retailer holding a **【medical】** cannabis consumption area  
8 endorsement shall not sell alcohol, including fermented malt  
9 beverages or malt, vinous, or spirituous liquor, sell tobacco or  
10 nicotine products, or allow the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or  
11 nicotine products on <sup>2</sup>the<sup>2</sup> premises, or operate as a retail food  
12 establishment.

13 (3) A medical cannabis dispensary **【or】** , clinical registrant , or  
14 cannabis retailer holding a **【medical】** cannabis consumption area  
15 endorsement shall not allow on-duty employees of the  
16 establishment to consume any medical cannabis or personal use  
17 cannabis items in the consumption area, other than an on-duty  
18 employee who is a registered qualifying patient with a valid  
19 authorization for the use of medical cannabis, if the medical  
20 cannabis dispensary, clinical registrant, or cannabis retailer does not  
21 otherwise provide a private area, that is separate from the area in  
22 which medical cannabis is dispensed or in which retail sales of  
23 cannabis items occur, for that employee to use medical cannabis.

24 (4) (a) A cannabis retailer, or medical cannabis dispensary or  
25 clinical registrant that is also licensed to simultaneously operate as  
26 a cannabis retailer, shall limit the amount of personal use cannabis  
27 <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> sold to a person to be consumed in its consumption area, or  
28 brought into its consumption area if permitted pursuant to paragraph  
29 (1) of this subsection, to no more than the sales limit set by the  
30 commission. The cannabis retailer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
31 clinical registrant shall not engage in multiple sales transactions of  
32 personal use cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> to the same person during the same  
33 business day when <sup>2</sup>**【an establishment's】** a retailer's, dispensary's,  
34 or registrant's<sup>2</sup> employee knows or reasonably should have known  
35 that the sales transaction would result in the person possessing more  
36 than the sales limit established by the commission. The cannabis  
37 retailer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant shall  
38 provide, if required by the commission, information regarding the  
39 safe consumption of personal use cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> at the point of  
40 sale to all persons who make a purchase <sup>2</sup>.

41 (b) All employees of a cannabis retailer, or medical cannabis  
42 dispensary or clinical registrant that is also licensed to  
43 simultaneously operate as a cannabis retailer, shall complete any  
44 responsible vendor training program established in regulation by the

1 commission concerning consumption areas in which personal use  
2 cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> may be consumed.

3 h. (1) Access to a **【medical】** cannabis consumption area in  
4 which medical cannabis may be consumed shall be restricted to  
5 employees of the medical cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant  
6 and to registered **【qualified】** qualifying patients and their  
7 designated caregivers.

8 (2) Access to a cannabis consumption area in which personal  
9 use cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> may be consumed, or both medical cannabis  
10 and personal use cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> may be consumed, shall be  
11 restricted to employees of the cannabis retailer, or medical cannabis  
12 dispensary or clinical registrant that is also licensed to  
13 simultaneously operate as a cannabis retailer, and to registered  
14 qualifying patients, their designated caregivers, and other persons  
15 who are at least 21 years of age. Each person shall be required to  
16 produce a form of government-issued identification that may be  
17 accepted, pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (6) of  
18 subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
19 the Legislature as this bill), in order to enter the consumption area  
20 for purposes of consuming any <sup>2</sup>medical<sup>2</sup> cannabis <sup>2</sup>or personal use  
21 cannabis items<sup>2</sup> .

22 i. When a patient or other person leaves a **【medical】** cannabis  
23 consumption area, the <sup>2</sup>**【establishment】** medical cannabis  
24 dispensary, clinical registrant , or cannabis retailer<sup>2</sup> shall ensure any  
25 remaining unconsumed medical cannabis or personal use cannabis  
26 item that is not taken by the patient **【or】** , the patient's designated  
27 caregiver , or other person is destroyed.

28 j. A medical cannabis dispensary, clinical registrant, or  
29 cannabis retailer operating a cannabis consumption area and its  
30 employees:

31 (1) shall operate the <sup>2</sup>**【establishment】** dispensary, registrant, or  
32 retailer<sup>2</sup> in a decent, orderly, and respectable manner;

33 (2) may remove an individual from <sup>2</sup>**【the establishment】** its  
34 premises<sup>2</sup> for any reason;

35 (3) shall not knowingly permit any activity or acts of disorderly  
36 conduct; and

37 (4) shall not permit rowdiness, undue noise, or other  
38 disturbances or activity offensive to the average citizen or to the  
39 residents of the neighborhood in which the consumption area is  
40 located.

41 k. If an emergency requires law enforcement, firefighters,  
42 emergency medical services providers, or other public safety  
43 personnel to enter a <sup>2</sup>**【medical】<sup>2</sup>** cannabis consumption area,  
44 employees of the <sup>2</sup>**【establishment】** medical cannabis dispensary,

1 clinical registrant, or cannabis retailer<sup>2</sup> shall prohibit on-site  
 2 consumption of medical cannabis <sup>2</sup>, personal use cannabis items, or  
 3 both, as the case may be,<sup>2</sup> until such personnel have completed their  
 4 investigation or services and have left the premises.

5 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.28)

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7 33. (New section) Marketplace Regulation.

8 a. (1) (a) For a period of <sup>1</sup>~~18~~ 24<sup>1</sup> months after the  
 9 <sup>2</sup>effective<sup>2</sup> date <sup>2</sup>~~determined by the commission pursuant to~~  
 10 paragraph (2) of subsection d. of section 6<sup>2</sup> of P.L. ,  
 11 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), <sup>2</sup>~~to be~~  
 12 the first date on which cannabis retailers issued licenses and  
 13 conditional licenses begin retail sales of <sup>1</sup>~~personal use~~<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
 14 items,<sup>2</sup> it shall be unlawful for any owner, part owner, stockholder,  
 15 officer, or director of any corporation, or any other person  
 16 interested in any cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~cultivation facility~~<sup>1</sup> cultivator<sup>1</sup>,  
 17 <sup>2</sup>~~cannabis testing facility,~~<sup>2</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~product manufacturing~~<sup>1</sup>  
 18 facility<sup>1</sup> manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor,  
 19 <sup>2</sup>~~or~~<sup>2</sup> cannabis delivery service <sup>2</sup>, or cannabis testing facility<sup>2</sup> to  
 20 engage in the retailing of any cannabis items in this State, or to  
 21 own, either in whole or in part, or be directly or indirectly interested  
 22 in a cannabis retailer, and such interest shall include any payments  
 23 or delivery of money or property by way of loan or otherwise  
 24 accompanied by an agreement to sell the product of said cannabis  
 25 <sup>1</sup>~~cultivation facility~~<sup>1</sup> cultivator<sup>1</sup> , <sup>2</sup>~~cannabis testing facility,~~<sup>2</sup>  
 26 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~product manufacturing facility~~<sup>1</sup> manufacturer<sup>1</sup> ,  
 27 cannabis wholesaler, <sup>2</sup>~~or~~<sup>2</sup> cannabis distributor, <sup>2</sup>or cannabis  
 28 testing facility,<sup>2</sup> but does not include any arrangement between a  
 29 cannabis delivery service and a cannabis retailer for making  
 30 deliveries of cannabis items to consumers. During this <sup>1</sup>~~18-~~  
 31 month<sup>1</sup> 24-month<sup>1</sup> period, the holder of a Class 1 Cannabis  
 32 <sup>1</sup>~~Grower~~<sup>1</sup> Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license to operate <sup>1</sup>as<sup>1</sup> a cannabis  
 33 <sup>1</sup>~~cultivation facility~~<sup>1</sup> cultivator<sup>1</sup> or a Class 2 Cannabis  
 34 <sup>1</sup>~~Processor~~<sup>1</sup> Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license to operate <sup>1</sup>as<sup>1</sup> a cannabis  
 35 <sup>1</sup>~~product manufacturing facility~~<sup>1</sup> manufacturer<sup>1</sup> may hold one  
 36 other license to operate another cannabis establishment, other than a  
 37 Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license to operate <sup>2</sup>as<sup>2</sup> a cannabis  
 38 wholesaler or a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license to operate <sup>2</sup>as<sup>2</sup> a  
 39 cannabis retailer; and the holder of a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler  
 40 license to operate <sup>2</sup>as<sup>2</sup> a cannabis wholesaler <sup>2</sup>~~shall be limited to~~  
 41 just that<sup>2</sup> may hold<sup>2</sup> one <sup>2</sup>other Class 4 Cannabis Distributor<sup>2</sup>  
 42 license <sup>2</sup>to operate as a cannabis distributor<sup>2</sup> .

43 (b) Throughout the <sup>1</sup>~~18-month~~<sup>1</sup> 24-month<sup>1</sup> period set forth in  
 44 subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, the commission, except as  
 45 authorized by paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section, shall

1 not allow, providing there exist qualified applicants, more than  
 2 <sup>1</sup>~~28~~ 37<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~growers~~ cultivators<sup>1</sup> to be simultaneously  
 3 licensed and engaging in <sup>1</sup>~~personal use~~<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~activities~~  
 4 production<sup>1</sup>, which number shall include any alternative treatment  
 5 centers deemed to be licensed as cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~growers~~ cultivators<sup>1</sup>  
 6 who are issued licenses by the commission pursuant to paragraph  
 7 (3) of this subsection <sup>1</sup>; provided that cannabis cultivator licenses  
 8 issued to microbusinesses pursuant to subsection f. of section 19 of  
 9 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
 10 shall not count towards this limit<sup>1</sup>.

11 (2) For a period of <sup>1</sup>~~18 months~~ 24 months<sup>1</sup> after the  
 12 <sup>2</sup>effective<sup>2</sup> date <sup>2</sup>~~determined by the commission pursuant to~~  
 13 paragraph (2) of subsection d. of section 6<sup>2</sup> of P.L. ,  
 14 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), <sup>2</sup>~~to be~~  
 15 the first date on which cannabis retailers issued licenses and  
 16 conditional licenses begin retail sales of <sup>1</sup>~~personal use~~<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
 17 items,<sup>2</sup> it shall be unlawful for any owner, part owner, stockholder,  
 18 officer, or director of any corporation, or any other person engaged  
 19 in any retailing of any cannabis items to engage in the growing of,  
 20 testing of, <sup>1</sup>~~processing~~ manufacturing<sup>1</sup> of, wholesaling of, or  
 21 transporting in bulk any cannabis items, or to own either whole or  
 22 in part, or to be a shareholder, officer or director of a corporation or  
 23 association, directly or indirectly, interested in any cannabis  
 24 <sup>1</sup>~~cultivation~~ <sup>2</sup>cultivatory<sup>1</sup> facility] cultivator<sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup>~~cannabis~~  
 25 testing facility,<sup>2</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~product manufacturing facility~~  
 26 manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, <sup>2</sup>~~or~~<sup>2</sup>  
 27 cannabis delivery service <sup>2</sup>, or cannabis testing facility<sup>2</sup>.

28 (3) (a) (i) Except with respect to the cap on the number of  
 29 cannabis <sup>1</sup>~~grower~~ cultivator<sup>1</sup> licenses set forth in subparagraph  
 30 (b) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the provisions of paragraphs  
 31 (1) and (2) of this subsection shall not apply

32 to any alternative treatment center that was issued a permit prior  
 33 to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), or to  
 34 any alternative treatment center that was issued a permit subsequent  
 35 to that effective date pursuant to an application submitted prior to  
 36 that effective date,

37 to the one alternative treatment center, out of four, issued a  
 38 permit pursuant to an application submitted after the effective date  
 39 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) pursuant to a request for  
 40 applications published in the New Jersey Register prior to that  
 41 effective date, that is expressly exempt, pursuant to subsection a. of  
 42 section 11 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1), from the provisions of  
 43 subparagraph (i) of subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of  
 44 subsection a. of section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7), which  
 45 exemption permits the alternative treatment center to concurrently  
 46 hold more than one medical cannabis permit, and that one



1 alternative treatment center is deemed pursuant to that section 7  
2 (C.24:6I-7) to concurrently hold more than one permit, and  
3 to the one alternative treatment center, out of three, issued a  
4 permit pursuant to an application submitted on or after the effective  
5 date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), that is expressly  
6 exempt, pursuant to subsection a. of section 11 of P.L.2019,  
7 c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1), from the provisions of subsubparagraph (i) of  
8 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 7 of  
9 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7), which exemption permits the  
10 alternative treatment center to concurrently hold more than one  
11 medical cannabis permit, and that one alternative treatment center is  
12 deemed pursuant to that section 7 (C.24:6I-7) to concurrently hold  
13 more than one permit,  
14 and which alternative treatment center is also deemed, pursuant  
15 to subsubparagraph (ii) of subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2) of  
16 section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7), to either concurrently hold  
17 a Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**Grower** Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license, a Class 2  
18 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**Processor** Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license, <sup>1</sup>**and**<sup>1</sup> a Class 5  
19 Cannabis Retailer license, plus an additional Class 5 Cannabis  
20 Retailer license for each satellite dispensary authorized and  
21 established by an alternative treatment center pursuant to  
22 subparagraph (d) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 7 of  
23 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7), <sup>1</sup>and a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery  
24 license<sup>1</sup>, or alternatively to hold a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler  
25 license <sup>2</sup>, and may also be deemed to hold a Class 4 Cannabis  
26 Distributor license<sup>2</sup>.  
27 (ii) For each alternative treatment center deemed to have  
28 licenses pursuant to subsubparagraph (i) of this subparagraph, the  
29 commission shall not require the submission of an application for  
30 licensure, as the application requirement is deemed satisfied by the  
31 alternative treatment center's previously approved permit  
32 application that was submitted to the Department of Health or to the  
33 commission pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7),  
34 but the alternative treatment center shall not begin to operate as any  
35 class of cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>distributor, or delivery service<sup>2</sup>  
36 until the alternative treatment center has submitted a written  
37 approval for a proposed cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>distributor, or  
38 delivery service<sup>2</sup> from the municipality in which the proposed  
39 establishment <sup>2</sup>distributor, or delivery service<sup>2</sup> is to be located,  
40 which approval is based on a determination that the proposed  
41 establishment <sup>2</sup>distributor, or delivery service<sup>2</sup> complies with the  
42 municipality's restrictions on the <sup>2</sup>**time, location, manner, and**<sup>2</sup>  
43 number of establishments <sup>2</sup>distributor, or delivery services, as well  
44 as the location, manner, and times of operation of establishments or  
45 distributors<sup>2</sup> enacted pursuant to section 31 of P.L. of P.L. ,  
46 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The  
47 commission shall <sup>1</sup>thereafter only<sup>1</sup> issue the initial license to the

1 alternative treatment center for a cannabis establishment of the  
 2 appropriate class <sup>1</sup>~~["upon receipt of the municipality's approval"]~~ <sup>2</sup>,  
 3 or for a cannabis distributor or delivery service.<sup>2</sup> once the  
 4 commission certifies that it has sufficient quantities of medical  
 5 cannabis and medical cannabis products available to meet the  
 6 reasonably anticipated <sup>2</sup>~~["need"]~~ needs<sup>2</sup> of registered qualifying  
 7 patients in accordance with subsubparagraph (iii) of this  
 8 subparagraph<sup>1</sup>. The commission shall begin accepting municipal  
 9 approvals from alternative treatment centers beginning on the date  
 10 of adoption of the commission's initial rules and regulations  
 11 pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of subsection d. of  
 12 section 6 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 13 this bill).

14 (iii) An alternative treatment center <sup>1</sup>~~["issued an initial license"]~~  
 15 ~~following~~ with<sup>1</sup> approval <sup>1</sup>~~["by"]~~ from<sup>1</sup> a municipality pursuant to  
 16 subsubparagraph (ii) of this subparagraph shall not engage in  
 17 activities related to the growing, <sup>1</sup>~~["producing"]~~ manufacturing<sup>1</sup> ,  
 18 <sup>2</sup>~~["or"]~~<sup>2</sup> wholesaling <sup>2</sup>, transporting or delivering<sup>2</sup> of <sup>1</sup>~~["personal~~  
 19 use"]<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>or cannabis items<sup>1</sup> until it has certified to the  
 20 commission that that it has sufficient quantities of medical cannabis  
 21 and medical cannabis products available to meet the reasonably  
 22 anticipated <sup>2</sup>~~["need"]~~ needs<sup>2</sup> of registered qualifying patients, and the  
 23 commission has accepted the alternative treatment center's  
 24 certification <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup> which acceptance is conditioned on the  
 25 commission's review of the alternative treatment center as set forth  
 26 in <sup>2</sup>~~["subsubparagrph"]~~ subsubparagraph<sup>2</sup> (iv) of this subparagraph.  
 27 Upon acceptance of the certification, the commission shall issue the  
 28 initial license to the alternative treatment center for a cannabis  
 29 establishment of the appropriate class <sup>2</sup>or for a cannabis distributor  
 30 or delivery service<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>.

31 Notwithstanding the date determined by the commission  
 32 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection d. of section 6 of P.L. ,  
 33 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to be the  
 34 first date on which cannabis retailers issued licenses and conditional  
 35 licenses begin retail sales of personal use cannabis items, an  
 36 alternate treatment center, if approved by <sup>2</sup>~~["a municipality"]~~ the  
 37 commission<sup>2</sup> to operate as a cannabis retailer, may begin to engage  
 38 in the retail sale of cannabis items on any date after the date that the  
 39 commission adopts its initial rules and regulations pursuant to  
 40 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of subsection d. of section 6 of  
 41 that act (C. ), so long as it has certified to the commission <sup>1</sup>~~["~~,  
 42 and to the municipality in which it is located and intends to engage  
 43 in retail sales,"]<sup>1</sup> that it has sufficient quantities of medical cannabis  
 44 and, if applicable, medical cannabis products available to meet the  
 45 reasonably anticipated <sup>2</sup>~~["need"]~~ needs<sup>2</sup> of registered qualifying  
 46 patients, and <sup>1</sup>~~["both"]~~<sup>1</sup> the commission <sup>1</sup>~~["and municipality have"]~~

1 has<sup>1</sup> accepted the alternative treatment center's certification<sup>1</sup>,  
 2 which acceptance is conditioned on the commission's review of the  
 3 alternative treatment center as set forth in<sup>2</sup> [subsubparagrpah]  
 4 subsubparagraph<sup>2</sup> (iv) of this subparagraph. Upon acceptance of  
 5 the certification, the commission shall issue the initial cannabis  
 6 retailer license to the alternative treatment center for engaging in  
 7 the retail sale of cannabis items<sup>1</sup>.

8 (iv) An alternative treatment center issued a license for a  
 9 cannabis establishment or delivery service<sup>2</sup> shall be authorized to  
 10 use the same premises for all activities authorized under P.L. ,  
 11 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and the  
 12 "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," P.L.2009,  
 13 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), without being required to establish or  
 14 maintain any physical barriers or separations between operations  
 15 related to the medical use of cannabis and operations related to  
 16 personal use or<sup>1</sup> cannabis items<sup>1</sup>, provided that the alternative  
 17 treatment center shall be required to certify that it has sufficient  
 18 quantities of medical cannabis and, if applicable, medical cannabis  
 19 products available to meet the reasonably anticipated <sup>2</sup>[treatment]<sup>2</sup>  
 20 needs of registered qualifying patients, as set forth in  
 21 subsubparagraph <sup>1</sup>(ii) or<sup>1</sup> (iii) of this subparagraph, <sup>1</sup>[as] and only  
 22 if accepted by the commission, which is<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>[as]<sup>2</sup> a condition<sup>1</sup> [of  
 23 selling personal use cannabis at retail] for licensure as a cannabis  
 24 establishment of the appropriate class<sup>2</sup> or as a cannabis delivery  
 25 service<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>.

26 In determining whether to accept, pursuant to this subparagraph,  
 27 an alternative treatment center's certification that it has sufficient  
 28 quantities of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products  
 29 available to meet the reasonably anticipated needs of registered  
 30 qualifying patients, the commission <sup>1</sup>[, and if applicable a  
 31 municipality in consultation with the commission,]<sup>1</sup> shall  
 32 assess patient enrollment, inventory, sales of medical cannabis and  
 33 medical cannabis products, and any other factors determined by the  
 34 commission through regulation.

35 <sup>1</sup>As a condition of licensure following acceptance of a  
 36 certification, an alternative treatment center shall meet the  
 37 anticipated treatment needs of registered qualifying patients before  
 38 meeting the retail<sup>2</sup> [needs] requests<sup>2</sup> of cannabis consumers, and  
 39 the alternative treatment center shall not make operational changes  
 40 that reduce access to medical cannabis for registered qualifying  
 41 patients in order to operate a cannabis establishment<sup>2</sup> or delivery  
 42 service<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>. If an alternative treatment center is found by the  
 43 commission to not have sufficient quantities of medical cannabis or  
 44 medical cannabis products available to meet the reasonably  
 45 anticipated needs of qualified patients, the commission may issue  
 46 fines, limit retail or other<sup>1</sup> sales, temporarily suspend the

1 alternative treatment center's cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>, distributor,  
2 or delivery service<sup>2</sup> license, or issue any other penalties determined  
3 by the commission through regulation.

4 (b) Beginning on a date determined by the commission, to be  
5 not later than one year from the date determined by the commission  
6 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection d. of section 6 of P.L. ,  
7 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to be the  
8 first date on which cannabis retailers issued licenses and conditional  
9 licenses begin retail sales of personal use cannabis items, an  
10 alternative treatment center deemed to have licenses and issued  
11 initial licenses pursuant to subparagraph (a) of this paragraph shall  
12 certify to the commission, within a period of time, as determined by  
13 the commission, prior to the date on which a license issued to the  
14 alternative treatment center is set to expire, the continued material  
15 accuracy of the alternative treatment center's previously approved  
16 permit application to the Department of Health or to the  
17 commission pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7),  
18 and its compliance with the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
19 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) as required by the  
20 commission for its operations concerning <sup>1</sup>**['personal use']**<sup>1</sup> cannabis  
21 <sup>1</sup>or cannabis items<sup>1</sup> , and this certification shall be supplemented  
22 with a new written approval from the municipality in which the  
23 alternative treatment center is operating as a cannabis establishment  
24 <sup>2</sup>or delivery service<sup>2</sup> for which the initial license was issued,  
25 approving the continued operations as a cannabis establishment  
26 <sup>2</sup>distributor, or delivery service<sup>2</sup> . The commission shall renew the  
27 license of the alternative treatment center based upon a review of  
28 the certification and supporting municipality's continued approval.  
29 This license renewal process shall thereafter be followed for each  
30 expiring license issued to the alternative treatment center.

31 b. Following the <sup>1</sup>**['18'] 24**<sup>1</sup> month period set forth in  
32 <sup>2</sup>subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of<sup>2</sup> subsection a. of this section,  
33 a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**['establishment']**<sup>1</sup> license holder shall be authorized to  
34 hold:

35 (1) (a) a Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**['Grower']** Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license, a  
36 Class 2 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**['Processor']** Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> license, <sup>1</sup>**['and']**<sup>1</sup> a  
37 Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license <sup>1</sup>, and a Class 6 Cannabis  
38 Delivery license<sup>1</sup> concurrently, provided that no license holder shall  
39 be authorized to concurrently hold more than one license of each  
40 class, except for an alternative treatment center that was deemed,  
41 during the <sup>1</sup>**['18'] 24**<sup>1</sup> month period, to have an additional Class 5  
42 Cannabis Retailer license for each satellite dispensary that was  
43 authorized and established by the alternative treatment center  
44 pursuant to subparagraph (d) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of  
45 section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7). These additional retailer  
46 licenses only permit the retail operation of each satellite dispensary,

1 and shall not be replaced by any other class of cannabis  
2 establishment <sup>2</sup>distributor, or delivery service<sup>2</sup> license; or

3 (b) a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license <sup>2</sup>and a Class 4  
4 Cannabis Distributor license<sup>2</sup>. In no case may a holder of a Class 3  
5 Cannabis Wholesaler license concurrently <sup>2</sup>holder hold<sup>2</sup> a license  
6 of any other class <sup>2</sup>or <sup>2</sup>of<sup>2</sup> cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>, or  
7 concurrently hold a license as a cannabis delivery service<sup>2</sup>.

8 (2) The commission, pursuant to its authority under paragraph  
9 (1) of subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
10 before the Legislature as this bill) for making periodic evaluations  
11 of whether the number of each class of cannabis establishment, or  
12 number of cannabis distributors or delivery services, is sufficient to  
13 meet the market demands of the State, shall review the limit on the  
14 number of cannabis <sup>1</sup>grower <sup>1</sup>cultivator<sup>1</sup> licenses set forth in  
15 subparagraph (b) of paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section,  
16 and providing there exist qualified applicants, <sup>1</sup>may make requests  
17 for <sup>1</sup>accept<sup>1</sup> new applications for additional licenses as it deems  
18 necessary.

19 (3) A license holder may submit an application for a license of  
20 any type that the license holder does not currently hold prior to the  
21 expiration of the <sup>1</sup>18 <sup>1</sup>24<sup>1</sup> month period set forth in <sup>2</sup>subparagraph  
22 (a) of paragraph (1) of<sup>2</sup> subsection a. of this section, or thereafter,  
23 does not currently hold pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection,  
24 provided that no license shall be awarded to the license holder  
25 during the <sup>1</sup>18 <sup>1</sup>24<sup>1</sup> month period, or thereafter, if issuance of the  
26 license would violate the restrictions set forth in subsection a. of  
27 this section concerning the classes of licenses that may be  
28 concurrently held during that <sup>1</sup>18 <sup>1</sup>24<sup>1</sup> month period, or the  
29 restrictions set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection <sup>1</sup>.<sup>1</sup>

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31 34. Section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) is amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 7. a. (1) The commission shall accept applications from  
34 entities for permits to operate as medical cannabis cultivators,  
35 medical cannabis manufacturers, and medical cannabis dispensaries.  
36 For the purposes of this section, the term “permit” shall be deemed  
37 to include a conditional permit issued pursuant to subsection d. of  
38 section 11 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1) and any permit issued to  
39 a microbusiness pursuant to subsection e. of section 11 of P.L.2019,  
40 c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1).

41 (2) (a) For a period of 18 months after the effective date of  
42 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.):

43 (i) no applicant may concurrently hold more than one permit  
44 issued by the commission pursuant to this section, regardless of  
45 type; and

1 (ii) there shall be no more than 28 active medical cannabis  
2 cultivator permits, including medical cannabis cultivator permits  
3 deemed to be held by alternative treatment centers issued a permit  
4 prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) and  
5 medical cannabis cultivator permits deemed to be held by  
6 alternative treatment centers issued a permit subsequent to the  
7 effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) pursuant to an  
8 application submitted prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153  
9 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.); provided that medical cannabis cultivator  
10 permits issued to microbusinesses pursuant to subsection e. of  
11 section 11 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1) shall not count toward  
12 this limit.

13 (b) Commencing 18 months after the effective date of P.L.2019,  
14 c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), a permit holder shall be authorized to  
15 concurrently hold a medical cannabis cultivator permit, a medical  
16 cannabis manufacturer permit, and a medical cannabis dispensary  
17 permit, provided that no permit holder shall be authorized to  
18 concurrently hold more than one permit of each type. The permit  
19 holder may submit an application for a permit of any type that the  
20 permit holder does not currently hold prior to the expiration of the  
21 18-month period described in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph,  
22 provided that no additional permit shall be awarded to the permit  
23 holder during the <sup>2</sup>18 month<sup>2</sup> 18-month<sup>2</sup> period.

24 (c) (i) The provisions of subparagraph (a) of this paragraph shall  
25 not apply to any alternative treatment center that was issued a  
26 permit prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et  
27 al.), to any alternative treatment center that was issued a permit  
28 after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.)  
29 pursuant to an application submitted prior to the effective date of  
30 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), to one of the four alternative  
31 treatment centers issued a permit pursuant to an application  
32 submitted after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et  
33 al.) pursuant to a request for applications published in the New  
34 Jersey Register prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153  
35 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) that are expressly exempt from the provisions of  
36 subparagraph (i) of subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, or to one  
37 of the three alternative treatment centers issued a permit pursuant to  
38 section 11 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1) that are expressly  
39 exempt from the provisions of subparagraph (i) of subparagraph  
40 (a) of this paragraph, which alternative treatment centers shall be  
41 deemed to concurrently hold a medical cannabis cultivator permit, a  
42 medical cannabis manufacturer permit, and a medical cannabis  
43 dispensary permit, and shall be authorized to engage in any conduct  
44 authorized pursuant to those permits in relation to the cultivation,  
45 manufacturing, and dispensing of medical cannabis.

(ii) In addition, each of the alternative treatment centers described in subsubparagraph (i) of this subparagraph, to which the provisions of subparagraph (a) of this paragraph <sup>1</sup>['do'] shall<sup>1</sup> not apply <sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> shall, upon the adoption of the initial rules and regulations by the commission pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of subsection d. of section 6 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), be deemed to either concurrently hold a Class 1 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>['Grower'] Cultivator<sup>1</sup> license, a Class 2 Cannabis <sup>1</sup>['Processor'] Manufacturer<sup>1</sup> License, <sup>1</sup>['and']<sup>1</sup> a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license, plus an additional Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license for each satellite dispensary authorized and established by the alternative treatment center pursuant to subparagraph (d) of this paragraph, <sup>1</sup>and a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license,<sup>1</sup> or hold a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license <sup>2</sup>, and may also be deemed to hold a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license<sup>2</sup> . Any alternative treatment center deemed to hold one or more licenses as described in this subsubparagraph may begin to operate as any authorized class of cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>, or establishment and delivery service, or as a cannabis wholesaler and distributor,<sup>2</sup> upon receipt of written approval from the municipality in which the proposed establishment <sup>2</sup>or delivery service, or distributor<sup>2</sup> is to be located and obtaining an initial license or licenses, as applicable, issued by the commission pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 33 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

(d) No entity may be issued or concurrently hold more than one medical cannabis cultivator permit, one medical cannabis manufacturer permit, or one medical cannabis dispensary permit at one time, and no medical cannabis dispensary shall be authorized to establish a satellite location on or after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), except that an alternative treatment center that was issued a permit prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) or that was issued a permit after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) pursuant to an application submitted prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) shall be authorized to maintain up to two satellite dispensaries, including any satellite dispensary that was approved pursuant to an application submitted prior to or within 18 months after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.). The three alternative treatment centers issued permits pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1) that are expressly exempt from the provisions of subsubparagraph (i) of subparagraph (a) of this paragraph shall be authorized to establish and maintain up to one satellite dispensary location, provided that the satellite dispensary was approved pursuant to an application

1 submitted within 18 months after the effective date of P.L.2019,  
2 c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.).

3 (e) No entity issued a medical cannabis cultivator, medical  
4 cannabis manufacturer, or medical cannabis dispensary permit may  
5 concurrently hold a clinical registrant permit issued pursuant to  
6 section 13 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.3), and no entity issued a  
7 clinical registrant permit pursuant to section 13 of P.L.2019, c.153  
8 (C.24:6I-7.3) may concurrently hold a medical cannabis cultivator  
9 permit, a medical cannabis manufacturer permit, or a medical  
10 cannabis dispensary permit.

11 (f) Any medical cannabis dispensary permit holder may be  
12 approved by the commission to operate a **【medical】** cannabis  
13 consumption area, provided that the permit holder otherwise meets  
14 the requirements of section 28 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-21).

15 (g) An alternative treatment center that was issued a permit prior  
16 to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), that was  
17 issued a permit after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-  
18 5.1 et al.) pursuant to an application submitted pursuant to a request  
19 for applications published in the New Jersey Register prior to the  
20 effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), or that was  
21 issued a permit after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-  
22 5.1 et al.) pursuant to an application submitted prior to the effective  
23 date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), shall be required to  
24 submit an attestation signed by a bona fide labor organization  
25 stating that the alternative treatment center has entered into a labor  
26 peace agreement with such bona fide labor organization no later  
27 than 100 days after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-  
28 5.1 et al.) or no later than 100 days after the date the alternative  
29 treatment center first opens, whichever date is later. The  
30 maintenance of a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor  
31 organization shall be an ongoing material condition of maintaining  
32 the alternative treatment center's permit. The failure to submit an  
33 attestation as required pursuant to this subparagraph within 100  
34 days after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.)  
35 or within 100 days after the alternative treatment center first opens,  
36 as applicable, shall result in the suspension or revocation of the  
37 alternative treatment center's permit, provided that the commission  
38 may grant an extension to this deadline to the alternative treatment  
39 center based upon extenuating circumstances or for good cause  
40 shown.

41 <sup>2</sup>As used in this subparagraph, "bona fide labor organization"  
42 means a labor organization of any kind or employee representation  
43 committee, group, or association, in which employees participate  
44 and which exists and is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
45 part, of collective bargaining or otherwise dealing with medical or  
46 personal use cannabis employers concerning grievances, labor



1 disputes, terms or conditions of employment, including wages and  
2 rates of pay, or other mutual aid or protection in connection with  
3 employment, and may be characterized by: it being a party to one or  
4 more executed collective bargaining agreements with medical or  
5 personal use cannabis employers, in this State or another state; it  
6 having a written constitution or bylaws in the three immediately  
7 preceding years; it filing the annual financial report required of  
8 labor organizations pursuant to subsection (b) of 29 U.S.C. 431, or  
9 it having at least one audited financial report in the three  
10 immediately preceding years; it being affiliated with any regional or  
11 national association of unions, including but not limited to state and  
12 federal labor councils; or it being a member of a national labor  
13 organization that has at least 500 general members in a majority of  
14 the 50 states of the United States.<sup>2</sup>

15 (h) An alternative treatment center that was issued a permit prior  
16 to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.)<sup>1</sup>, that  
17 was issued a permit after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153  
18 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) pursuant to an application submitted pursuant to  
19 a request for applications published in the New Jersey Register  
20 prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.), or  
21 that was issued a permit after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153  
22 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.) pursuant to an application submitted prior to the  
23 effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.),<sup>1</sup> shall be  
24 permitted to cultivate from up to two physical locations, provided  
25 that the alternative treatment center's combined mature cannabis  
26 plant grow canopy between both locations shall not exceed 150,000  
27 square feet of bloom space or the square footage of canopy  
28 permitted under the largest tier in the tiered system adopted by the  
29 commission pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection b. of section 21  
30 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

31 (3) The commission shall seek to ensure the availability of a  
32 sufficient number of medical cannabis cultivators, medical cannabis  
33 manufacturers, and medical cannabis dispensaries throughout the  
34 State, pursuant to need, including at least two each in the northern,  
35 central, and southern regions of the State. Medical cannabis  
36 cultivators, medical cannabis manufacturers, and medical cannabis  
37 dispensaries issued permits pursuant to this section may be  
38 nonprofit or for-profit entities.

39 (4) The commission shall periodically evaluate whether the  
40 number of medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
41 manufacturer, and medical cannabis dispensary permits issued are  
42 sufficient to meet the needs of qualifying patients in the State, and  
43 shall <sup>2</sup>**[make requests for]** accept new<sup>2</sup> applications and issue such  
44 additional permits as shall be necessary to meet those needs. The  
45 types of permits requested and issued, and the locations of any  
46 additional permits that are authorized, shall be in the discretion of

1 the commission based on the needs of qualifying patients in the  
2 State.

3 (5) (a) A medical cannabis cultivator shall be authorized to:  
4 acquire a reasonable initial and ongoing inventory, as determined  
5 by the commission, of cannabis seeds or seedlings and  
6 paraphernalia; possess, cultivate, plant, grow, harvest, and package  
7 medical cannabis, including prerolled forms, for any authorized  
8 purpose, including, but not limited to, research purposes; and  
9 deliver, transfer, transport, distribute, supply, or sell medical  
10 cannabis and related supplies to any medical cannabis cultivator,  
11 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
12 clinical registrant in the State. In no case shall a medical cannabis  
13 cultivator operate or be located on land that is valued, assessed or  
14 taxed as an agricultural or horticultural use pursuant to the  
15 "Farmland Assessment Act of 1964," P.L.1964, c.48 (C.54:4-23.1 et  
16 seq.).

17 (b) A medical cannabis manufacturer shall be authorized to:  
18 purchase or acquire medical cannabis from any medical cannabis  
19 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, or clinical registrant in  
20 the State; possess and utilize medical cannabis in the manufacture  
21 <sup>2</sup>[, production,]<sup>2</sup> and creation of medical cannabis products; and  
22 deliver, transfer, transport, supply, or sell medical cannabis  
23 products and related supplies to any medical cannabis manufacturer,  
24 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant in the State.

25 (c) A medical cannabis dispensary shall be authorized to:  
26 purchase or acquire medical cannabis from any medical cannabis  
27 cultivator, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant in the  
28 State and medical cannabis products and related supplies from any  
29 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
30 clinical registrant in the State; purchase or acquire paraphernalia  
31 from any legal source; and distribute, supply, sell, or dispense  
32 medical cannabis, medical cannabis products, paraphernalia, and  
33 related supplies to qualifying patients or their designated or  
34 institutional caregivers who are registered with the commission  
35 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-4). A medical  
36 cannabis dispensary may furnish medical cannabis, medical  
37 cannabis products, paraphernalia, and related supplies to a medical  
38 cannabis handler for delivery to a registered qualifying patient,  
39 designated caregiver, or institutional caregiver consistent with the  
40 requirements of subsection i. of section 27 of P.L.2019, c.153  
41 (C.24:6I-20).

42 (6) A medical cannabis cultivator shall not be limited in the  
43 number of strains of medical cannabis cultivated, and a medical  
44 cannabis manufacturer shall not be limited in the number or type of  
45 medical cannabis products manufactured <sup>2</sup>[, produced,]<sup>2</sup> or created.  
46 A medical cannabis manufacturer may package, and a medical

1 cannabis dispensary may directly dispense medical cannabis and  
2 medical cannabis products to qualifying patients and their  
3 designated and institutional caregivers in any authorized form.  
4 Authorized forms shall include dried form, oral lozenges, topical  
5 formulations, transdermal form, sublingual form, tincture form, or  
6 edible form, or any other form as authorized by the commission.  
7 Edible form shall include pills, tablets, capsules, drops or syrups,  
8 oils, chewable forms, and any other form as authorized by the  
9 commission, except that the edible forms made available to minor  
10 patients shall be limited to forms that are medically appropriate for  
11 children, including pills, tablets, capsules, chewable forms, and  
12 drops, oils, syrups, and other liquids.

13 (7) Nonprofit medical cannabis cultivators, medical cannabis  
14 manufacturers, and medical cannabis dispensaries need not be  
15 recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the federal Internal  
16 Revenue Service.

17 b. The commission shall require that an applicant provide such  
18 information as the commission determines to be necessary pursuant  
19 to regulations adopted pursuant to P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et  
20 al.).

21 c. A person who has been convicted of a crime of the first,  
22 second, or third degree under New Jersey law or of a crime  
23 involving any controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
24 substance analog as set forth in chapter 35 of Title 2C of the New  
25 Jersey Statutes except paragraph (11) or (12) of subsection b. of  
26 N.J.S.2C:35-5, or paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection a. of  
27 N.J.S.2C:35-10, or any similar law of the United States or any other  
28 state shall not be issued a permit to operate as a medical cannabis  
29 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
30 dispensary, or clinical registrant or be a director, officer, or  
31 employee of a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
32 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant,  
33 unless such conviction occurred after the effective date of P.L.2009,  
34 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and was for a violation of federal law  
35 relating to possession or sale of cannabis for conduct that is  
36 authorized under P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or P.L.2015,  
37 c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.).

38 d. (1) The commission shall require each applicant seeking a  
39 permit to operate as, to be a director, officer, or employee of, or to  
40 be a significantly involved person in, a medical cannabis cultivator,  
41 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
42 clinical registrant to undergo a criminal history record background  
43 check.

44 Any individual seeking to become a director, officer, or  
45 employee of a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
46 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant,

1 after issuance of an initial permit shall notify the commission and  
2 shall complete a criminal history record background check and  
3 provide all information as may be required by the commission as a  
4 condition of assuming a position as director, officer, or employee of  
5 the permitted entity. An individual who <sup>2</sup>~~incurs~~ secures<sup>2</sup> an  
6 investment interest or gains the authority to make controlling  
7 decisions in a permitted entity that makes the individual a  
8 significantly involved person shall notify the commission, complete  
9 a criminal history record background check, and provide all  
10 information as may be required by the commission no later than 30  
11 days after the date the individual becomes a significantly involved  
12 person, or any permit issued to the individual or group of which the  
13 significantly involved person is a member shall be revoked and the  
14 individual or group shall be deemed ineligible to hold any  
15 ownership or investment interest in a medical cannabis cultivator,  
16 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
17 clinical registrant for a period of at least two years, commencing  
18 from the date of revocation, and for such additional period of time  
19 as the commission deems appropriate, based on the duration of the  
20 nondisclosure, the size of the individual's or group's investment  
21 interest in the permitted entity, the amount of profits, revenue, or  
22 income realized by the individual or group from the permitted entity  
23 during the period of nondisclosure, and whether the individual had a  
24 disqualifying conviction or would otherwise have been deemed  
25 ineligible to be a significantly involved person in a medical  
26 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical  
27 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant.

28 For purposes of this section, the term "applicant" shall include  
29 any owner, director, officer, or employee of, and any significantly  
30 involved person in, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
31 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant.  
32 The commission is authorized to exchange fingerprint data with and  
33 receive criminal history record background information from the  
34 Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
35 consistent with the provisions of applicable <sup>2</sup>~~federal and~~<sup>2</sup> State  
36 and federal<sup>2</sup> laws, rules, and regulations. The Division of State  
37 Police shall forward criminal history record background  
38 information to the commission in a timely manner when requested  
39 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

40 An applicant who is required to undergo a criminal history  
41 record background check pursuant to this section shall submit to  
42 being fingerprinted in accordance with applicable State and federal  
43 laws, rules, and regulations. No check of criminal history record  
44 background information shall be performed pursuant to this section  
45 unless the applicant has furnished the applicant's written consent to  
46 that check. An applicant who is required to undergo a criminal

1 history record background check pursuant to this section who  
2 refuses to consent to, or cooperate in, the securing of a check of  
3 criminal history record background information shall not be  
4 considered for a permit to operate, or authorization to be employed  
5 at or to be a significantly involved person in, a medical cannabis  
6 cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis  
7 dispensary, or clinical registrant. An applicant shall bear the cost  
8 for the criminal history record background check, including all  
9 costs of administering and processing the check.

10 (2) The commission shall not approve an applicant for a permit  
11 to operate, or authorization to be employed at or to be a  
12 significantly involved person in, a medical cannabis cultivator,  
13 medical cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or  
14 clinical registrant if the criminal history record background  
15 information of the applicant reveals a disqualifying conviction as  
16 set forth in subsection c. of this section.

17 (3) Upon receipt of the criminal history record background  
18 information from the Division of State Police and the Federal  
19 Bureau of Investigation, the commission shall provide written  
20 notification to the applicant of the applicant's qualification <sup>2</sup>**[for]**<sup>2</sup>  
21 or disqualification for a permit to operate or be a director, officer,  
22 or employee of, or a significantly involved person in, a medical  
23 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical  
24 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant.

25 If the applicant is disqualified because of a disqualifying  
26 conviction pursuant to the provisions of this section, the conviction  
27 that constitutes the basis for the disqualification shall be identified  
28 in the written notice.

29 (4) The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the  
30 commission in the event that an individual who was the subject of a  
31 criminal history record background check conducted pursuant to  
32 this section is convicted of a crime or offense in this State after the  
33 date the background check was performed. Upon receipt of that  
34 notification, the commission shall make a determination regarding  
35 the continued eligibility to operate or be a director, officer, or  
36 employee of, or a significantly involved person in, a medical  
37 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical  
38 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant.

39 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of this  
40 section to the contrary, the commission may offer provisional  
41 authority for an applicant to be an owner, director, officer, or  
42 employee of, or a significantly involved person in, a medical  
43 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical  
44 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant for a period not to exceed  
45 three months if the applicant submits to the commission a sworn

1 statement attesting that the person has not been convicted of any  
2 disqualifying conviction pursuant to this section.

3 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of this  
4 section to the contrary, no applicant to be an owner, director,  
5 officer, or employee of, or a significantly involved person in, a  
6 medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
7 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant shall be  
8 disqualified on the basis of any conviction disclosed by a criminal  
9 history record background check conducted pursuant to this section  
10 if the individual has affirmatively demonstrated to the commission  
11 clear and convincing evidence of rehabilitation. In determining  
12 whether clear and convincing evidence of rehabilitation has been  
13 demonstrated, the following factors shall be considered:

14 (a) the nature and responsibility of the position which the  
15 convicted individual would hold, has held, or currently holds;

16 (b) the nature and seriousness of the crime or offense;

17 (c) the circumstances under which the crime or offense  
18 occurred;

19 (d) the date of the crime or offense;

20 (e) the age of the individual when the crime or offense was  
21 committed;

22 (f) whether the crime or offense was an isolated or repeated  
23 incident;

24 (g) any social conditions which may have contributed to the  
25 commission of the crime or offense; and

26 (h) any evidence of rehabilitation, including good conduct in  
27 prison or in the community, counseling or psychiatric treatment  
28 received, acquisition of additional academic or vocational  
29 schooling, successful participation in correctional work-release  
30 programs, or the recommendation of those who have had the  
31 individual under their supervision.

32 e. The commission shall issue a permit to operate or be an  
33 owner, director, officer, or employee of, or a significantly involved  
34 person in, a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
35 manufacturer, or medical cannabis dispensary if the commission  
36 finds that issuing such a permit would be consistent with the  
37 purposes of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and the requirements  
38 of this section and section 11 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.1) are  
39 met. The denial of an application shall be considered a final agency  
40 decision, subject to review by the Appellate Division of the  
41 Superior Court. A permit to operate a medical cannabis cultivator,  
42 medical cannabis manufacturer, or medical cannabis dispensary  
43 issued on or after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1  
44 et al.) shall be valid for one year and shall be renewable annually.

45 f. A person who has been issued a permit pursuant to this  
46 section or a clinical registrant permit pursuant to section 13 of

1 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-7.3) shall display the permit at the front  
2 entrance to the premises of the permitted facility at all times when  
3 the facility is engaged in conduct authorized pursuant to P.L.2009,  
4 c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) involving medical cannabis, including, but  
5 not limited to, the cultivating, manufacturing, or dispensing of  
6 medical cannabis.

7 g. A medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
8 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant  
9 shall report any change in information to the commission not later  
10 than 10 days after such change, or the permit shall be deemed null  
11 and void.

12 h. Each medical cannabis dispensary and clinical registrant  
13 shall maintain and make available on its Internet website, if any, a  
14 standard price list that shall apply to all medical cannabis, medical  
15 cannabis products, and related supplies and paraphernalia sold or  
16 dispensed by the medical cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant,  
17 which prices shall be reasonable and consistent with the actual costs  
18 incurred by the medical cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant in  
19 connection with acquiring and selling, transferring, or dispensing  
20 the medical cannabis or medical cannabis product and related  
21 supplies and paraphernalia. The prices charged by the medical  
22 cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant shall not deviate from the  
23 prices indicated on the entity's current price list, provided that a  
24 price list maintained by a medical cannabis dispensary or clinical  
25 registrant may allow for medical cannabis to be made available at a  
26 reduced price or without charge to qualifying patients who have a  
27 demonstrated financial hardship, as that term shall be defined by the  
28 commission by regulation. A price list required pursuant to this  
29 subsection may be revised no more than once per month, and each  
30 medical cannabis dispensary and clinical registrant shall be  
31 responsible for ensuring that the commission has a copy of the  
32 facility's current price list. A medical cannabis dispensary or  
33 clinical registrant shall be liable to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for  
34 each sale that occurs at a price that deviates from the entity's  
35 current price list, and to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each week  
36 during which the entity's current price list is not on file with the  
37 commission. Any civil penalties collected by the commission  
38 pursuant to this section shall be <sup>2</sup>deposited in the "Cannabis  
39 Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace  
40 Modernization Fund" established under section 41 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
41 c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and<sup>2</sup>  
42 used by the commission for the purposes of administering the State  
43 medical cannabis program.

44 i. The commission shall adopt regulations to:

45 (1) require such written documentation of each delivery or  
46 dispensation of cannabis to, and pickup of cannabis for, a registered  
47 qualifying patient, including the date and amount dispensed, and, in

1 the case of delivery, the date and times the delivery commenced and  
2 was completed, the address where the medical cannabis was  
3 delivered, the name of the patient or caregiver to whom the medical  
4 cannabis was delivered, and the name, handler certification number,  
5 and delivery certification number of the medical cannabis handler  
6 who performed the delivery, to be maintained in the records of the  
7 medical cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant, as the  
8 commission determines necessary to ensure effective  
9 documentation of the operations of each medical cannabis  
10 dispensary or clinical registrant;

11 (2) monitor, oversee, and investigate all activities performed by  
12 medical cannabis cultivators, medical cannabis manufacturers,  
13 medical cannabis dispensaries, and clinical registrants;

14 (3) ensure adequate security of all facilities 24 hours per day  
15 and security of all delivery methods to registered qualifying  
16 patients; and

17 (4) establish thresholds for administrative action to be taken  
18 against a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
19 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant  
20 and its employees, officers, investors, directors, or governing board  
21 pursuant to subsection m. of this section, including, but not limited  
22 to, specific penalties or disciplinary actions that may be imposed in  
23 a summary proceeding.

24 j. (1) Each medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
25 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, and clinical registrant  
26 shall require the owners, directors, officers, and employees at the  
27 permitted facility to complete at least eight hours of ongoing  
28 training each calendar year. The training shall be tailored to the  
29 roles and responsibilities of the individual's job function, and shall  
30 include training on confidentiality and such other topics as shall be  
31 required by the commission.

32 (2) Each medical cannabis dispensary and clinical registrant  
33 shall consider whether to make interpreter services available to the  
34 population served, including for individuals with a visual or hearing  
35 impairment. The commission shall provide assistance to any  
36 medical cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant that seeks to  
37 provide such services in locating appropriate interpreter resources.  
38 A medical cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant shall assume  
39 the cost of providing interpreter services pursuant to this  
40 subsection.

41 k. (1) The first six alternative treatment centers issued permits  
42 following the effective date of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.)  
43 shall be authorized to sell or transfer such permit and other assets to  
44 a for-profit entity, provided that: the sale or transfer is approved by  
45 the commission; each owner, director, officer, and employee of, and  
46 significantly involved person in, the entity seeking to purchase or



1 receive the transfer of the permit, undergoes a criminal history  
2 record background check pursuant to subsection d. of this section,  
3 provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
4 require any individual to undergo a criminal history record  
5 background check if the individual would otherwise be exempt from  
6 undergoing a criminal history record background check pursuant to  
7 subsection d. of this section; the commission finds that the sale or  
8 transfer of the permit would be consistent with the purposes of  
9 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.); and no such sale or transfer shall  
10 be authorized more than one year after the effective date of  
11 P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-5.1 et al.). The sale or transfer of a permit  
12 pursuant to this subsection shall not be subject to the requirements  
13 of the “New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act,” N.J.S.15A:1-1 et  
14 seq., provided that, prior to or at the time of the sale or transfer, all  
15 debts and obligations of the nonprofit entity are either paid in full or  
16 assumed by the for-profit entity purchasing or acquiring the permit,  
17 or a reserve fund is established for the purpose of paying in full the  
18 debts and obligations of the nonprofit entity, and the for-profit  
19 entity pays the full value of all assets held by the nonprofit entity,  
20 as reflected on the nonprofit entity’s balance sheet, in addition to  
21 the agreed-upon price for the sale or transfer of the entity’s  
22 alternative treatment center permit. Until such time as the members  
23 of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission are appointed and the  
24 commission first organizes, the Department of Health shall have  
25 full authority to approve a sale or transfer pursuant to this  
26 paragraph.

27 (2) The sale or transfer of any interest of five percent or more in  
28 a medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer,  
29 medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit shall be  
30 subject to approval by the commission and conditioned on the entity  
31 that is purchasing or receiving transfer of the interest in the medical  
32 cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis manufacturer, medical  
33 cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant permit completing a  
34 criminal history record background check pursuant to the  
35 requirements of subsection d. of this section.

36 1. No employee of any department, division, agency, board, or  
37 other State, county, or local government entity involved in the  
38 process of reviewing, processing, or making determinations with  
39 regard to medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
40 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant  
41 permit applications shall have any direct or indirect financial  
42 interest in the cultivating, manufacturing, or dispensing of medical  
43 cannabis or related paraphernalia, or otherwise receive anything of  
44 value from an applicant for a medical cannabis cultivator, medical  
45 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical

1 registrant permit in exchange for reviewing, processing, or making  
2 any recommendations with respect to a permit application.

3 m. In the event that a medical cannabis cultivator, medical  
4 cannabis manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical  
5 registrant fails to comply with any requirements set forth in  
6 P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or any related law or regulation,  
7 the commission may invoke penalties or take administrative action  
8 against the medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
9 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant  
10 and its employees, officers, investors, directors, or governing board,  
11 including, but not limited to, assessing fines, referring matters to  
12 another State agency, and suspending or terminating any permit  
13 held by the medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
14 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, or clinical registrant.  
15 Any penalties imposed or administrative actions taken by the  
16 commission pursuant to this subsection may be imposed in a  
17 summary proceeding.

18 (cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.10)

19  
20 35. (New section) Medical Cannabis Provisions.

21 Nothing in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
22 Legislature as this bill) shall be construed:

23 a. to limit any privileges or rights of a registered qualifying  
24 patient, designated caregiver, institutional caregiver, or alternative  
25 treatment center as provided in the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use  
26 Medical Cannabis Act,” P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), or  
27 P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.) concerning the <sup>2</sup>medical<sup>2</sup>  
28 use of <sup>2</sup>medical<sup>2</sup> cannabis <sup>2</sup>and medical cannabis products<sup>2</sup> ;

29 b. to authorize an alternative treatment center to <sup>2</sup>dispense<sup>2</sup>  
30 provide<sup>2</sup> cannabis <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> to or on behalf of a person who is not a  
31 registered qualifying patient, unless that alternative treatment center  
32 is deemed to be licensed to engage in the retail sale of cannabis  
33 <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) and  
34 issued a license by the commission following receipt of a  
35 municipality’s written approval for a cannabis retailer pursuant to  
36 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 33 of  
37 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or  
38 otherwise has applied for a license, and been approved and issued a  
39 license by the commission pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )  
40 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to simultaneously  
41 operate as a cannabis retailer, and the alternative treatment center  
42 has certified to the commission <sup>1</sup> , and to the municipality in which  
43 it is located and intends to engage in retail sales, <sup>1</sup> pursuant to  
44 paragraph (3) of subsection a. of that section <sup>2</sup>33 (C. ). <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> that  
45 it has sufficient quantities of medical cannabis and medical  
46 cannabis products available to meet the reasonably anticipated  
47 <sup>2</sup>need<sup>2</sup> needs<sup>2</sup> of registered qualifying patients, and the

1 commission <sup>1</sup>[, and municipality, if applicable,]<sup>1</sup> has accepted the  
2 alternative treatment center's certification;

3 c. to authorize an alternative treatment center to purchase or  
4 acquire cannabis or cannabis <sup>1</sup>[products] items<sup>1</sup> in a manner or  
5 from a source not permitted under the "Jake Honig Compassionate  
6 Use Medical Cannabis Act," P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or  
7 P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.), unless that alternative  
8 treatment center is deemed to be a licensed cannabis establishment  
9 <sup>2</sup>or delivery service<sup>2</sup> pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307  
10 (C.24:6I-7) and issued a license by the commission following  
11 receipt of a municipality's written approval for the cannabis  
12 establishment <sup>2</sup>or delivery service<sup>2</sup> pursuant to subparagraph (a) of  
13 paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 33 of P.L. ,  
14 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or  
15 otherwise has applied for a license, and been approved and issued a  
16 license by the commission pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )  
17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to simultaneously  
18 operate as a cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>or delivery service<sup>2</sup> , and the  
19 alternative treatment center has certified to the commission <sup>1</sup>[, and  
20 if operating as a cannabis retailer, to the municipality in which it is  
21 located and intends to engage in retail sales,]<sup>1</sup> pursuant to paragraph  
22 (3) of subsection a. of that section <sup>2</sup>33 (C. ).<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> that it has  
23 sufficient quantities of medical cannabis and, if applicable, medical  
24 cannabis products available to meet the reasonably anticipated  
25 <sup>2</sup>[treatment]<sup>2</sup> needs of registered qualifying patients, and the  
26 commission <sup>1</sup>[, and municipality, if applicable,]<sup>1</sup> has accepted the  
27 alternative treatment center's certification;

28 d. to authorize an alternative treatment center issued a permit  
29 under section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) to operate on the  
30 same premises as a cannabis license holder or applicant for a  
31 license, unless that alternative treatment center is deemed to be a  
32 licensed cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>or delivery service<sup>2</sup> pursuant to  
33 section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) and issued a license by the  
34 commission following receipt of a municipality's written approval  
35 for the cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>or delivery service<sup>2</sup> pursuant to  
36 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 33 of  
37 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or  
38 otherwise has applied for a license, and been approved and issued a  
39 license by the commission pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )  
40 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to simultaneously  
41 operate as a cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>or delivery service<sup>2</sup> , and the  
42 alternative treatment center has certified to the commission <sup>1</sup>[, and  
43 if operating as a cannabis retailer, to the municipality in which it is  
44 located and intends to engage in retail sales,]<sup>1</sup> pursuant to paragraph  
45 (3) of subsection a. of that section <sup>2</sup>33 (C. ).<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> that it has  
46 sufficient quantities of medical cannabis and, if applicable, medical  
47 cannabis products available to meet the reasonably anticipated

<sup>2</sup>**["treatment"]**<sup>2</sup> needs of registered qualifying patients, and the commission <sup>1</sup>**["**, and municipality, if applicable,**"]**<sup>1</sup> has accepted the alternative treatment center's certification <sup>1</sup>**["**; or

In determining whether to accept, pursuant to this section, an alternative treatment center's certification that it has sufficient quantities of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products available to meet the reasonably anticipated needs of registered qualifying patients, the commission, and if applicable a municipality in consultation with the commission, shall assess patient enrollment, inventory, sales of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products, and any other factors determined by the commission through regulation. If an alternative treatment center is found by the commission to not have sufficient quantities of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products available to meet the reasonably anticipated needs of qualified patients, the commission may issue fines, limit retail sales, temporarily suspend the alternative treatment center's cannabis establishment license, or issue any other penalties determined by the commission through regulation.<sup>1</sup>

36. (New section) Medical Cannabis – Additional Regulatory Requirements.

<sup>1</sup>**["a."]** An alternative treatment center issued a permit under section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) shall, as a condition of engaging in operations associated with <sup>1</sup>**["personal use"]**<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>or cannabis items<sup>1</sup>, after being deemed to be licensed pursuant to that section and issued a license by the commission following receipt of a municipality's written approval for a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**["retailer"]** establishment<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>or delivery service<sup>2</sup> pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 33 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or otherwise issued a license by the commission pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to simultaneously operate as a cannabis establishment <sup>2</sup>or delivery service<sup>2</sup>, certify to the commission <sup>1</sup>**["**, and if operating as a cannabis retailer, to the municipality in which it is located and intends to engage in retail sales,**"]** pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection a. of that section <sup>2</sup>33 (C. ),<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> that it has sufficient quantities of medical cannabis and, if applicable, medical cannabis products available to meet the reasonably anticipated <sup>2</sup>**["treatment"]**<sup>2</sup> needs of registered qualifying patients, and the commission <sup>1</sup>**["**, and municipality, if applicable,**"]**<sup>1</sup> has accepted the alternative treatment center's certification.

<sup>1</sup>**["b.**In determining whether to accept, pursuant to this section, an alternative treatment center's certification that it has sufficient quantities of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products available to meet the reasonably anticipated needs of registered

1 qualifying patients, the commission, and if applicable a  
2 municipality in consultation with the commission, shall  
3 assess patient enrollment, inventory, sales of medical cannabis and  
4 medical cannabis products, and any other factors determined by the  
5 commission through regulation. If an alternative treatment center is  
6 found by the commission to not have sufficient quantities of  
7 medical cannabis or medical cannabis products available to meet  
8 the reasonably anticipated needs of qualified patients, the  
9 commission may issue fines, limit retail sales, temporarily suspend  
10 the alternative treatment center's cannabis establishment license, or  
11 issue any other penalties determined by the commission through  
12 regulation.】<sup>1</sup>

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14 37. (New section) <sup>2</sup>【Businesses】 Business<sup>2</sup> Treatment of  
15 Cannabis Establishments, Distributors, and Delivery Services.

16 With respect to the business treatment of cannabis  
17 establishments, distributors, and delivery services:

18 a. A financial institution, as defined by section 2 of P.L.1983,  
19 c.466 (C.17:16K-2), shall not, subject to the suspension or  
20 revocation of a charter or other available enforcement action by the  
21 Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, engage in any  
22 discriminatory activities with respect to the banking activities of a  
23 cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, or the  
24 banking activities of a person associated with a cannabis  
25 establishment, distributor, or delivery service.

26 b. (1) In no case shall a cannabis <sup>1</sup>【grower】 cultivator<sup>1</sup> operate  
27 or be located on land that is valued, assessed or taxed as an  
28 agricultural or horticultural use pursuant to the "Farmland  
29 Assessment Act of 1964," P.L.1964, c.48 (C.54:4-23.1 et seq.).

30 (2) As used in this paragraph, "State or local economic  
31 incentive" means a financial incentive, awarded by the State, any  
32 political subdivision of the State, or any agency or instrumentality  
33 of the State or political subdivision of the State, to any non-  
34 governmental person, association, for-profit or non-profit  
35 corporation, joint venture, limited liability company, partnership,  
36 sole proprietorship, or other form of business organization or entity,  
37 or agreed to between the government and non-governmental parties,  
38 for the purpose of stimulating economic development or  
39 redevelopment in New Jersey, including, but not limited to, a bond,  
40 grant, loan, loan guarantee, matching fund, tax credit, or other tax  
41 expenditure.

42 (a) (i) A person or entity issued a license to operate as a  
43 cannabis <sup>1</sup>【grower】 cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>【processor】  
44 manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis  
45 retailer, or cannabis delivery service, or that employs a certified  
46 personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a

cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service shall not be eligible for a State or local economic incentive.

(ii) The issuance of a license to operate as a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**grower** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service, or the issuance of a certification to perform work for or on behalf of a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service to a person or entity that has been awarded a State or local economic incentive shall invalidate the right of the person or entity to benefit from the economic incentive as of the date of issuance of the license or certification.

(b) (i) A property owner, developer, or operator of a project to be used, in whole or in part, <sup>2</sup>**as** by or to benefit<sup>2</sup> a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**grower** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service, or to employ a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, shall not be eligible for a State or local economic incentive during the period of time that the economic incentive is in effect.

(ii) The issuance of a license to operate as a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**grower** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>**processor** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer, or cannabis delivery service, or issuance of a certification <sup>2</sup>**to a personal use cannabis handler employed by a person or entity**<sup>2</sup> to perform work for or on behalf of a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service at a location that is the subject of a State or local economic incentive shall invalidate the right of a property owner, developer, or operator to benefit from the economic incentive as of the date of issuance of the license <sup>2</sup>or certification<sup>2</sup>.

38. Section 29 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-22) is amended to read as follows:

29. a. (1) The commission shall develop and maintain a system for tracking :

(a) the cultivation of medical cannabis, the manufacturing of medical cannabis products, the transfer of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products between medical cannabis cultivators, medical cannabis manufacturers, medical cannabis dispensaries, clinical registrants, <sup>2</sup>**and**<sup>2</sup> testing laboratories as authorized pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) <sup>2</sup>**and**<sup>2</sup> subsection h. of section 27 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-20), <sup>2</sup>and cannabis testing facilities pursuant to section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill,<sup>2</sup> and the dispensing or delivery of medical cannabis to

1 registered qualifying patients, designated caregivers, and  
2 institutional caregivers; and

3 (b) the production of personal use cannabis, the <sup>1</sup>['processing]  
4 manufacturing<sup>1</sup> of cannabis items, the transportation by cannabis  
5 distributors or other transfer of cannabis items between the  
6 premises of cannabis <sup>1</sup>['growers'] cultivators<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
7 <sup>1</sup>['processors'] manufacturers<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesalers, cannabis  
8 retailers, and <sup>2</sup>authorized laboratories and<sup>2</sup> testing facilities, the  
9 retail sale of cannabis items to persons 21 years of age or older, and  
10 the delivery of cannabis items to persons 21 years of age or older  
11 <sup>2</sup>through cannabis delivery services or<sup>2</sup> by personal use cannabis  
12 handlers as authorized pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
13 before the Legislature as this bill).

14 (2) The tracking system shall, among other features as  
15 determined by the commission, utilize a stamp affixed to a  
16 container or package for medical cannabis or personal use cannabis  
17 items to assist in the collection of the information required to be  
18 tracked pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

19 (a) The commission, in consultation with the Director of the  
20 Division of Taxation, shall secure stamps based on the designs,  
21 specifications, and denominations prescribed by the commission in  
22 regulation, and which incorporate encryption, security, and  
23 counterfeit-resistant features to prevent the unauthorized  
24 duplication or counterfeiting of any stamp. The stamp shall be  
25 readable by a scanner or similar device that may be used by the  
26 commission, the Director of the Division of Taxation, **[and]**  
27 medical cannabis cultivators, medical cannabis manufacturers,  
28 medical cannabis dispensaries, **[or]** and clinical registrants , and  
29 personal use cannabis <sup>1</sup>['growers'] cultivators<sup>1</sup> , cannabis  
30 <sup>1</sup>['processors'] manufacturers<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesalers, cannabis  
31 distributors, cannabis retailers, and cannabis delivery services.

32 (b) The commission, and the Director of the Division of  
33 Taxation if authorized by the commission, shall make stamps  
34 available for purchase by medical cannabis cultivators, medical  
35 cannabis manufacturers, and clinical registrants, and personal use  
36 cannabis <sup>1</sup>['growers'] cultivators<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>['processors']  
37 manufacturers<sup>1</sup> , cannabis wholesalers, cannabis distributors,  
38 cannabis retailers, and cannabis delivery services, which shall be  
39 the only entities authorized to affix a stamp to a container or  
40 package for medical cannabis or personal use cannabis <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup> in  
41 accordance with applicable regulations promulgated by the  
42 commission in consultation with the Director of the Division of  
43 Taxation. The price charged by the commission **[to medical**  
44 **cannabis cultivators, medical cannabis manufacturers, and clinical**  
45 **registrants]** for a stamp **[required pursuant to this paragraph]** shall

1 be reasonable and commensurate with the cost of producing the  
2 stamp.

3 (c) A medical cannabis cultivator, medical cannabis  
4 manufacturer, medical cannabis dispensary, clinical registrant, or  
5 certified medical cannabis handler , or a personal use cannabis  
6 <sup>1</sup>【grower】 cultivator<sup>1</sup> , cannabis <sup>1</sup>【processor】 manufacturer<sup>1</sup> ,  
7 cannabis wholesaler, cannabis distributor, cannabis retailer,  
8 cannabis delivery service, or certified personal use cannabis  
9 handler, shall not purchase, sell, offer for sale, transfer, transport, or  
10 deliver any medical cannabis or personal use cannabis item unless a  
11 stamp is properly affixed to the container or package for the  
12 medical cannabis or personal use cannabis item.

13 b. The purposes of the system developed and maintained under  
14 this section include, but are not limited to:

15 (1) preventing the diversion of medical cannabis and personal  
16 use cannabis items to criminal enterprises, gangs, cartels, persons  
17 not authorized to possess medical cannabis or personal use cannabis  
18 items, and other states;

19 (2) preventing persons from substituting or tampering with  
20 medical cannabis and personal use cannabis items;

21 (3) ensuring an accurate accounting of the cultivation,  
22 manufacturing, transferring, dispensing, and delivery of medical  
23 cannabis , and the production, <sup>1</sup>【processing】 manufacturing<sup>1</sup> ,  
24 transporting, transferring, sale, and delivery of personal use  
25 cannabis items;

26 (4) ensuring that the testing results from licensed testing  
27 laboratories and facilities are accurately reported; and

28 (5) ensuring compliance with the rules and regulations adopted  
29 by the commission and any other law of this State that charges the  
30 commission with a duty, function, or power related to medical  
31 cannabis or personal use cannabis items.

32 c. The system developed and maintained under this section  
33 shall be capable of tracking, at a minimum:

34 (1) the propagation of immature medical cannabis plants and  
35 personal use cannabis plants, the production of medical cannabis by  
36 a medical cannabis cultivator , and the production of personal use  
37 cannabis by a cannabis <sup>1</sup>【grower】 cultivator<sup>1</sup>;

38 (2) the utilization of medical cannabis in the manufacture <sup>2</sup>【,  
39 production,】<sup>2</sup> and creation of medical cannabis products by a  
40 medical cannabis manufacturer , the <sup>1</sup>【processing】 manufacturing<sup>1</sup>  
41 of personal use cannabis items by a cannabis <sup>1</sup>【processor】  
42 manufacturer<sup>1</sup> , the receiving, storing, and sending of personal use  
43 cannabis items by a cannabis wholesaler, and the transporting in  
44 bulk cannabis items by a cannabis distributor;



(3) the transfer of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products, and personal use cannabis items, to and from licensed testing laboratories and facilities for testing purposes;

(4) the dispensing of medical cannabis by a medical cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant, and the selling <sup>1</sup>and delivery<sup>1</sup> of personal use cannabis items by a cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>or cannabis delivery service<sup>1</sup>;

(5) the furnishing of medical cannabis by a medical cannabis dispensary or clinical registrant to a medical cannabis handler for delivery, and the furnishing of personal use cannabis items by a cannabis retailer to a personal use cannabis handler for delivery;

(6) the delivery of medical cannabis by a medical cannabis handler, and the delivery of personal use cannabis items by a personal use cannabis handler;

(7) the purchase, sale, or other transfer of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products between medical cannabis cultivators, medical cannabis manufacturers, medical cannabis dispensaries, and clinical registrants as authorized pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) and subsection h. of section 27 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-20), and the purchase, sale, transporting, or other transfer of personal use <sup>2</sup>cannabis and <sup>2</sup>cannabis items by or between cannabis <sup>1</sup>growers <sup>1</sup>cultivators<sup>1</sup>, cannabis <sup>1</sup>processors <sup>1</sup>manufacturers<sup>1</sup>, cannabis wholesalers, cannabis distributors, cannabis retailers, and cannabis delivery services as authorized pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill); and

(8) any other information that the commission determines is reasonably necessary to accomplish <sup>2</sup>the <sup>2</sup>its duties, functions, and powers <sup>2</sup>of the commission<sup>2</sup>.

(cf: P.L.2019, c.153, s.29)

<sup>1</sup>39. (New section) <sup>2</sup>Optional<sup>2</sup> Social Equity Excise Fee Assessed on Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator Licensees.

a. There may be a Social Equity Excise Fee imposed by the commission on the cultivation of cannabis by any cannabis cultivator licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or on the cultivation of cannabis for the personal use cannabis marketplace and not for the medical cannabis marketplace by any alternative treatment center deemed to be licensed to engage in personal use cannabis activities pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) and issued a Class 1 <sup>2</sup>Cannabis<sup>2</sup> Cultivator license by the commission pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 33 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The excise fee, if imposed by the commission pursuant to this section, shall be imposed on the

1 receipts from the sale, or equivalent value of the transfer, of usable  
 2 cannabis by a cannabis cultivator to any other cannabis  
 3 establishment, other than another cannabis cultivator. Any sale by a  
 4 cannabis cultivator for which the excise fee is imposed pursuant to  
 5 this section shall be exempt from the tax imposed under the “Sales  
 6 and Use Tax Act,” P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.).

7 (1) Immediately following the adoption of the commission’s  
 8 initial rules and regulations pursuant to subparagraph (a) of  
 9 paragraph (1) of subsection d. of section 6 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
 10 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), there may be an excise  
 11 fee imposed on a cannabis cultivator’s sale or transfer as described  
 12 in this subsection in the amount of 1/3 of 1% of the Statewide  
 13 average retail price of an ounce of usable cannabis for consumer  
 14 purchase, and any fractional portion of an ounce sold or transferred  
 15 shall be subject to the fee on a proportional basis, during the  
 16 calendar year the fee may be imposed in accordance with this  
 17 paragraph; and

18 (2) Beginning nine months following the first sale or transfer of  
 19 usable cannabis subject to the excise fee as described in paragraph  
 20 (1) of this subsection, which sale or transfer is made by a cannabis  
 21 cultivator that is not also an alternative treatment center deemed to  
 22 be licensed to engage in personal use cannabis activities pursuant to  
 23 section 7 of P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-7) and issued a Class 1  
 24 <sup>2</sup>Cannabis<sup>2</sup> Cultivator license by the commission pursuant to  
 25 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 33 of  
 26 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
 27 the excise fee may be adjusted annually based upon the Statewide  
 28 average retail price of usable cannabis for consumer purchase in the  
 29 calendar year next preceding the year in which the adjusted fee  
 30 would be imposed, and the adjusted excise fee shall be <sup>2</sup>[based on]  
 31 by<sup>2</sup> the ounces of usable cannabis sold or transferred by a cannabis  
 32 cultivator, and any fractional portion of an ounce sold or transferred  
 33 shall be subject to the fee on a proportional basis, as follows:

34 (a) up to \$10 per ounce, as established by the commission, if the  
 35 average retail price of an ounce of usable cannabis <sup>2</sup>[is] was<sup>2</sup> \$350  
 36 or more;

37 (b) up to \$30 per ounce, as established by the commission, if the  
 38 average retail price of an ounce of usable cannabis <sup>2</sup>[is] was<sup>2</sup> less  
 39 than \$350 but at least \$250;

40 (c) up to \$40 per ounce, as established by the commission, if the  
 41 average retail price of an ounce of usable cannabis <sup>2</sup>[is] was<sup>2</sup> less  
 42 than \$250 but at least \$200; <sup>2</sup>and<sup>2</sup>

43 (d) up to \$60 per ounce, as established by the commission, if the  
 44 average retail price of an ounce of usable cannabis <sup>2</sup>[is]<sup>2</sup> less than  
 45 \$200.

46 b. (1) Any excise fee imposed pursuant to this section shall be  
 47 collected from the cannabis establishment purchasing or acquiring

1 the usable cannabis or paid by the cannabis cultivator, and remitted  
2 to the Director of the Division of Taxation. The fee shall be stated,  
3 charged, and shown separately on any sales slip, invoice, receipt, or  
4 other statement or memorandum of the price paid or payable, or  
5 equivalent value of the transfer, for the usable cannabis.

6 (2) Every cannabis cultivator required to collect or pay any  
7 excise fee imposed by this section shall be personally liable for the  
8 fee imposed, collected, or required to be collected or paid under this  
9 section. Any cannabis cultivator shall have the same right with  
10 respect to collecting the fee from the cannabis establishment  
11 purchasing or acquiring the usable cannabis, or with respect to non-  
12 payment of the fee by the cannabis establishment, as if the fee were  
13 a part of the purchase price or value of the transfer of the usable  
14 cannabis, and payable at the same time; provided, however, that the  
15 director shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding  
16 brought to collect the fee.

17 c. Any excise fee imposed shall be reported and paid to the  
18 <sup>2</sup>[director] Director of the Division of Taxation<sup>2</sup> on a monthly  
19 basis, in a manner prescribed by the director.

20 d. Except as otherwise provided in the “Cannabis Regulatory,  
21 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act,”  
22 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as <sup>2</sup>[Senate  
23 Bill No 21] this bill<sup>2</sup> ), any excise <sup>2</sup>[Fee] fee<sup>2</sup> imposed pursuant to  
24 this section shall be governed by the provisions of the “State  
25 Uniform Tax Procedure Law,” R.S.54:48-1 et seq.

26 e. Any excise fee imposed under this section shall not apply to  
27 sales or transfers of usable cannabis by a cannabis cultivator to a  
28 licensed medical cannabis alternative treatment center for use in  
29 medical cannabis dispensing pursuant to the “Jake Honig  
30 Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act,” P.L.2009, c.307  
31 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) or P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.).

32 f. Any excise fee revenue collected pursuant to this section  
33 shall be deposited by the Director of the Office of Management and  
34 Budget into the “Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
35 Marketplace Modernization Fund” established <sup>2</sup>[pursuant to]  
36 under<sup>2</sup> section 41 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
37 Legislature as this bill), and shall be used for annual appropriations  
38 for investing in social equity programs as set forth in that section.

39 g. As used in this section:

40 “Cannabis cultivator” means the same as that term is defined in  
41 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
42 this bill).

43 “Cannabis establishment” means the same as that term is defined  
44 in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
45 as this bill).

46 “Usable cannabis” means the same as that term is defined in  
47 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
48 this bill).<sup>1</sup>

1       <sup>1</sup>[39.] 40.<sup>1</sup> (New section)   <sup>2</sup>[Local Cannabis Taxation;]  
2    Optional<sup>2</sup> Local Cannabis Transfer Tax and User Tax.

3       a. (1) A municipality may adopt an ordinance imposing a  
4    transfer tax on the sale of <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> cannabis items by a  
5    cannabis establishment that is located in the municipality. At the  
6    discretion of the municipality, the tax may be imposed on: <sup>2</sup>receipts  
7    from the sale of cannabis by a cannabis cultivator to another  
8    cannabis cultivator;<sup>2</sup> receipts from the sale of <sup>1</sup>[cannabis or]<sup>1</sup>  
9    cannabis items from one cannabis establishment to another cannabis  
10   establishment; receipts from the retail sales <sup>1</sup>of cannabis items<sup>1</sup> by a  
11   cannabis retailer to retail <sup>2</sup>[customers] consumers<sup>2</sup> who are 21  
12   years of age or older; or any combination thereof. Each  
13   municipality shall set its own rate or rates, but in no case shall a  
14   rate exceed: two percent of the receipts from each sale by a  
15   cannabis <sup>1</sup>[grower] cultivator<sup>1</sup>; two percent of the receipts from  
16   each sale by a cannabis <sup>1</sup>[processor] manufacturer<sup>1</sup>; one percent of  
17   the receipts from each sale by a cannabis wholesaler; and two  
18   percent of the receipts from each sale by a cannabis retailer.

19       (2) A local tax ordinance adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) of  
20   this subsection shall also include provisions for imposing a user tax,  
21   at the equivalent transfer tax rates, on any concurrent license  
22   holder, as permitted by section 33 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
23   before the Legislature as this bill), operating more than one  
24   cannabis establishment. The user tax shall be imposed on the value  
25   of each transfer or use of <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> cannabis items not  
26   otherwise subject to the transfer tax imposed pursuant to paragraph  
27   (1) of this subsection, from the license holder's establishment that is  
28   located in the municipality to any of the other license holder's  
29   establishments, whether located in the municipality or another  
30   municipality.

31       b. (1) A transfer tax or user tax imposed pursuant this section  
32   shall be in addition to any other tax imposed by law. Any  
33   transaction for which the transfer tax or user tax is imposed, or  
34   could be imposed, pursuant to this section, other than those which  
35   generate receipts from the retail sales by cannabis retailers, shall be  
36   exempt from the tax imposed under the "Sales and Use Tax Act,"  
37   P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.). The transfer tax or user tax  
38   shall be collected or paid, and remitted to the municipality by the  
39   cannabis establishment from the cannabis establishment purchasing  
40   or receiving the <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> cannabis item, or from the  
41   <sup>2</sup>[customer] consumer<sup>2</sup> at the point of sale, on behalf of the  
42   municipality by the cannabis <sup>2</sup>[establishment] retailer<sup>2</sup> selling <sup>2</sup>[or  
43   transferring]<sup>2</sup> the cannabis item <sup>2</sup>to that consumer<sup>2</sup> . The transfer  
44   tax or user tax shall be stated, charged, and shown separately on any  
45   sales slip, invoice, receipt, or other statement or memorandum of  
46   the price paid or payable <sup>1</sup>, or equivalent value of the transfer,<sup>1</sup> for  
47   the <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> cannabis item.

1 (2) Every cannabis establishment required to collect a transfer  
2 tax or user tax imposed by ordinance pursuant to this section shall  
3 be personally liable for the transfer tax or user tax imposed,  
4 collected, or required to be collected under this section. Any  
5 cannabis establishment shall have the same right with respect to  
6 collecting the transfer tax or user tax from another cannabis  
7 establishment or the <sup>2</sup>[customer] consumer<sup>2</sup> as if the transfer tax or  
8 user tax was a part of the sale and payable at the same time, or with  
9 respect to non-payment of the transfer tax or user tax by the  
10 cannabis establishment or <sup>2</sup>[customer] consumer<sup>2</sup>, as if the transfer  
11 tax or user tax was a part of the purchase price of the <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup>  
12 cannabis item, <sup>1</sup>or equivalent value of the transfer of the <sup>2</sup>cannabis  
13 or<sup>2</sup> cannabis item.<sup>1</sup> and payable at the same time; provided,  
14 however, that the chief fiscal officer of the municipality which  
15 imposes the transfer tax or user tax shall be joined as a party in any  
16 action or proceeding brought to collect the transfer tax or user tax.

17 (3) No cannabis establishment required to collect a transfer tax  
18 or user tax imposed by ordinance pursuant to this section shall  
19 advertise or hold out to any person or to the public in general, in  
20 any manner, directly or indirectly, that the transfer tax or user tax  
21 will not be separately charged and stated to another cannabis  
22 establishment or the <sup>2</sup>[customer] consumer<sup>2</sup> or that the transfer tax  
23 or user tax will be refunded to the cannabis establishment or the  
24 <sup>2</sup>[customer] consumer<sup>2</sup>.

25 c. (1) All revenues collected from a transfer tax or user tax  
26 imposed by ordinance pursuant to this section shall be remitted to  
27 the chief financial officer of the municipality in a manner  
28 prescribed by the municipality. The chief financial officer shall  
29 collect and administer any transfer tax or user tax imposed by  
30 ordinance pursuant to this section. The municipality shall enforce  
31 the payment of delinquent taxes or transfer fees imposed by  
32 ordinance pursuant to this section in the same manner as provided  
33 for municipal real property taxes.

34 (2) (a) In the event that the transfer tax or user tax imposed by  
35 ordinance pursuant to this section is not paid as and when due by a  
36 cannabis establishment, the unpaid balance, and any interest  
37 accruing thereon, shall be a lien on the parcel of real property  
38 comprising the cannabis <sup>2</sup>[establishment] establishment's  
39 premises<sup>2</sup> in the same manner as all other unpaid municipal taxes,  
40 fees, or other charges. The lien shall be superior and paramount to  
41 the interest in the parcel of any owner, lessee, tenant, mortgagee, or  
42 other person, except the lien of municipal taxes, and shall be on a  
43 parity with and deemed equal to the municipal lien on the parcel for  
44 unpaid property taxes due and owing in the same year.

45 (b) A municipality shall file in the office of its tax collector a  
46 statement showing the amount and due date of the unpaid balance  
47 and identifying the lot and block number of the parcel of real

1 property that comprises the delinquent cannabis <sup>2</sup>**[establishment]**  
 2 establishment's premises<sup>2</sup>. The lien shall be enforced as a  
 3 municipal lien in the same manner as all other municipal liens are  
 4 enforced.

5 d. As used in this section:

6 <sup>1</sup>**["Cannabis" means the same as that term is defined in section 3**  
 7 **of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this**  
 8 **bill).]**

9 <sup>2</sup>"Cannabis" means the same as that term is defined in section 3  
 10 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
 11 bill).<sup>2</sup>

12 "Cannabis cultivator" means the same as that term is defined in  
 13 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 14 this bill).<sup>1</sup>

15 "Cannabis establishment" means the same as that term is defined  
 16 in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
 17 as this bill).

18 <sup>1</sup>**["Cannabis grower" means the same as that term is defined in**  
 19 **section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as**  
 20 **this bill).]**<sup>1</sup>

21 "Cannabis items" means the same as that term is defined in  
 22 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
 23 as this bill).

24 "Cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[processor] manufacturer**<sup>1</sup>" means the same as that  
 25 term is defined in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
 26 the Legislature as this bill).

27 "Cannabis retailer" means the same as that term is defined in  
 28 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
 29 as this bill).

30 "Cannabis wholesaler" means the same as that term is defined in  
 31 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 32 this bill).

33 <sup>2</sup>"Consumer" means the same as that term is defined in section 3  
 34 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

35 "Premises" means the same as that term is defined in section 3 of  
 36 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).<sup>2</sup>

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38 <sup>1</sup>**[40.] 41.**<sup>1</sup> (New section) Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement  
 39 Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund.

40 a. All fees and penalties collected by the commission, and all tax  
 41 revenues on retail sales <sup>2</sup>**[, if any] of cannabis items**<sup>2</sup>, and all tax  
 42 revenues collected pursuant to the provisions of the "Jake Honig  
 43 Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," P.L.2009, c.307  
 44 (C.24:6I-1 et al.), except for amounts credited to the Property Tax  
 45 Reform Account in the Property Tax Relief Fund pursuant to  
 46 paragraph <sup>1</sup>**[1] 7**<sup>1</sup> of Section I of Article VIII of the New Jersey  
 47 Constitution, <sup>1</sup>as well as all revenues, if any, collected for the

1 Social Equity Excise Fee pursuant to section 39 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
2 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),<sup>1</sup> shall be  
3 deposited in a special nonlapsing fund which shall be known as the  
4 “Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace  
5 Modernization Fund.”

6 b. Monies in the fund <sup>1</sup>, other than any monies derived from the  
7 Social Equity Excise Fee to be appropriated annually in accordance  
8 with subsection d. of this section,<sup>1</sup> shall be <sup>2</sup>used by the  
9 commission to **】** appropriated annually as follows<sup>2</sup> :

10 (1) <sup>2</sup>at least 70 percent of all tax revenues on retail sales of  
11 cannabis items shall be appropriated for investments, including  
12 through grants, loans, reimbursements of expenses, and other  
13 financial assistance, in municipalities defined as an “impact zone”  
14 pursuant to section 3 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
15 Legislature as this bill), as well as provide direct financial  
16 assistance to qualifying persons residing therein as recommended  
17 by the commission; and

18 (2) the remainder of the monies in the fund shall be appropriated  
19 by the Legislature to include the following:

20 (a) to<sup>2</sup> oversee the development, regulation, and enforcement of  
21 activities associated with the personal use of cannabis pursuant to  
22 P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_), and assist with assuming responsibility from  
23 the Department of Health for the further development and  
24 expansion, regulation, and enforcement of activities associated with  
25 the medical use of cannabis pursuant to the “Jake Honig  
26 Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act,” P.L.2009, c.307  
27 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al.);  
28 **’[and]’<sup>1</sup>**

29 **<sup>2</sup>[(2)]** (b) to<sup>2</sup> reimburse the expenses incurred by any county or  
30 municipality for the training costs associated with the attendance  
31 and participation of a police officer from its law enforcement unit,  
32 as those terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-  
33 67), in a program provided by an approved school, also defined in  
34 that section, which trains and certifies the police officer, including a  
35 police officer with a working dog as that term is defined in section  
36 1 of P.L.2006, c.88 (C.10:5-29.7), as a Drug Recognition Expert for  
37 detecting, identifying, and apprehending drug-impaired motor  
38 vehicle operators, and pay for <sup>1</sup>the same training<sup>1</sup> costs incurred by  
39 the <sup>1</sup>Division of<sup>1</sup> State Police <sup>1</sup>in the Department of Law and Public  
40 Safety for the training of a State police officer or trooper, including  
41 an officer or trooper with a working dog, as a Drug Recognition  
42 Expert, as well as its costs<sup>1</sup> in furnishing additional program  
43 instructors to provide Drug Recognition Expert training to police  
44 officers <sup>1</sup>, troopers,<sup>1</sup> and working dogs. A municipality or county  
45 seeking reimbursement shall apply to the commission, itemizing the  
46 costs, with appropriate proofs, for which reimbursement is  
47 requested and provide a copy of the certificate issued to the police

1 officer to indicate the successful completion of the program by the  
2 police officer, and that officer's working dog, if applicable <sup>2</sup>; and

3 (c) for further investments, including through grants, loans,  
4 reimbursements of expenses, and other financial assistance, in  
5 municipalities defined as an "impact zone" pursuant to section 3 of  
6 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), as  
7 well as provide direct financial assistance to qualifying persons  
8 residing therein as recommended by the commission.

9 The monies appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) of this  
10 subsection shall be offset by any revenue constitutionally dedicated  
11 to municipalities defined as an "impact zone" pursuant to section 3  
12 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
13 bill)<sup>2</sup>.

14 c. Any remaining <sup>2</sup>available<sup>2</sup> monies, after the <sup>2</sup>[commission  
15 uses the <sup>1</sup>available<sup>1</sup>] appropriation of those<sup>2</sup> monies in the fund in  
16 accordance with subsection b. of this section, shall be deposited in  
17 the State's General Fund.

18 <sup>1</sup>d. (1) (a) Not less than 60 days prior to the first day of each  
19 State fiscal year, the commission shall consult and make  
20 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for making social  
21 equity appropriations based upon the amount of any revenues  
22 collected during the current fiscal year for the Social Equity Excise  
23 Fee pursuant to section 39 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
24 Legislature as this bill), or, if the commission has not imposed or  
25 adjusted the excise fee in the current fiscal year pursuant to that  
26 section, then appropriations to be made from the General Fund in an  
27 amount equal to the revenues that would have been collected had it  
28 imposed or adjusted the fee, in order to invest, through grants,  
29 loans, reimbursements of expenses, and other financial assistance,  
30 in private for-profit and non-profit organizations, public entities,  
31 including any municipality defined as an "impact zone" pursuant to  
32 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
33 this bill), as well as provide direct financial assistance to qualifying  
34 persons as determined by the commission, in order to create,  
35 expand, or promote educational and economic opportunities and  
36 activities, and the health and well-being of both communities and  
37 individuals.

38 (b) Not less than 30 days prior to submitting its  
39 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature pursuant to  
40 subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, the commission shall hold at  
41 least three regional public hearing throughout the State, with at least  
42 one hearing in the northern, central, and southern regions of the  
43 State, to solicit the public input on the social equity investments to  
44 be made as described in this section.

45 (2) The commission's recommendations to the Governor and  
46 Legislature may include, but are not limited to, recommending  
47 investments in the following categories of social equity programs:



1       (a) educational support, including literacy programs, extended  
2 learning time programs that endeavor to close the achievement gap  
3 and provide services for enrolled students after the traditional  
4 school day, GED application and preparedness assistance, tutoring  
5 programs, vocational programming, and financial literacy;

6       (b) economic development, including the encouragement and  
7 support of community activities so as to stimulate economic activity  
8 or increase or preserve residential amenities, and business  
9 marketing, and job skills and readiness training, specific  
10 employment training, and apprenticeships;

11       (c) social support services, including food assistance, mental  
12 health services, substance use disorders treatment and recovery,  
13 youth recreation and mentoring services, life skills support services,  
14 and reentry and other rehabilitative services for adults and juveniles  
15 being released from incarceration; and

16       (d) legal aid for civil and criminal cases.

17       (3) The commission may also, subject to the annual  
18 appropriations act, recommend that it retain a portion of the Social  
19 Equity Excise Fee to administer startup grants, low-interest loans,  
20 application fee assistance, and job training programs through the  
21 commission's Office of Minority, Disabled Veterans and Women  
22 Cannabis Business Development established by section 32 of  
23 P.L.2019, c.153 (24:6I-25).

24       (4) Prior to the first day of each fiscal year, the Legislature shall  
25 provide to the commission a statement which lists the investments,  
26 including the investment recipients and investment amount, to be  
27 made by appropriations as set forth in paragraph (1) of this  
28 subsection based upon recommendations presented to the Governor  
29 and Legislature pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (3) of this  
30 subsection, and how the investment is intended to support and  
31 advance social equity as described in this subsection.<sup>1</sup>

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33       <sup>2</sup>42. R.S. 24:1-1 is amended to read as follows:

34       As used in this Title:

35       a.   "State department," "department of health" and "department"  
36       mean the "State Department of Health."

37       b.   "Council" means the Public Health Council in the State  
38       Department of Health.

39       c.   "Local board" or "local board of health" means the board of  
40       health of any municipality, or the boards, bodies, or officers in such  
41       municipality lawfully exercising the powers of a local board of  
42       health under the laws governing such municipality, and includes  
43       any consolidated local board of health or county local board of  
44       health created and established pursuant to law.

45       d.   "Food" means (1) articles used for food or drink for man or  
46       other animals (2) chewing gum and (3) articles used for components  
47       of any such article.

1 e. "Drug" means (1) articles recognized in the official United  
2 States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the  
3 United States, or official National Formulary, or any supplement to  
4 any of them; and (2) articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure,  
5 mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man or other  
6 animals; and (3) articles (other than food) intended to affect the  
7 structure or any function of the body of man or other animals; and  
8 (4) articles intended for use as a component of any article specified  
9 in **【clause】** (1), (2), or (3) of this definition; but does not include  
10 biological products, or devices or their components, parts, or  
11 accessories. The term "drug" also does not include: hemp and  
12 hemp products cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold  
13 pursuant to the "New Jersey Hemp Farming Act," P.L.2019, c.238  
14 (C.4:28-6 et al.); cannabis as defined in section 3 of P.L. ,  
15 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) which is  
16 cultivated and produced for use in a cannabis item, as defined in  
17 that section, in accordance with the "New Jersey Cannabis  
18 Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace  
19 Modernization Act," P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
20 Legislature as this bill); and cannabis resin as defined in that section  
21 3 (C. ) which is extracted for use in a cannabis item, as defined  
22 in that section, in accordance with that act.

23 f. "Package" or "container" means wrapper, case, basket,  
24 hamper, can, bottle, jar, tube, cask, vessel, tub, firkin, keg, jug,  
25 barrel, or other receptacles, but the word, "package" shall not  
26 include open containers which permit a visual and physical  
27 inspection by the purchaser at retail, nor bags and other receptacles  
28 which are filled in the presence of the purchaser at retail.

29 g. "Device" means instruments, apparatus, and contrivances,  
30 including their components, parts, and accessories, intended (1) for  
31 use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of  
32 disease in man or other animals; or (2) to affect the structure or any  
33 function of the body of man or other animals.

34 h. "Cosmetic" means (1) articles intended to be rubbed, poured,  
35 sprinkled, or sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise applied to  
36 the human body or any part thereof for cleansing, beautifying,  
37 promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance, and (2) articles  
38 intended for use as a component of any such articles; except that  
39 such term shall not include soap.

40 i. "New drug" means (1) any drug the composition of which is  
41 such that such drug is not generally recognized, among experts  
42 qualified by scientific training and experience to evaluate the safety  
43 of drugs, as safe for use under the conditions prescribed,  
44 recommended, or suggested in the labeling thereof, and (2) any drug  
45 the composition of which is such that such drug, as a result of  
46 investigations to determine its safety for use under such conditions,  
47 has become so recognized, but which has not, otherwise than in

1 such investigations, been used to a material extent or for a material  
2 time under such conditions.

3 j. "Label" means a display of written, printed, or graphic  
4 matter upon the immediate container of any article; and a  
5 requirement made by or under authority of this subtitle that any  
6 word, statement or other information appear on the label shall not  
7 be considered to be complied with unless such word, statement, or  
8 other information also appears on the outside container or wrapper,  
9 if any there be, of the retail package of such article, or is easily  
10 legible through the outside container or wrapper. The term  
11 "immediate container" does not include package liners.

12 k. "Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed or  
13 graphic matter (1) upon an article or any of its containers or  
14 wrappers, or (2) accompanying such article.

15 l. "Official compendium" means the official United States  
16 Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United  
17 States, official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of  
18 them.

19 m. If an article is alleged to be misbranded because the labeling  
20 is misleading, then in determining whether such labeling is  
21 misleading there shall be taken into account **[(1) , among other**  
22 **things (1)] ,** not only representations made or suggested by  
23 statement, word, design, or any combination thereof, but also the  
24 extent to which such labeling fails to reveal facts material in the  
25 light of such representations or material with respect to  
26 consequences which may result from the use of the article to which  
27 such labeling relates under the conditions of use prescribed in the  
28 labeling thereof or under such conditions of use as are customary or  
29 usual.

30 n. The representation of a drug as an antiseptic shall be  
31 considered to be a representation that it is a germicide, except in the  
32 case of a drug purporting to be, or represented as, an antiseptic for  
33 inhibitory use as a wet dressing, ointment, dusting powder, or such  
34 other use as involves prolonged contact with the body.

35 o. The provisions of this act regarding the selling of food,  
36 drugs, devices, or cosmetics, shall be considered to include the  
37 manufacture, production, processing, packing, exposure, offer,  
38 possession, and holding of any such article for sale; and the sale,  
39 dispensing, and giving away of any such article and the supplying  
40 or applying of any such articles in the conduct of any food, drug or  
41 cosmetic establishment.

42 p. The term "Federal Act" means the Federal Food, Drug and  
43 Cosmetic Act (Title 21, U.S.C. s.301 et seq.; 52 Stat. 1040 et seq.).<sup>2</sup>  
44 (cf: P.L.2015, c.130, s.4)

46 <sup>1</sup>**[41.]** <sup>2</sup>**[42.1]** <sup>2</sup>**43.** Section 2 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-2) is  
47 amended to read as follows:

48 2. As used in P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-1 et seq.):

1 "Administer" means the direct application of a controlled  
2 dangerous substance, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or  
3 any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by: (1)  
4 a practitioner <sup>2</sup>[(<sup>2</sup> or, in the practitioner's presence, by the  
5 practitioner's lawfully authorized agent <sup>2</sup>)]<sup>2</sup>, or (2) the patient or  
6 research subject at the lawful direction and in the presence of the  
7 practitioner.

8 "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at  
9 the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser but does  
10 not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman, or  
11 employee thereof.

12 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health.

13 "Controlled dangerous substance" means a drug, substance, or  
14 immediate precursor in Schedules I through V of article 2 of  
15 P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-1 et seq.) <sup>2</sup>, marijuana, and hashish as  
16 defined in this section<sup>2</sup>. The term shall not include distilled spirits,  
17 wine, malt beverages, as those terms are defined or used in  
18 R.S.33:1-1 et seq., <sup>2</sup>[or]<sup>2</sup> tobacco and tobacco products <sup>2</sup>, and  
19 cannabis and cannabis <sup>2</sup>[resin] items<sup>2</sup> as those terms are defined in  
20 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
21 this bill)<sup>2</sup>.

22 "Counterfeit substance" means a controlled dangerous substance  
23 which, or the container or labeling of which, without authorization,  
24 bears the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint,  
25 number or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer,  
26 distributor, or dispenser other than the person or persons who in fact  
27 manufactured, distributed, or dispensed such substance and which  
28 thereby falsely purports or is represented to be the product of, or to  
29 have been distributed by, such other manufacturer, distributor, or  
30 dispenser.

31 "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or  
32 attempted transfer from one person to another of a controlled  
33 dangerous substance, whether or not there is an agency relationship.

34 "Director" means the Director of the Division of Consumer  
35 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

36 "Dispense" means to deliver a controlled dangerous substance to  
37 an ultimate user or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful  
38 order of a practitioner, including the prescribing, administering,  
39 packaging, labeling, or compounding necessary to prepare the  
40 substance for that delivery.

41 "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

42 "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or  
43 dispensing a controlled dangerous substance.

44 "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

45 "Division" means the Division of Consumer Affairs in the  
46 Department of Law and Public Safety.

1 "Drug Enforcement Administration" means the Drug  
 2 Enforcement Administration in the United States Department of  
 3 Justice.

4 "Drugs" means <sup>2</sup>[(a)] (1)<sup>2</sup> substances recognized in the official  
 5 United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia  
 6 of the United States, or official National Formulary, or any  
 7 supplement to any of them; and <sup>2</sup>[(b)] (2)<sup>2</sup> substances intended for  
 8 use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of  
 9 disease in man or other animals; and <sup>2</sup>[(c)] (3)<sup>2</sup> substances <sup>2</sup>[( ] <sup>2</sup>  
 10 other than food <sup>2</sup>[ ] <sup>2</sup> intended to affect the structure or any  
 11 function of the body of man or other animals; and <sup>2</sup>[(d)] (4)<sup>2</sup>  
 12 substances intended for use as a component of any article specified  
 13 in <sup>2</sup>[subsections (a)] (1)<sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup>[(b)] (2)<sup>2</sup>, and <sup>2</sup>[(c)] (3)<sup>2</sup> of this  
 14 <sup>2</sup>[section] definition<sup>2</sup>; but does not include devices or their  
 15 components, parts or accessories. "Drugs" shall not mean <sup>2</sup>;<sup>2</sup> hemp  
 16 <sup>2</sup>[or a] and<sup>2</sup> hemp <sup>2</sup>[product] products<sup>2</sup> cultivated, handled,  
 17 processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the "New Jersey Hemp  
 18 Farming Act," P.L.2019, c.238 (C.4:28-6 et al.) <sup>2</sup>; cannabis as  
 19 defined in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 20 Legislature as this bill) which is cultivated and produced for use in  
 21 a cannabis item, as defined in that section, in accordance with the  
 22 "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
 23 Marketplace Modernization Act," P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
 24 before the Legislature as this bill); and cannabis resin as defined in  
 25 that section 3 (C. ) which is extracted for use in a cannabis  
 26 item, as defined in that section, in accordance with that act<sup>2</sup>.

27 "Hashish" means the resin extracted from any part of the plant  
 28 [genus] Cannabis sativa L. and any compound, manufacture, salt,  
 29 derivative, mixture, or preparation of such resin. "Hashish" shall  
 30 not mean; hemp <sup>2</sup>[or a] and<sup>2</sup> hemp <sup>2</sup>[product] products<sup>2</sup>  
 31 cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the  
 32 "New Jersey Hemp Farming Act," P.L.2019, c.238 (C.4:28-6 et al.);  
 33 <sup>2</sup>[or] and<sup>2</sup> cannabis resin as defined in section 3 of P.L. ,  
 34 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) which is  
 35 extracted for use in a cannabis item, as defined in that section, in  
 36 accordance with the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory,  
 37 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act,"  
 38 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

39 "Marihuana" means all parts of the plant [genus] Cannabis  
 40 sativa L., whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; and every  
 41 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of  
 42 the plant or its seeds, except those containing resin extracted from  
 43 the plant [ ]; but shall not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber  
 44 produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the  
 45 plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture,  
 46 or preparation of such mature stalks, fiber, oil, or cake, or the

1 sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination].  
 2 "Marihuana" shall not mean: hemp <sup>2</sup>[(or a] and<sup>2</sup> hemp <sup>2</sup>[product]  
 3 products<sup>2</sup> cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold  
 4 pursuant to the "New Jersey Hemp Farming Act," P.L.2019, c.238  
 5 (C.4:28-6 et al.); <sup>2</sup>[(or] and<sup>2</sup> cannabis as defined in section 3 of  
 6 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
 7 which is cultivated and <sup>2</sup>[(processed] produced<sup>2</sup> for use in a  
 8 cannabis item, as defined in that section, in accordance with the  
 9 "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
 10 Marketplace Modernization Act," P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
 11 before the Legislature as this bill).

12 "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation,  
 13 compounding, conversion, or processing of a controlled dangerous  
 14 substance, either directly or by extraction from substances of  
 15 natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or  
 16 by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes  
 17 any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or  
 18 relabeling of its container, except that this term does not include the  
 19 preparation or compounding of a controlled dangerous substance by  
 20 an individual for the individual's own use or the preparation,  
 21 compounding, packaging, or labeling of a controlled dangerous  
 22 substance: (1) by a practitioner as an incident to the practitioner's  
 23 administering or dispensing of a controlled dangerous substance in  
 24 the course of the practitioner's professional practice, or (2) by a  
 25 practitioner <sup>2</sup>[(<sup>2</sup> or under the practitioner's supervision <sup>2</sup>[(<sup>2</sup>)] <sup>2</sup> for  
 26 the purpose of, or as an incident to, research, teaching, or chemical  
 27 analysis and not for sale.

28 "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced  
 29 directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable  
 30 origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a  
 31 combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:

32 <sup>2</sup>[(a)] (1)<sup>2</sup> Opium, coca leaves, and opiates;

33 <sup>2</sup>[(b)] (2)<sup>2</sup> A compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, or  
 34 preparation of opium, coca leaves, or opiates;

35 <sup>2</sup>[(c)] (3)<sup>2</sup> A substance <sup>2</sup>[(<sup>2</sup> and any compound, manufacture,  
 36 salt, derivative, or preparation thereof <sup>2</sup>[(<sup>2</sup>)] <sup>2</sup> which is chemically  
 37 identical with any of the substances referred to in <sup>2</sup>[(subsections (a)]  
 38 (1)<sup>2</sup> and <sup>2</sup>[(b)] (2) of this definition<sup>2</sup>, except that the words  
 39 "narcotic drug" as used in P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-1 et seq.) shall  
 40 not include decocainized coca leaves or extracts of coca leaves,  
 41 which extracts do not contain cocaine or ecgonine.

42 "Official written order" means an order written on a form  
 43 provided for that purpose by the Attorney General of the United  
 44 States or his delegate, under any laws of the United States making  
 45 provisions therefor, if such order forms are authorized and required  
 46 by the federal law, and if no such form is provided, then on an  
 47 official form provided for that purpose by the division. If authorized

1 by the Attorney General of the United States or the division, the  
2 term shall also include an order transmitted by electronic means.

3 "Opiate" means any dangerous substance having an addiction-  
4 forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or  
5 being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction-  
6 forming or addiction-sustaining liability. It does not include, unless  
7 specifically designated as controlled under section 3 of P.L.1970,  
8 c.226 (C.24:21-1 et seq.), the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-  
9 n-methylmorphinan and its salts (dextromethorphan). It does  
10 include its racemic and levorotatory forms.

11 "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver*  
12 *somniferum* L., except the seeds thereof.

13 "Person" means any corporation, association, partnership, trust,  
14 other institution or entity, or one or more individuals.

15 "Pharmacist" means a registered pharmacist of this State.

16 "Pharmacy owner" means the owner of a store or other place of  
17 business where controlled dangerous substances are compounded or  
18 dispensed by a registered pharmacist; but nothing in this chapter  
19 contained shall be construed as conferring on a person who is not  
20 registered or licensed as a pharmacist any authority, right, or  
21 privilege that is not granted to the person by the pharmacy laws of  
22 this State.

23 "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium  
24 poppy, after mowing.

25 "Practitioner" means a physician, dentist, veterinarian, scientific  
26 investigator, laboratory, pharmacy, hospital, or other person  
27 licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense,  
28 conduct research with respect to, or administer a controlled  
29 dangerous substance in the course of professional practice or  
30 research in this State. <sup>2</sup>As referred to in this definition:<sup>2</sup>

31 <sup>2</sup>**[(a)] (1)**<sup>2</sup> "Physician" means a physician authorized by law to  
32 practice medicine in this or any other state.

33 <sup>2</sup>**[(b)] (2)**<sup>2</sup> "Veterinarian" means a veterinarian authorized by  
34 law to practice veterinary medicine in this State.

35 <sup>2</sup>**[(c)] (3)**<sup>2</sup> "Dentist" means a dentist authorized by law to  
36 practice dentistry in this State.

37 <sup>2</sup>**[(d)] (4)**<sup>2</sup> "Hospital" means any federal institution, or any  
38 institution for the care and treatment of the sick and injured,  
39 operated or approved by the appropriate State department as proper  
40 to be entrusted with the custody and professional use of controlled  
41 dangerous substances.

42 <sup>2</sup>**[(e)] (5)**<sup>2</sup> "Laboratory" means a laboratory to be entrusted with  
43 the custody of narcotic drugs and the use of controlled dangerous  
44 substances for scientific, experimental, and medical purposes and  
45 for purposes of instruction approved by the Department of Health.

46 "Production" includes the manufacture, planting, cultivation,  
47 growing, or harvesting of a controlled dangerous substance.

1 "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the division has  
2 found to be and by regulation designates as being the principal  
3 compound commonly used or produced primarily for use, and  
4 which is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be  
5 used in the manufacture of a controlled dangerous substance, the  
6 control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or limit such  
7 manufacture.

8 "Substance use disorder involving drugs" means taking or using  
9 a drug or controlled dangerous substance, as defined in this chapter,  
10 in association with a state of psychic or physical dependence, or  
11 both, arising from the use of that drug or controlled dangerous  
12 substance on a continuous basis. A substance use disorder is  
13 characterized by behavioral and other responses, including, but not  
14 limited to, a strong compulsion to take the substance on a recurring  
15 basis in order to experience its psychic effects, or to avoid the  
16 discomfort of its absence.

17 "Ultimate user" means a person who lawfully possesses a  
18 controlled dangerous substance for the person's own use or for the  
19 use of a member of the person's household or for administration to  
20 an animal owned by the person or by a member of the person's  
21 household.

22 (cf: P.L.2019, c.238, s.11)

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24 <sup>1</sup>[42.] <sup>2</sup>[43.<sup>1</sup>] 44.<sup>2</sup> Section 5 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-5) is  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 5. Schedule I.

27 a. Tests. The director shall place a substance in Schedule I if he  
28 finds that the substance: (1) has high potential for abuse; and (2)  
29 has no accepted medical use in treatment in the United States; or  
30 lacks accepted safety for use in treatment under medical  
31 supervision.

32 b. The controlled dangerous substances listed in this section are  
33 included in Schedule I, subject to any revision and republishing by  
34 the director pursuant to subsection d. of section 3 of P.L.1970,  
35 c.226 (C.24:21-3), and except to the extent provided in any other  
36 schedule.

37 c. Any of the following opiates, including their isomers, esters,  
38 and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of  
39 such isomers, esters, ethers and salts is possible within the specific  
40 chemical designation:

- 41 (1) Acetylmethadol
- 42 (2) Allylprodine
- 43 (3) Alphacetylmethadol
- 44 (4) Alphameprodine
- 45 (5) Alphamethadol
- 46 (6) Benzethidine
- 47 (7) Betacetylmethadol
- 48 (8) Betameprodine



- 1 (9) Betamethadol
- 2 (10) Betaprodine
- 3 (11) Clonitazene
- 4 (12) Dextromoramide
- 5 (13) Dextrorphan
- 6 (14) Diampromide
- 7 (15) Diethylthiambutene
- 8 (16) Dimenoxadol
- 9 (17) Dimepheptanol
- 10 (18) Dimethylthiambutene
- 11 (19) Dioxaphetyl butyrate
- 12 (20) Dipipanone
- 13 (21) Ethylmethylthiambutene
- 14 (22) Etonitazene
- 15 (23) Etoxeridine
- 16 (24) Furethidine
- 17 (25) Hydroxypethidine
- 18 (26) Ketobemidone
- 19 (27) Levomoramide
- 20 (28) Levophenacylmorphane
- 21 (29) Morpheridine
- 22 (30) Noracymethadol
- 23 (31) Norlevorphanol
- 24 (32) Normethadone
- 25 (33) Norpipanone
- 26 (34) Phenadoxone
- 27 (35) Phenampromide
- 28 (36) Phenomorphan
- 29 (37) Phenoperidine
- 30 (38) Piritramide
- 31 (39) Proheptazine
- 32 (40) Properidine
- 33 (41) Racemoramide
- 34 (42) Trimeperidine.

35 d. Any of the following narcotic substances, their salts, isomers  
36 and salts of isomers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the  
37 existence of such salts, isomers and salts of isomers is possible  
38 within the specific chemical designation:

- 39 (1) Acetorphine
- 40 (2) Acetylcodone
- 41 (3) Acetyldihydrocodeine
- 42 (4) Benzylmorphine
- 43 (5) Codeine methylbromide
- 44 (6) Codeine-N-Oxide
- 45 (7) Cyprenorphine
- 46 (8) Desomorphine
- 47 (9) Dihydromorphine
- 48 (10) Etorphine

- 1 (11) Heroin
- 2 (12) Hydromorphenol
- 3 (13) Methyldesorphine
- 4 (14) Methylhydromorphine
- 5 (15) Morphine methylbromide
- 6 (16) Morphine methylsulfonate
- 7 (17) Morphine-N-Oxide
- 8 (18) Myrophine
- 9 (19) Nicocodeine
- 10 (20) Nicomorphine
- 11 (21) Normorphine
- 12 (22) Phoclodine
- 13 (23) Thebacon.
- 14 e. Any material, compound, mixture or preparation which
- 15 contains any quantity of the following hallucinogenic substances,
- 16 their salts, isomers and salts of isomers, unless specifically
- 17 excepted, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of
- 18 isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation:
- 19 (1) 3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine
- 20 (2) 5-methoxy-3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine
- 21 (3) 3,4,5-trimethoxy amphetamine
- 22 (4) Bufotenine
- 23 (5) Diethyltryptamine
- 24 (6) Dimethyltryptamine
- 25 (7) 4-methyl-2,5-dimethoxylamphetamine
- 26 (8) Ibogaine
- 27 (9) Lysergic acid diethylamide
- 28 (10) Marihuana; except that on and after the effective date of the
- 29 “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and
- 30 Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending
- 31 before the Legislature as this bill), marihuana shall no longer be
- 32 included in Schedule I, and shall not be designated or rescheduled
- 33 and included in any other schedule by the director pursuant to the
- 34 director’s designation and rescheduling authority set forth in section
- 35 3 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-3).
- 36 (11) Mescaline
- 37 (12) Peyote
- 38 (13) N-ethyl-3-piperidyl benzilate
- 39 (14) N-methyl-3-piperidyl benzilate
- 40 (15) Psilocybin
- 41 (16) Psilocyn
- 42 (17) Tetrahydrocannabinols, except when found in hemp or a
- 43 hemp product cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold
- 44 pursuant to the "New Jersey Hemp Farming Act," P.L.2019, c.238
- 45 (C.4:28-6 et al.), or <sup>2</sup>cannabis or<sup>2</sup> a cannabis item <sup>2,2</sup> as <sup>2</sup>those
- 46 terms are<sup>2</sup> defined in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending
- 47 before the Legislature as this bill) <sup>2,2</sup> that is grown, cultivated,
- 48 produced, or <sup>2</sup>[processed] manufactured<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the

1 “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
2 Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
3 before the Legislature as this bill).

4 (cf: P.L.2019, c.238, s.12)

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6 <sup>1</sup>[43.] <sup>2</sup>[44.<sup>1</sup>] 45.<sup>2</sup> R.S.24:5-18 is amended to read as follows:

7 24:5-18. For the purposes of this subtitle a drug or device shall  
8 also be deemed to be misbranded:

9 a. If its labeling is false or misleading in any particular.

10 b. If in package form unless it bears a label containing the  
11 name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or  
12 distributor.

13 c. If any word, statement or other information required by or  
14 under authority of this subtitle to appear on the label or labeling is  
15 not prominently placed thereon with such conspicuousness (as  
16 compared with other words, statements or designs in the labeling)  
17 and in such terms as to render it likely to be read and understood by  
18 the ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase and  
19 use.

20 d. If it is for use by man and contains any quantity of the  
21 narcotic or hypnotic substance alpha-eucaine, barbituric acid, beta-  
22 eucaine, bromal, cannabis other than as defined in section 3 of  
23 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
24 carbromal, chloral, coca, cocaine, codeine, heroin, marihuana,  
25 morphine, opium, paraldehyde, peyote, or sulphonmethane; or any  
26 chemical derivative of such substance, which derivative has been by  
27 the Department of Health of the State of New Jersey after  
28 investigation found to be, and by regulations under this subtitle  
29 designated as, habit forming; unless its label bears the name and  
30 quantity or proportion of such substance, or derivative and in  
31 juxtaposition therewith, the statement "Warning--May be habit  
32 forming."

33 e. If it is a drug and is not designated solely by a name  
34 recognized in an official compendium, unless its label bears (1) the  
35 common or usual name of the drug, if such there be; and (2) in case  
36 it is fabricated from 2 or more ingredients, the common or usual  
37 name of each active ingredient, including the kind and quantity or  
38 proportion of any alcohol, and also including, whether active or not,  
39 the name and quantity or proportion of any bromides, ether,  
40 chloroform, acetanilid, acetphanetidin, amidopyrine, antipyrine,  
41 atropine, hyoscine, hyoscyamine, arsenic, digitalis, digitalis  
42 glusocides, mercury, ouabain, strophanthin, strychnine, thyroid, or  
43 any derivative or preparation of any such substances, contained  
44 therein; provided, that to the extent that compliance with the  
45 requirements of clause (2) of this paragraph is impracticable,  
46 exemptions may be established by regulations promulgated by the  
47 State department.

1 f. Unless its labeling bears (1) adequate directions for use; and  
2 (2) such adequate warnings against use in those pathological  
3 conditions or by children where its use may be dangerous to health,  
4 or against unsafe dosage or methods or duration of administration  
5 or application, in such manner and form, as are necessary for the  
6 protection of users; provided, that where any requirement of clause  
7 (1) of this paragraph, as applied to any drug or device, is not  
8 necessary for the protection of the public health, the Department of  
9 Health of the State of New Jersey may promulgate regulations  
10 exempting such drug or device from such requirement.

11 g. If it purports to be a drug the name of which is recognized in  
12 an official compendium, unless it is packaged and labeled as  
13 prescribed therein; provided, that the method of packing may be  
14 modified with the consent of the State department. Whenever a  
15 drug is recognized in both the United States Pharmacopoeia and the  
16 Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States it shall be subject  
17 to the requirements of the United States Pharmacopoeia unless it is  
18 labeled and offered for sale as a homeopathic drug, in which case it  
19 shall be subject to the provisions of the Homeopathic  
20 Pharmacopoeia of the United States and not to those of the United  
21 States Pharmacopoeia.

22 h. If it has been found by the Department of Health of the State  
23 of New Jersey to be a drug liable to deterioration, unless it is  
24 packaged in such form and manner, and its label bears a statement  
25 of such precautions, as the Department of Health of the State of  
26 New Jersey may by regulations require as necessary for the  
27 protection of the public health. No such regulation shall be  
28 established for any drug recognized in an official compendium until  
29 the State department shall have informed the appropriate body  
30 charged with the revision of such compendium of the need for such  
31 packaging or labeling requirements and such body shall have failed  
32 within a reasonable time to prescribe such requirements.

33 i. (1) If it is a drug and its container is so made, formed or  
34 filled as to be misleading; or (2) if it is an imitation of another drug;  
35 or (3) if it is offered for sale under the name of another drug.

36 j. If it is dangerous to health when used in the dosage, or with  
37 the frequency or duration prescribed, recommended, or suggested in  
38 the labeling thereof.

39 k. If it is a depressant or stimulant drug as defined pursuant to  
40 law and not in the possession or control of a person specified by  
41 law as entitled to possession or control of such depressant or  
42 stimulant drug. Any depressant or stimulant drug misbranded under  
43 the preceding sentence shall be deemed dangerous or fraudulent for  
44 purposes of marking and detaining under the provisions of section  
45 24:4-12 of this Title.

46 (cf: P.L.1966, c.314, s.8)

1       <sup>1</sup>44. <sup>2</sup>45. <sup>1</sup> 46. <sup>2</sup> (New section) Personal Use of Cannabis  
2       <sup>2</sup>or Cannabis Resin Items <sup>2</sup>.

3       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following acts  
4       are not unlawful and shall not be an offense or a basis for seizure or  
5       forfeiture of assets under N.J.S.2C:64-1 et seq. or other applicable  
6       law for persons 21 years of age or older, provided the acts are  
7       consistent with the relevant definitions set forth in section 3 of  
8       P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
9       and when an act involves <sup>1</sup>cannabis or <sup>1</sup> a cannabis item, it was  
10      first obtained <sup>1</sup>directly<sup>1</sup> from a licensed cannabis retailer <sup>1</sup>or  
11      delivered by a licensed cannabis delivery service making delivery  
12      of a purchase order fulfilled by that licensed cannabis retailer for  
13      off-premises delivery<sup>1</sup>, evidenced by it being in its original  
14      packaging or by a sales slip, invoice, receipt, or other statement or  
15      memorandum:

16      a. Possessing, displaying, purchasing, or transporting: cannabis  
17      paraphernalia; one ounce (28.35 grams) or less of <sup>1</sup>useable<sup>1</sup>  
18      cannabis; the equivalent of one ounce (28.35 grams) or less of  
19      <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>infused as a cannabis<sup>1</sup> product in solid, liquid,  
20      or concentrate form, based upon an equivalency calculation for  
21      different product forms set by the Cannabis Regulatory  
22      Commission, established pursuant to section 31 of P.L.2019, c.153  
23      (C.24:6I-24), in its regulations, and for which the commission may  
24      utilize research conducted in other states on the issue of product  
25      equivalency calculations when setting this equivalency; or 5 grams  
26      (0.176 ounce) or less of cannabis resin. Possessing, displaying,  
27      purchasing, or transporting at any one time any amount of  
28      <sup>1</sup>cannabis or <sup>1</sup> any<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>resin items described herein<sup>1</sup> in an  
29      amount greater than as permitted pursuant to this subsection <sup>1</sup>, or  
30      an infused product in solid, liquid, or concentrate form with more  
31      than the equivalency permitted pursuant to this subsection<sup>1</sup> shall  
32      be considered a violation of the “Comprehensive Drug Reform Act  
33      of 1987,” P.L.1987, c.106 (N.J.S.2C:35-1 et al.), and subject the  
34      person to <sup>1</sup>a civil penalty or <sup>1</sup> prosecution as if the person  
35      possessed, displayed, purchased, or transported marijuana or  
36      hashish in violation of that act;

37      b. Transferring without remuneration: one ounce (28.35 grams)  
38      or less of <sup>1</sup>useable<sup>1</sup> cannabis; the equivalent of one ounce (28.35  
39      grams) or less of <sup>1</sup>usable<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>infused as a cannabis<sup>1</sup>  
40      product in solid, liquid, or concentrate form, based upon the  
41      equivalency calculation for different product forms set by the  
42      commission pursuant to subsection a. of this section; or five grams  
43      (0.176 ounce) or less of cannabis resin to a person who is of legal  
44      age for purchasing cannabis items, provided that such transfer is for  
45      non-promotional, non-business purposes. Transferring at any one  
46      time any amount of <sup>1</sup>cannabis or <sup>1</sup> any<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>resin items  
47      described herein<sup>1</sup> in an amount greater than as permitted pursuant to

1 this subsection <sup>1</sup>【, or an infused product in solid, liquid, or  
 2 concentrate form with more than the equivalency permitted  
 3 pursuant to this subsection】<sup>1</sup>, or to a person who is not of legal age  
 4 to purchase cannabis items, shall be considered a violation of the  
 5 “Comprehensive Drug Reform Act of 1987,” P.L.1987, c.106  
 6 (N.J.S.2C:35-1 et al.), and subject the person to prosecution as if  
 7 the person distributed marijuana or hashish in violation of that act,  
 8 unless the transfer to a person who is not of legal age was done by a  
 9 cannabis establishment licensed pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )  
 10 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or an employee or  
 11 agent thereof, in which case it is a civil violation and the civil  
 12 penalty set forth in subsection b. of section <sup>1</sup>【57】 <sup>2</sup>【58<sup>1</sup>】 64<sup>2</sup> of  
 13 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
 14 shall apply;

15 c. Taking delivery of or consuming a lawfully possessed  
 16 cannabis item, provided that nothing in this section shall permit a  
 17 person to smoke, vape, or aerosolize any cannabis item in a public  
 18 place. This prohibition includes the smoking, vaping, or  
 19 aerosolizing of a cannabis item in any public place pursuant to law  
 20 that prohibits the smoking of tobacco, including N.J.S.2C:33-13 and  
 21 the “New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act,” P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-  
 22 55 et seq.), and any indoor public place, as that term is defined in  
 23 section 3 of P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-57), or portion thereof, even  
 24 if the smoking of tobacco is otherwise permitted in that place or  
 25 portion thereof pursuant to the “New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act”;  
 26 except that the smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing of a cannabis item  
 27 shall be permitted in a cannabis consumption area as set forth in  
 28 section 28 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-21), and may be permitted  
 29 by the person or entity that owns or controls a hotel, motel, or other  
 30 lodging establishment as defined in section 1 of P.L.1967, c.95  
 31 (C.29:4-5) in up to 20 percent of its guest rooms. The smoking,  
 32 vaping, or aerosolizing of a cannabis item may also be prohibited or  
 33 otherwise regulated in multifamily housing that is a multiple  
 34 dwelling as defined in section 3 of P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-3), as  
 35 decided by the person or entity that owns or controls the  
 36 multifamily housing, <sup>1</sup>or prohibited or otherwise regulated in the  
 37 structure or specific units of the structure of a cooperative as  
 38 defined in section 3 of P.L.1987, c.381 (C.46:8D-3) by the  
 39 corporation or other legal entity that owns the structure,<sup>1</sup>  
 40 prohibited or otherwise regulated in the units of a condominium, as  
 41 those terms are defined by section 3 of P.L.1969, c.257 (C.46:8B-  
 42 3), if approved by the association for the condominium and a  
 43 majority of all of the condominium’s unit owners, as those terms  
 44 are defined in that section. Except as otherwise provided by P.L. ,  
 45 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), any  
 46 penalties that may be assessed for the smoking of tobacco where  
 47 prohibited under the “New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act” shall be  
 48 applicable to the smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing of cannabis

1 <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup> where prohibited. Concerning the consumption of any  
 2 cannabis item, other than by smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing: a  
 3 person or entity that owns or controls a property, other than  
 4 multifamily housing that is a multiple dwelling as defined in section  
 5 3 of P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-3), <sup>1</sup>the structure or specific units of  
 6 the structure of a cooperative as defined in section 3 of P.L.1987,  
 7 c.381 (C.46:8D-3),<sup>1</sup> a unit of a condominium, as those terms are  
 8 defined by section 3 of P.L.1969, c.257 (C.46:8B-3), or a site in a  
 9 mobile home park as defined in section 3 of P.L.1983, c.386  
 10 (C.40:55D-102), which site is leased to the owner of a  
 11 manufactured home, as defined in that section, that is installed  
 12 thereon, may prohibit or otherwise regulate the consumption of  
 13 cannabis items on or in that property, including a casino hotel  
 14 facility as defined in section 19 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-19) with  
 15 respect to a hotel property, a casino as defined in section 6 of  
 16 P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-6), or casino simulcasting facility  
 17 authorized pursuant to the “Casino Simulcasting Act,” P.L.1992,  
 18 c.19 (C.5:12-191 et al.); and a municipality may enact an ordinance  
 19 making it an unlawful act for any person 21 years of age or older to  
 20 consume, other than by smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing, any  
 21 cannabis item in a public place, including any indoor public place  
 22 as that term is defined in section 3 of P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-57),  
 23 or portion thereof, and providing a civil penalty for a violation in  
 24 accordance with section <sup>1</sup>[70] <sup>2</sup>[71<sup>1</sup>] <sup>77</sup><sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. )  
 25 (pending before the Legislature as this bill); and

26 d. Assisting another person to engage in any of the acts  
 27 described in subsections a. through c. of this section, provided that  
 28 the person being assisted is of legal age to purchase cannabis items  
 29 and the assistance being provided is without remuneration.

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 31 <sup>1</sup>[45.] <sup>2</sup>[46.<sup>1</sup>] <sup>47.</sup><sup>2</sup> (New section) Licensee and Consumer  
 32 Protections.

33 a. <sup>1</sup>[Individuals] Except as otherwise set forth in section <sup>2</sup>[47]  
 34 <sup>48</sup><sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
 35 bill) with respect to employers, employment actions, and  
 36 employment policies, individuals,<sup>1</sup> and licensed cannabis  
 37 establishments, distributors, and delivery services <sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> shall not be  
 38 subject to arrest, prosecution, or penalty in any manner, or denied  
 39 any right or privilege, including but not limited to civil liability or  
 40 disciplinary action by a business, occupational, or professional  
 41 licensing board or bureau, solely for conduct permitted under  
 42 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

43 b. The presence of cannabinoid metabolites in the bodily fluids  
 44 of a person engaged in conduct permitted under P.L. , c. (C. )  
 45 (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

46 (1) with respect to a student, <sup>2</sup>tenant, or<sup>2</sup> employee, <sup>1</sup>other than  
 47 as set forth in section <sup>2</sup>[47] <sup>48</sup><sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending

1 before the Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>~~or tenant,~~<sup>2</sup> shall not form the  
 2 basis for refusal to enroll or employ or lease to or otherwise  
 3 penalize that person, unless failing to do so would put the school,  
 4 employer, or landlord in violation of a federal contract or cause it to  
 5 lose federal funding;

6 (2) with respect to a patient <sup>1</sup>~~,~~<sup>1</sup> shall not constitute the use of an  
 7 illicit substance resulting in denial of medical care, including organ  
 8 transplant, and a patient's use of cannabis items may only be  
 9 considered with respect to evidence-based clinical criteria; and

10 (3) with respect to a parent or legal guardian of a child or  
 11 newborn infant, or a pregnant woman <sup>1</sup>~~,~~<sup>1</sup> shall not form the sole or  
 12 primary basis for any action or proceeding by the Division of Child  
 13 Protection and Permanency, or any successor agencies; provided,  
 14 however, that nothing in this paragraph shall preclude any action or  
 15 proceeding by the division based on harm or risk of harm to a child  
 16 or the use of information on the presence of cannabinoid  
 17 metabolites in the bodily fluids of any person in any action or  
 18 proceeding.

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20 <sup>1</sup>~~[46.]~~ <sup>2</sup>~~[47.]~~ <sup>1</sup> ~~48.~~<sup>2</sup> (New section) Employers, Driving, Minors  
 21 and Control of Property.

22 a. <sup>1</sup>~~(1)~~<sup>1</sup> No employer shall refuse to hire or employ any person  
 23 or shall discharge from employment or take any adverse action  
 24 against any employee with respect to compensation, terms,  
 25 conditions, or other privileges of employment because that person  
 26 does or does not smoke, vape, aerosolize or otherwise use cannabis  
 27 items, <sup>1</sup>~~[unless the]~~ <sup>2</sup>~~[however]~~ and an employee shall not be  
 28 subject to any adverse action by an employer solely due to the  
 29 presence of cannabinoid metabolites in the employee's bodily fluid  
 30 from engaging in conduct permitted under P.L. , c. (C. )  
 31 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). ~~However~~<sup>2</sup> , <sup>1</sup>~~an~~<sup>1</sup>  
 32 employer <sup>1</sup>~~[has a rational basis for doing so which is reasonably~~  
 33 ~~related to the employment, including the responsibilities of the]~~  
 34 may require an<sup>1</sup> employee <sup>1</sup>~~[or prospective employee]~~ to undergo a  
 35 drug test upon reasonable suspicion of an employee's usage of a  
 36 cannabis item while engaged in the performance of the employee's  
 37 work responsibilities, or upon finding any observable signs of  
 38 intoxication related to usage of a cannabis item, or following a  
 39 work-related accident subject to investigation by the employer <sup>2</sup>~~[.~~  
 40 ~~and the]~~ . A drug test may also be done randomly by the  
 41 employer, or as part of a pre-employment screening, or regular  
 42 screening of current employees to determine use during an  
 43 employee's prescribed work hours. The drug test shall include  
 44 scientifically reliable objective testing methods and procedures,  
 45 such as testing of blood, urine, or saliva, and a physical evaluation  
 46 in order to determine an employee's state of impairment. The  
 47 physical evaluation shall be conducted by an individual with the



1 necessary certification to opine on the employee's state of  
2 impairment, or lack thereof, related to the usage of a cannabis item  
3 in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection. The<sup>2</sup> employer  
4 may <sup>2</sup>[utilize] use<sup>2</sup> the results of <sup>2</sup>[that] the<sup>2</sup> drug test when  
5 determining the appropriate employment action concerning the  
6 employee, including, but not limited to dismissal, suspension,  
7 demotion, or other disciplinary action.

8 (2) (a) In order to better ensure the protections for prospective  
9 employees and employees against refusals to hire or employ, or  
10 against being discharged or having <sup>2</sup>[another] any other<sup>2</sup> adverse  
11 action taken by an employer, while simultaneously supporting the  
12 authority of employers to require employees undergo drug tests  
13 under the circumstances set forth in paragraph (1) of this  
14 subsection, as well as employer efforts to maintain a drug- and  
15 alcohol-free workplace or other drug- or alcohol workplace policy  
16 as described in paragraph (1) of subsection b. of this section, the  
17 commission, in consultation with the Police Training Commission  
18 established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-70),  
19 shall prescribe standards in regulation for a Workplace Impairment  
20 Recognition Expert certification, to be issued to full- or part-time  
21 employees, or others contracted to perform services on behalf of an  
22 employer, <sup>2</sup>[demonstrating] based on<sup>2</sup> education and training in  
23 detecting and identifying an employee's usage of, or impairment  
24 from, a cannabis item or other intoxicating substance, <sup>2</sup>[or] and<sup>2</sup>  
25 for assisting in the investigation of workplace accidents. The  
26 commission's regulations shall also prescribe minimum curriculum  
27 courses of study for the certifications, as well as standards for the  
28 commission's approval and continuation of approval of non-profit  
29 and for-profit programs, organizations, or schools and their  
30 instructors to offer courses of study, and may include the use of a  
31 Police Training Commission approved school as that term is  
32 defined in section 2 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-67) if consented to  
33 by the Police Training Commission.

34 (b) Any person who demonstrates to the commission's  
35 satisfaction that the person has successfully completed a Drug  
36 Recognition Expert program provided by a Police Training  
37 Commission approved school, or another program or course  
38 conducted by any <sup>2</sup>[Federal] federal<sup>2</sup>, State, or other public or  
39 private agency, the requirements of which are substantially  
40 equivalent to the requirements established by the commission  
41 pursuant to subparagraph (a) of this paragraph for a Workplace  
42 Impairment Recognition Expert certification, may, at the discretion  
43 of the commission, be issued this certification, subject to  
44 subsequent continuation of certification approval by the  
45 commission<sup>1</sup>.

46 b. Nothing in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
47 Legislature as this bill):

1       (1) <sup>2</sup>(a)<sup>2</sup> Requires an employer to amend or repeal, or affect,  
 2 restrict or preempt the rights and obligations of employers to  
 3 maintain a <sup>1</sup>[drug and alcohol free] drug- and alcohol-free<sup>1</sup>  
 4 workplace or require an employer to permit or accommodate the  
 5 use, consumption, being under the influence, possession, transfer,  
 6 display, transportation, sale, or growth of cannabis or cannabis  
 7 items in the workplace, or to affect the ability of employers to have  
 8 policies prohibiting <sup>1</sup>use of<sup>1</sup> cannabis <sup>1</sup>[use] items<sup>1</sup> or intoxication  
 9 by employees during work hours <sup>1</sup>[.]<sup>1</sup>

10       <sup>2</sup>(b) If any of the provisions set forth in this paragraph or  
 11 subsection a. of this section result in a provable adverse impact on  
 12 an employer subject to the requirements of a federal contract, then  
 13 the employer may revise their employee prohibitions consistent  
 14 with federal law, rules, and regulations;<sup>2</sup>

15       (2) Is intended to allow driving under the influence of cannabis  
 16 items or driving while impaired by cannabis items or to supersede  
 17 laws related to driving under the influence of marijuana or cannabis  
 18 items or driving while impaired by marijuana or cannabis items  
 19 <sup>1</sup>[.]<sup>1</sup>

20       (3) Is intended to permit the transfer of cannabis items, with or  
 21 without remuneration, to a person under <sup>2</sup>[the age of]<sup>2</sup> 21 <sup>2</sup>years of  
 22 age<sup>2</sup> or to allow a person under <sup>2</sup>[the age of]<sup>2</sup> 21 <sup>2</sup>years of age<sup>2</sup> to  
 23 purchase, possess, use, transport, grow, or consume cannabis items,  
 24 unless the person is under <sup>2</sup>[the age of]<sup>2</sup> 21 <sup>2</sup>years of age<sup>2</sup>, but at  
 25 least 18 years of age, and an employee of a cannabis establishment,  
 26 distributor, or delivery service acting in the person's employment  
 27 capacity <sup>1</sup>[.]<sup>1</sup>

28       (4) Shall, consistent with subsection c. of section <sup>1</sup>[44] <sup>2</sup>[45<sup>1</sup>]  
 29 46<sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 30 this bill), prohibit a person or entity that owns or controls a property  
 31 from prohibiting or otherwise regulating the consumption, use,  
 32 display, transfer, distribution, sale, or transportation of cannabis  
 33 items on or in that property, or portion thereof, including a hotel  
 34 property that is a casino hotel facility as defined in section 19 of  
 35 P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-19), a casino as defined in section 6 of  
 36 P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-6), or casino simulcasting facility  
 37 authorized pursuant to the "Casino Simulcasting Act," P.L.1992,  
 38 c.19 (C.5:12-191 et al.), provided that a person or entity that owns  
 39 or controls multifamily housing that is a multiple dwelling as  
 40 defined in section 3 of P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-3), <sup>1</sup>the structure  
 41 or specific units of the structure of a cooperative as defined in  
 42 section 3 of P.L.1987, c.381 (C.46:8D-3),<sup>1</sup> a unit of a condominium  
 43 as defined in section 3 of P.L.1969, c.257 (C.46:8B-3), or a site in a  
 44 mobile home park as defined in section 3 of P.L.1983, c.386  
 45 (C.40:55D-102), which site is leased to the owner of a  
 46 manufactured home, as defined in that section, that is installed  
 47 thereon, may only prohibit or otherwise regulate the smoking,

1 vaping, or aerosolizing, but not other consumption, of cannabis  
 2 items, and further provided that municipalities may not prohibit  
 3 delivery, possession, or consumption of cannabis items by a person  
 4 21 years of age or older as permitted by section <sup>1</sup>[44] <sup>2</sup>[45<sup>1</sup>] 46<sup>2</sup> of  
 5 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

6 <sup>1</sup>[.]<sub>;</sub><sup>1</sup>

7 (5) Is intended to permit any person to possess, consume, use,  
 8 display, transfer, distribute, sell, transport, or grow <sup>1</sup>or manufacture  
 9 cannabis or<sup>1</sup> cannabis items in a school, hospital, detention facility,  
 10 adult correctional facility, or youth <sup>2</sup>[correction] correctional<sup>2</sup>  
 11 facility <sup>1</sup>[.]<sub>;</sub><sup>1</sup>

12 (6) Is intended to permit the smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing of  
 13 cannabis items in any place that any other law prohibits the  
 14 smoking of tobacco, including N.J.S.2C:33-13 and the “New Jersey  
 15 Smoke-Free Air Act,” P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-55 et seq.). Except  
 16 as otherwise provided by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 17 Legislature as this bill), any fines or civil penalties that may be  
 18 assessed for the smoking of tobacco in designated places shall be  
 19 applicable to the smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing of cannabis  
 20 items.

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22 <sup>1</sup>[47.] <sup>2</sup>[48.<sup>1</sup>] 49.<sup>2</sup> (New section) Consuming, including by  
 23 smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing, any cannabis item available for  
 24 lawful consumption pursuant to the “New Jersey Cannabis  
 25 Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace  
 26 Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 27 Legislature as this bill), is prohibited in any area of any building of,  
 28 on the grounds of, or in any facility owned, leased, or controlled by,  
 29 any public or private institution of higher education or a related  
 30 entity thereof, regardless of whether the area or facility is an indoor  
 31 place or is outdoors. As used in this section “related entity”  
 32 includes, but is not limited to, the foundation, auxiliary services  
 33 corporation, or alumni association, or any subsidiary thereof, of an  
 34 institution of higher <sup>2</sup>[learning] education<sup>2</sup>. Any penalties that  
 35 may be assessed for the smoking of tobacco where prohibited under  
 36 the “New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act,” P.L.2005, c.383 (C.26:3D-  
 37 55 et seq.), shall be applicable to the consumption of cannabis items  
 38 where prohibited by this section.

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40 <sup>1</sup>[48.] <sup>2</sup>[49.<sup>1</sup>] 50.<sup>2</sup> (New section) Lawful Operation of  
 41 Cannabis Establishments, Distributors, and Delivery Services.

42 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following acts  
 43 are not unlawful and shall not be a criminal offense or a basis for  
 44 seizure or forfeiture of assets under N.J.S.2C:64-1 et seq. or other  
 45 applicable law, provided the acts are undertaken by a person 21  
 46 years of age or older while acting within the scope of authority  
 47 provided by a license, or are undertaken by a person 18 years of age

1 or older while acting within the scope of authority as an employee  
 2 of a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
 3 service, or provided by a cannabis handler certification issued  
 4 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 5 this bill) and are consistent with the relevant definitions set forth in  
 6 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 7 this bill):

8 a. manufacturing, possessing, or purchasing cannabis  
 9 paraphernalia or the sale of cannabis paraphernalia to a person who  
 10 is 21 years of age or older;

11 b. possessing, displaying, transporting, or delivering cannabis  
 12 items; purchasing cannabis <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup> from a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[cultivation**  
 13 **facility]** cultivator<sup>1</sup>; purchasing cannabis items from a cannabis  
 14 <sup>1</sup>**[product manufacturing facility]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>or wholesaler<sup>2</sup> ;  
 15 or selling cannabis items to consumers, if the person conducting the  
 16 activities described in this subsection has obtained a current, valid  
 17 license to operate as a cannabis retailer or is acting in his capacity  
 18 as an owner, employee, or agent of a licensed cannabis retailer;

19 c. cultivating, harvesting, <sup>2</sup>**[processing,]**<sup>2</sup> packaging,  
 20 transporting, displaying, or possessing cannabis; delivering or  
 21 transferring cannabis <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup> to a cannabis testing facility; selling  
 22 cannabis <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup> to a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[cultivation facility]** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, a  
 23 cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[product manufacturing facility]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>a  
 24 cannabis wholesaler<sup>1</sup>, or a cannabis retailer; or purchasing cannabis  
 25 <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup> from a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[cultivation facility]** cultivator<sup>1</sup>, if the  
 26 person conducting the activities described in this subsection has  
 27 obtained a current, valid license to operate <sup>1</sup>as<sup>1</sup> a cannabis  
 28 <sup>1</sup>**[cultivation facility]** cultivator<sup>1</sup> or is acting in his capacity as an  
 29 owner, employee, or agent of a licensed cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[cultivation**  
 30 **facility]** cultivator<sup>1</sup>;

31 d. packaging, <sup>1</sup>**[processing]** manufacturing<sup>1</sup>, transporting,  
 32 <sup>1</sup>**[manufacturing]**<sup>1</sup>, displaying, or possessing cannabis items;  
 33 <sup>2</sup>**[delivering]** transporting<sup>2</sup> or transferring cannabis items to a  
 34 cannabis testing facility; selling cannabis items to a cannabis  
 35 retailer or a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[product manufacturing facility]**  
 36 manufacturer<sup>1</sup>; purchasing cannabis <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup> from a cannabis  
 37 <sup>1</sup>**[cultivation facility]** cultivator<sup>1</sup>; or purchasing cannabis items  
 38 from a cannabis <sup>1</sup>**[product manufacturing facility]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>, if  
 39 the person conducting the activities described in this subsection has  
 40 obtained a current, valid license to operate <sup>1</sup>as<sup>1</sup> a cannabis  
 41 <sup>1</sup>**[product manufacturing facility]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup> or is acting in his  
 42 capacity as an owner, employee, or agent of a licensed cannabis  
 43 <sup>1</sup>**[product manufacturing facility]** manufacturer<sup>1</sup>;

44 e. possessing, cultivating, <sup>1</sup>**[processing]** manufacturing<sup>1</sup>,  
 45 repackaging, storing, transporting, displaying, <sup>2</sup>or<sup>2</sup> transferring <sup>2</sup>**[**  
 46 or delivering<sup>2</sup> cannabis items if the person has obtained a current,

1 valid license to operate a cannabis testing facility or is acting in his  
2 capacity as an owner, employee, or agent of a licensed cannabis  
3 testing facility; and

4 f. leasing or otherwise allowing the use of property owned,  
5 occupied, or controlled by any person, corporation, or other entity  
6 for any of the activities conducted lawfully in accordance with  
7 subsections a. through e. of this section.

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9 <sup>1</sup>[49.] <sup>2</sup>[50.<sup>1</sup>] 51.<sup>2</sup> (New section) Contract Enforceability.

10 No contract shall be unenforceable on the basis that  
11 manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing, or using any  
12 cannabis item or marijuana is prohibited by federal law. No contract  
13 entered into by a licensee, its employees, or its agents as permitted  
14 pursuant to a valid license issued by the commission, or by those  
15 who allow property to be used by a licensee, its employees, or its  
16 agents as permitted pursuant to a valid license issued by the  
17 commission, shall be deemed unenforceable on the basis that the  
18 actions or conduct permitted pursuant to the license are prohibited  
19 by federal law.

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21 <sup>1</sup>[50.] <sup>2</sup>[51.<sup>1</sup>] 52.<sup>2</sup> (New section) Federal and Interstate  
22 Relations.

23 a. Law enforcement agencies in this State shall not cooperate  
24 with or provide assistance to the government of the United States or  
25 any agency thereof in enforcing the “Controlled Substances Act,”  
26 21 U.S.C. 801 et seq., solely for actions consistent with P.L. ,  
27 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), except  
28 pursuant to a valid court order.

29 b. No agency or subdivision of an agency of this State may  
30 refuse to perform any duty under P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
31 before the Legislature as this bill) on the basis that manufacturing,  
32 transporting, distributing, dispensing, delivering, possessing, or  
33 using any cannabis item or marijuana is prohibited by federal law.

34 c. The commission may not revoke or refuse to issue or renew  
35 a license or certification pursuant to section 20, 22, 23, 24, 25,  
36 <sup>2</sup>[or]<sup>2</sup> 26 <sup>2</sup>,or 27<sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
37 Legislature as this bill) on the basis that manufacturing,  
38 transporting, distributing, dispensing, delivering, possessing, or  
39 using any cannabis item or marijuana is prohibited by federal law.

40 d. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the  
41 authority of an agency or subdivision of any agency of this State to  
42 cooperate with or assist the government of the United States or any  
43 agency thereof, or the government of another state or agency  
44 thereof, in matters pertaining to illegal interstate trafficking of  
45 marijuana, hashish, <sup>2</sup>cannabis,<sup>2</sup> or cannabis items.

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47 <sup>1</sup>[51.] <sup>2</sup>[52.<sup>1</sup>] 53.<sup>2</sup> (New section) Limitations.

The provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) concerning the development, regulation, and enforcement of activities associated with personal use cannabis, as well as acts involving personal use cannabis or cannabis <sup>2</sup>**[resin] items<sup>2</sup>**, shall not be construed:

a. To amend or affect in any way any State or federal law pertaining to employment matters;

b. To amend or affect in any way any State or federal law pertaining to landlord-tenant matters;

c. To prohibit a recipient of a federal grant or an applicant for a federal grant from prohibiting the manufacture, transportation, delivery, possession, or use of cannabis items to the extent necessary to satisfy federal requirements for the grant;

d. To prohibit a party to a federal contract or a person applying to be a party to a federal contract from prohibiting the manufacture, transport, distribution, delivery, possession, or use of cannabis items to the extent necessary to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract or to satisfy federal requirements for the contract;

e. To require a person to violate a federal law; or

f. To exempt a person from a federal law or obstruct the enforcement of a federal law.

<sup>1</sup>**[52.]** <sup>2</sup>**[53.1]** <sup>2</sup>**54.** N.J.S.2C:35-2 is amended to read as follows:

2C:35-2. As used in this chapter:

"Administer" means the direct application of a controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by: (1) a practitioner <sup>2</sup>**[(1),<sup>2</sup>** or, in his presence, by his lawfully authorized agent <sup>2</sup>**[(1)]<sup>2</sup>**, or (2) the patient or research subject at the lawful direction and in the presence of the practitioner.

"Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser but does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman, or employee thereof.

"Controlled dangerous substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules I through V, marijuana and hashish as defined in this section, any substance the distribution of which is specifically prohibited in N.J.S.2C:35-3, in section 3 of P.L.1997, c.194 (C.2C:35-5.2), in section 5 of P.L.1997, c.194 (C.2C:35-5.3), in section 2 of P.L.2011, c.120 (C.2C:35-5.3a), or in section 2 of P.L.2013, c.35 (C.2C:35-5.3b), and any drug or substance which, when ingested, is metabolized or otherwise becomes a controlled dangerous substance in the human body. When any statute refers to controlled dangerous substances, or to a specific controlled dangerous substance, it shall also be deemed to

1 refer to any drug or substance which, when ingested, is metabolized  
2 or otherwise becomes a controlled dangerous substance or the  
3 specific controlled dangerous substance, and to any substance that  
4 is an immediate precursor of a controlled dangerous substance or  
5 the specific controlled dangerous substance. The term shall not  
6 include distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, as those terms are  
7 defined or used in R.S.33:1-1 et seq., **[or]** tobacco and tobacco  
8 products, or cannabis <sup>2</sup>**[or]** and<sup>2</sup> cannabis <sup>2</sup>**[resin]**<sup>2</sup> as defined in  
9 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
10 this bill). The term, wherever it appears in any law or  
11 administrative regulation of this State, shall include controlled  
12 substance analogs.

13 "Controlled substance analog" means a substance that has a  
14 chemical structure substantially similar to that of a controlled  
15 dangerous substance and that was specifically designed to produce  
16 an effect substantially similar to that of a controlled dangerous  
17 substance. The term shall not include a substance manufactured or  
18 distributed in conformance with the provisions of an approved new  
19 drug application or an exemption for investigational use within the  
20 meaning of section 505 of the "Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic  
21 Act," 52 Stat. 1052 (21 U.S.C. s.355).

22 "Counterfeit substance" means a controlled dangerous substance  
23 or controlled substance analog which, or the container or labeling of  
24 which, without authorization, bears the trademark, trade name, or  
25 other identifying mark, imprint, number, or device, or any likeness  
26 thereof, of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser other than the  
27 person or persons who in fact manufactured, distributed, or  
28 dispensed the substance and which thereby falsely purports or is  
29 represented to be the product of, or to have been distributed by,  
30 such other manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser.

31 "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or  
32 attempted transfer from one person to another of a controlled  
33 dangerous substance or controlled substance analog, whether or not  
34 there is an agency relationship.

35 "Dispense" means to deliver a controlled dangerous substance or  
36 controlled substance analog to an ultimate user or research subject  
37 by or pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, including the  
38 prescribing, administering, packaging, labeling, or compounding  
39 necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery. "Dispenser"  
40 means a practitioner who dispenses.

41 "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or  
42 dispensing a controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance  
43 analog. "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

44 "Drugs" means <sup>2</sup>**[(a)] (1)**<sup>2</sup> substances recognized in the official  
45 United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia  
46 of the United States, or official National Formulary, or any  
47 supplement to any of them; and <sup>2</sup>**[(b)] (2)**<sup>2</sup> substances intended for  
48 use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of

1 disease in man or other animals; and <sup>2</sup>[(c)] (3)<sup>2</sup> substances <sup>2</sup>[( ] ,<sup>2</sup>  
 2 other than food <sup>2</sup>[( )] ,<sup>2</sup> intended to affect the structure or any  
 3 function of the body of man or other animals; and <sup>2</sup>[(d)] (4)<sup>2</sup>  
 4 substances intended for use as a component of any <sup>2</sup>[article]  
 5 substance<sup>2</sup> specified in <sup>2</sup>[subsections] (a)] (1)<sup>2</sup> , <sup>2</sup>[(b)] (2)<sup>2</sup> , and  
 6 <sup>2</sup>[(c)] (3)<sup>2</sup> of this <sup>2</sup>[section] definition<sup>2</sup>; but does not include  
 7 devices or their components, parts, or accessories. <sup>2</sup>The term  
 8 “drug” also does not include: hemp and hemp products cultivated,  
 9 handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the "New Jersey  
 10 Hemp Farming Act," P.L.2019, c.238 (C.4:28-6 et al.); cannabis as  
 11 defined in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 12 Legislature as this bill) which is cultivated and produced for use in  
 13 a cannabis item, as defined in that section, in accordance with the  
 14 “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
 15 Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
 16 before the Legislature as this bill); and cannabis resin as defined in  
 17 that section 3 (C. ) which is extracted for use in a cannabis  
 18 item, as defined in that section, in accordance with that act.<sup>2</sup>

19 "Drug or alcohol dependent person" means a person who as a  
 20 result of using a controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
 21 substance analog or alcohol has been in a state of psychic or  
 22 physical dependence, or both, arising from the use of that controlled  
 23 dangerous substance or controlled substance analog or alcohol on a  
 24 continuous or repetitive basis. Drug or alcohol dependence is  
 25 characterized by behavioral and other responses, including but not  
 26 limited to a strong compulsion to take the substance on a recurring  
 27 basis in order to experience its psychic effects, or to avoid the  
 28 discomfort of its absence.

29 "Hashish" means the resin extracted from any part of the plant  
 30 **[Genus]** Cannabis sativa L. and any compound, manufacture, salt,  
 31 derivative, mixture, or preparation of such resin. "Hashish" shall  
 32 not mean: hemp <sup>2</sup>[or a] and<sup>2</sup> hemp <sup>2</sup>[product] products<sup>2</sup> cultivated,  
 33 handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the "New  
 34 Jersey Hemp Farming Act," P.L.2019, c.238 (C.4:28-6 et al.); or  
 35 cannabis resin as defined in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
 36 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) which is extracted for  
 37 use in a cannabis item, as defined in that section, in accordance with  
 38 the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
 39 Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
 40 before the Legislature as this bill).

41 "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation,  
 42 compounding, conversion, or processing of a controlled dangerous  
 43 substance or controlled substance analog, either directly or by  
 44 extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by  
 45 means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and  
 46 chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of  
 47 the substance or labeling or relabeling of its container, except that



1 this term does not include the preparation or compounding of a  
 2 controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog by  
 3 an individual for his own use or the preparation, compounding,  
 4 packaging, or labeling of a controlled dangerous substance: (1) by  
 5 a practitioner as an incident to his administering or dispensing of a  
 6 controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog in  
 7 the course of his professional practice, or (2) by a practitioner  
 8 <sup>2</sup>[(<sup>2</sup> or under his supervision<sup>2</sup>)]<sup>2</sup> for the purpose of, or as an  
 9 incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for  
 10 sale.

11 "Marijuana" means all parts of the plant [Genus] Cannabis  
 12 sativa L., whether growing or not; the seeds thereof, and every  
 13 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of  
 14 the plant or its seeds, except those containing resin extracted from  
 15 the plant [; but shall not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber  
 16 produced from the stalks, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the  
 17 plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture,  
 18 or preparation of mature stalks, fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized  
 19 seed of the plant which is incapable of germination]. "Marijuana"  
 20 shall not mean: hemp <sup>2</sup>[or a] and<sup>2</sup> hemp <sup>2</sup>[product] products<sup>2</sup>  
 21 cultivated, handled, processed, transported, or sold pursuant to the  
 22 "New Jersey Hemp Farming Act," P.L.2019, c.238 (C.4:28-6 et al.);  
 23 or cannabis as defined in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
 24 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) which is cultivated and  
 25 <sup>2</sup>[processed] produced<sup>2</sup> for use in a cannabis item, as defined in  
 26 that section, in accordance with the "New Jersey Cannabis  
 27 Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace  
 28 Modernization Act," P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 29 Legislature as this bill).

30 "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced  
 31 directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable  
 32 origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a  
 33 combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:

34 <sup>2</sup>[(a)] (1)<sup>2</sup> Opium, coca leaves, and opiates;

35 <sup>2</sup>[(b)] (2)<sup>2</sup> A compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, or  
 36 preparation of opium, coca leaves, or opiates;

37 <sup>2</sup>[(c)] (3)<sup>2</sup> A substance <sup>2</sup>[(<sup>2</sup> and any compound, manufacture,  
 38 salt, derivative, or preparation thereof <sup>2</sup>)]<sup>2</sup> which is chemically  
 39 identical with any of the substances referred to in <sup>2</sup>[subsections (a)]  
 40 (1)<sup>2</sup> and <sup>2</sup>[(b)] (3) of this definition<sup>2</sup>, except that the words  
 41 "narcotic drug" as used in this act shall not include decocainized  
 42 coca leaves or extracts of coca leaves, which extracts do not contain  
 43 cocaine or ecogine.

44 "Opiate" means any dangerous substance having an addiction-  
 45 forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or  
 46 being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction-  
 47 forming or addiction-sustaining liability. It does not include, unless

1 specifically designated as controlled pursuant to the provisions of  
2 section 3 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-3), the dextrorotatory isomer  
3 of 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan and its salts (dextromethorphan).  
4 It does include its racemic and levorotatory forms.

5 "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver*  
6 *somniferum* L., except the seeds thereof.

7 "Person" means any corporation, association, partnership, trust,  
8 other institution or entity, or one or more individuals.

9 "Plant" means an organism having leaves and a readily  
10 observable root formation, including, but not limited to, a cutting  
11 having roots, a rootball or root hairs.

12 "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium  
13 poppy, after mowing.

14 "Practitioner" means a physician, dentist, veterinarian, scientific  
15 investigator, laboratory, pharmacy, hospital, or other person  
16 licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense,  
17 conduct research with respect to, or administer a controlled  
18 dangerous substance or controlled substance analog in the course of  
19 professional practice or research in this State. <sup>2</sup>As used in this  
20 definition:<sup>2</sup>

21 <sup>2</sup>**[(a)] (1)**<sup>2</sup> "Physician" means a physician authorized by law to  
22 practice medicine in this or any other state and any other person  
23 authorized by law to treat sick and injured human beings in this or  
24 any other state.

25 <sup>2</sup>**[(b)] (2)**<sup>2</sup> "Veterinarian" means a veterinarian authorized by  
26 law to practice veterinary medicine in this State.

27 <sup>2</sup>**[(c)] (3)**<sup>2</sup> "Dentist" means a dentist authorized by law to  
28 practice dentistry in this State.

29 <sup>2</sup>**[(d)] (4)**<sup>2</sup> "Hospital" means any federal institution, or any  
30 institution for the care and treatment of the sick and injured,  
31 operated or approved by the appropriate State department as proper  
32 to be entrusted with the custody and professional use of controlled  
33 dangerous substances or controlled substance analogs.

34 <sup>2</sup>**[(e)] (5)**<sup>2</sup> "Laboratory" means a laboratory to be entrusted with  
35 the custody of narcotic drugs and the use of controlled dangerous  
36 substances or controlled substance analogs for scientific,  
37 experimental, and medical purposes and for purposes of instruction  
38 approved by the Department of Health.

39 "Production" includes the manufacture, planting, cultivation,  
40 growing, or harvesting of a controlled dangerous substance or  
41 controlled substance analog.

42 "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the Division of  
43 Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety has  
44 found to be and by regulation designates as being the principal  
45 compound commonly used or produced primarily for use, and  
46 which is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be  
47 used in the manufacture of a controlled dangerous substance or

1 controlled substance analog, the control of which is necessary to  
2 prevent, curtail, or limit such manufacture.

3 "Residential treatment facility" means any facility licensed and  
4 approved by the Department of Human Services and which is  
5 approved by any county probation department for the inpatient  
6 treatment and rehabilitation of drug or alcohol dependent persons.

7 "Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V" are the schedules set forth in  
8 sections 5 through 8 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-5 through 24:21-  
9 8) and in section 4 of P.L.1971, c.3 (C.24:21-8.1) and as modified  
10 by any regulations issued by the Director of the Division of  
11 Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety  
12 pursuant to the director's authority as provided in section 3 of  
13 P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-3).

14 "State" means the State of New Jersey.

15 "Ultimate user" means a person who lawfully possesses a  
16 controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog for  
17 his own use or for the use of a member of his household or for  
18 administration to an animal owned by him or by a member of his  
19 household.

20 "Prescription legend drug" means any drug which under federal  
21 or State law requires dispensing by prescription or order of a  
22 licensed physician, veterinarian, or dentist and is required to bear  
23 the statement "Rx only" or similar wording indicating that such  
24 drug may be sold or dispensed only upon the prescription of a  
25 licensed medical practitioner and is not a controlled dangerous  
26 substance or stramonium preparation.

27 "Stramonium preparation" means a substance prepared from any  
28 part of the stramonium plant in the form of a powder, pipe mixture,  
29 cigarette, or any other form with or without other ingredients.

30 "Stramonium plant" means the plant *Datura Stramonium* Linne,  
31 including *Datura Tatula* Linne.

32 (cf: P.L.2019, c.238, s.10)

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34 <sup>2</sup>55. N.J.S.2C:35-5 is amended to read as follows:

35 2C:35-5. Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing. a. Except  
36 as authorized by P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-1 et seq.), it shall be  
37 unlawful for any person knowingly or purposely:

38 (1) To manufacture, distribute or dispense, or to possess or have  
39 under his control with intent to manufacture, distribute or dispense,  
40 a controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog; or

41 (2) To create, distribute, or possess or have under his control  
42 with intent to distribute, a counterfeit controlled dangerous  
43 substance.

44 b. Any person who violates subsection a. with respect to:

45 (1) Heroin, or its analog, or coca leaves and any salt, compound,  
46 derivative, or preparation of coca leaves, and any salt, compound,  
47 derivative, or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or  
48 identical with any of these substances, or analogs, except that the

1 substances shall not include decocainized coca leaves or extractions  
2 which do not contain cocaine or ecogine, or 3,4-  
3 methylenedioxyamphetamine or 3,4-  
4 methylenedioxyamphetamine, in a quantity of five ounces or more  
5 including any adulterants or dilutants is guilty of a crime of the first  
6 degree. The defendant shall, except as provided in N.J.S.2C:35-12,  
7 be sentenced to a term of imprisonment by the court. The term of  
8 imprisonment shall include the imposition of a minimum term  
9 which shall be fixed at, or between, one-third and one-half of the  
10 sentence imposed, during which the defendant shall be ineligible for  
11 parole. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of  
12 N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to **【\$500,000.00】** \$500,000 may be  
13 imposed;

14 (2) A substance referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection,  
15 in a quantity of one-half ounce or more but less than five ounces,  
16 including any adulterants or dilutants is guilty of a crime of the  
17 second degree;

18 (3) A substance referred to paragraph (1) of this subsection in a  
19 quantity less than one-half ounce including any adulterants or  
20 dilutants is guilty of a crime of the third degree except that,  
21 notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a  
22 fine of up to **【\$75,000.00】** \$75,000 may be imposed;

23 (4) A substance classified as a narcotic drug in Schedule I or II  
24 other than those specifically covered in this section, or the analog of  
25 any such substance, in a quantity of one ounce or more including  
26 any adulterants or dilutants is guilty of a crime of the second  
27 degree;

28 (5) A substance classified as a narcotic drug in Schedule I or II  
29 other than those specifically covered in this section, or the analog of  
30 any such substance, in a quantity of less than one ounce including  
31 any adulterants or dilutants is guilty of a crime of the third degree  
32 except that, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of  
33 N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to **【\$75,000.00】** \$75,000 may be  
34 imposed;

35 (6) Lysergic acid diethylamide, or its analog, in a quantity of  
36 100 milligrams or more including any adulterants or dilutants, or  
37 phencyclidine, or its analog, in a quantity of 10 grams or more  
38 including any adulterants or dilutants, is guilty of a crime of the  
39 first degree. Except as provided in N.J.S.2C:35-12, the court shall  
40 impose a term of imprisonment which shall include the imposition  
41 of a minimum term, fixed at, or between, one-third and one-half of  
42 the sentence imposed by the court, during which the defendant shall  
43 be ineligible for parole. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
44 subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to **【\$500,000.00】**  
45 \$500,000 may be imposed;

46 (7) Lysergic acid diethylamide, or its analog, in a quantity of  
47 less than 100 milligrams including any adulterants or dilutants, or  
48 where the amount is undetermined, or phencyclidine, or its analog,

1 in a quantity of less than 10 grams including any adulterants or  
2 dilutants, or where the amount is undetermined, is guilty of a crime  
3 of the second degree;

4 (8) Methamphetamine, or its analog, or phenyl-2-propanone  
5 (P2P), in a quantity of five ounces or more including any  
6 adulterants or dilutants is guilty of a crime of the first degree.  
7 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a  
8 fine of up to **[\$300,000.00]** \$300,000 may be imposed;

9 (9) (a) Methamphetamine, or its analog, or phenyl-2-propanone  
10 (P2P), in a quantity of one-half ounce or more but less than five  
11 ounces including any adulterants or dilutants is guilty of a crime of  
12 the second degree;

13 (b) Methamphetamine, or its analog, or phenyl-2-propanone  
14 (P2P), in a quantity of less than one-half ounce including any  
15 adulterants or dilutants is guilty of a crime of the third degree  
16 except that notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of  
17 N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to **[\$75,000.00]** \$75,000 may be  
18 imposed;

19 (10) (a) Marijuana in a quantity of 25 pounds or more  
20 including any adulterants or dilutants, or 50 or more marijuana  
21 plants, regardless of weight, or hashish in a quantity of five pounds  
22 or more including any adulterants or dilutants, is guilty of a crime  
23 of the first degree. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a.  
24 of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to **[\$300,000.00]** \$300,000 may be  
25 imposed;

26 (b) Marijuana in a quantity of five pounds or more but less than  
27 25 pounds including any adulterants or dilutants, or 10 or more but  
28 fewer than 50 marijuana plants, regardless of weight, or hashish in a  
29 quantity of one pound or more but less than five pounds, including  
30 any adulterants and dilutants, is guilty of a crime of the second  
31 degree;

32 (11) **[Marijuana]** (a) Prior to the effective date of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
33 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), marijuana  
34 in a quantity of one ounce or more but less than five pounds  
35 including any adulterants or dilutants, or hashish in a quantity of  
36 five grams or more but less than one pound including any  
37 adulterants or dilutants, is guilty of a crime of the third degree  
38 except that, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of  
39 N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to **[\$25,000.00]** \$25,000 may be  
40 imposed;

41 (b) On and after the effective date of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_)  
42 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), marijuana in a quantity  
43 of more than one ounce but less than five pounds including any  
44 adulterants or dilutants, or hashish in a quantity of more than five  
45 grams but less than one pound including any adulterants or  
46 dilutants, is guilty of a crime of the third degree except that,  
47 notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a  
48 fine of up to \$25,000 may be imposed;

1 (12) **【Marijuana】** (a) Prior to the effective date of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
2 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), marijuana  
3 in a quantity of less than one ounce including any adulterants or  
4 dilutants, or hashish in a quantity of less than five grams including  
5 any adulterants or dilutants, is guilty of a crime of the fourth  
6 degree;

7 (b) On and after the effective date of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_)  
8 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), marijuana in a quantity  
9 of one ounce or less including any adulterants or dilutants, or  
10 hashish in a quantity of five grams or less including any adulterants  
11 or dilutants, is, for a first offense, subject to a written warning,  
12 which also indicates that any subsequent violation is a crime  
13 punishable by a term of imprisonment, a fine, or both, and for a  
14 second or subsequent offense, is guilty of a crime of the fourth  
15 degree;

16 (i) The odor of marijuana or hashish, or burnt marijuana or  
17 hashish, shall not constitute reasonable articulable suspicion to  
18 initiate a search of a person to determine a violation of  
19 subparagraph (b) of paragraph (12) of this subsection. A person  
20 who violates this subparagraph shall not be subject to arrest,  
21 detention, or otherwise be taken into custody, unless the person is  
22 being arrested, detained, or otherwise taken into custody for also  
23 committing another violation of law for which that action is legally  
24 permitted or required;

25 (ii) A person shall not be deprived of any legal or civil right,  
26 privilege, benefit, or opportunity provided pursuant to any law  
27 solely by reason of committing a violation of subparagraph (b) of  
28 paragraph (12) of this subsection, nor shall committing one or more  
29 violations modify any legal or civil right, privilege, benefit, or  
30 opportunity provided pursuant to any law, including, but not limited  
31 to, the granting, renewal, forfeiture, or denial of a license, permit,  
32 or certification, qualification for and the receipt, alteration,  
33 continuation, or denial of any form of financial assistance, housing  
34 assistance, or other social services, rights of or custody by a  
35 biological parent, or adoptive or foster parent, or other legal  
36 guardian of a child or newborn infant, or pregnant woman, in any  
37 action or proceeding by the Division of Child Protection and  
38 Permanency in the Department of Children and Families, or  
39 qualification, approval, or disapproval to serve as a foster parent or  
40 other legal guardian;

41 (iii) All local and county law enforcement authorities shall,  
42 following the submission process used for the uniform crime  
43 reporting system established by P.L.1966, c.37 (C.52:17B-  
44 5.1 et seq.), submit a quarterly report to the Uniform Crime  
45 Reporting Unit, within the Division of State Police in the  
46 Department of Law and Public Safety, or to another designated  
47 recipient determined by the Attorney General, containing the  
48 number of violations of subparagraph (b) of paragraph (12) of this

1 subsection committed within their respective jurisdictions, plus the  
2 race, ethnicity, gender, and age of each person committing a  
3 violation, and the disposition of each person's violation. These  
4 violations and associated information, along with a quarterly  
5 summary of violations investigated, and associated information  
6 collected, by the Division of State Police for the same period shall  
7 be summarized by county and municipality in an annual report, and  
8 both quarterly summaries and annual reports shall be made  
9 available at no cost to the public on the Division of State Police's  
10 Internet website;

11 (13) Any other controlled dangerous substance classified in  
12 Schedule I, II, III or IV, or its analog, is guilty of a crime of the  
13 third degree, except that, notwithstanding the provisions of  
14 subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to **【\$25,000.00】**  
15 \$25,000 may be imposed; or

16 (14) Any Schedule V substance, or its analog, is guilty of a  
17 crime of the fourth degree except that, notwithstanding the  
18 provisions of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to  
19 **【\$25,000.00】** \$25,000 may be imposed.

20 c. Where the degree of the offense for violation of this section  
21 depends on the quantity of the substance, the quantity involved  
22 shall be determined by the trier of fact, other than with respect to a  
23 first violation of subparagraph (b) of paragraph (12) of subsection  
24 b. of this section which is subject to a written warning as set forth in  
25 that subparagraph. Where the indictment or accusation so provides,  
26 the quantity involved in individual acts of manufacturing,  
27 distribution, dispensing or possessing with intent to distribute may  
28 be aggregated in determining the grade of the offense, whether  
29 distribution or dispensing is to the same person or several persons,  
30 provided that each individual act of manufacturing, distribution,  
31 dispensing or possession with intent to distribute was committed  
32 within the applicable statute of limitations.<sup>2</sup>

33 (cf: P.L.2000, c.136, s.1)

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35 <sup>2</sup>56. N.J.S.2C:35-10 is amended to read as follows:

36 2C:35-10. Possession, Use or Being Under the Influence, or  
37 Failure to Make Lawful Disposition.

38 a. It is unlawful for any person, knowingly or purposely, to  
39 obtain, or to possess, actually or constructively, a controlled  
40 dangerous substance or controlled substance analog, unless the  
41 substance was obtained directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription  
42 or order form from a practitioner, while acting in the course of his  
43 professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by  
44 P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-1 et seq.). Any person who violates this  
45 section with respect to:

46 (1) A controlled dangerous substance, or its analog, classified in  
47 Schedule I, II, III or IV other than those specifically covered in this  
48 section, is guilty of a crime of the third degree except that,

1 notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a  
2 fine of up to **【\$35,000.00】** \$35,000 may be imposed;

3 (2) Any controlled dangerous substance, or its analog, classified  
4 in Schedule V, is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree except that,  
5 notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a  
6 fine of up to **【\$15,000.00】** \$15,000 may be imposed;

7 (3) **【Possession】** (a) Prior to the effective date of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
8 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
9 possession of more than 50 grams of marijuana, including any  
10 adulterants or dilutants, or more than five grams of hashish is guilty  
11 of a crime of the fourth degree, except that, notwithstanding the  
12 provisions of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to  
13 **【\$25,000.00】** \$25,000 may be imposed; **【or】**

14 (b) On and after to the effective date of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_)  
15 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), possession of more  
16 than six ounces of marijuana, including any adulterants or dilutants,  
17 or more than 17 grams of hashish is guilty of a crime of the fourth  
18 degree, except that, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b.  
19 of N.J.S.2C:43-3, a fine of up to \$25,000 may be imposed;

20 (i) The odor of marijuana or hashish, or burnt marijuana or  
21 hashish, shall not constitute reasonable articulable suspicion to  
22 initiate a search of a person to determine a violation of  
23 subparagraph (b) of paragraph (3) of this subsection. A person  
24 who violates this paragraph shall not be subject to arrest, detention,  
25 or otherwise be taken into custody, unless the person is being  
26 arrested, detained, or otherwise taken into custody for also  
27 committing another violation of law for which that action is legally  
28 permitted or required;

29 (ii) A person shall not be deprived of any legal or civil right,  
30 privilege, benefit, or opportunity provided pursuant to any law  
31 solely by reason of committing a violation of subparagraph (b) of  
32 paragraph (3) of this subsection, nor shall committing one or more  
33 violations modify any legal or civil right, privilege, benefit, or  
34 opportunity provided pursuant to any law, including, but not limited  
35 to, the granting, renewal, forfeiture, or denial of a license, permit,  
36 or certification, qualification for and the receipt, alteration,  
37 continuation, or denial of any form of financial assistance, housing  
38 assistance, or other social services, rights of or custody by a  
39 biological parent, or adoptive or foster parent, or other legal  
40 guardian of a child or newborn infant, or pregnant woman, in any  
41 action or proceeding by the Division of Child Protection and  
42 Permanency in the Department of Children and Families, or  
43 qualification, approval, or disapproval to serve as a foster parent or  
44 other legal guardian;

45 (iii) All local and county law enforcement authorities shall,  
46 following the submission process used for the uniform crime  
47 reporting system established by P.L.1966, c.37 (C.52:17B-  
48 5.1 et seq.), submit a quarterly report to the Uniform Crime



1 Reporting Unit, within the Division of State Police in the  
2 Department of Law and Public Safety, or to another designated  
3 recipient determined by the Attorney General, containing the  
4 number of violations of subparagraph (b) of paragraph (3) of this  
5 subsection committed within their respective jurisdictions, plus the  
6 race, ethnicity, gender, and age of each person committing a  
7 violation, and the disposition of each person's violation. These  
8 violations and associated information, along with a quarterly  
9 summary of violations investigated, and associated information  
10 collected, by the Division of State Police for the same period shall  
11 be summarized by county and municipality in an annual report, and  
12 both quarterly summaries and annual reports shall be made  
13 available at no cost to the public on the Division of State Police's  
14 Internet website; or

15 (4) <sup>1</sup>**【Possession】** (a) Prior to the effective date of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
16 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
17 possession of 50 grams or less of marijuana, including any  
18 adulterants or dilutants, or five grams or less of hashish is a  
19 disorderly person;

20 (b) On and after the effective date of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_)  
21 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), possession of six  
22 ounces or less of marijuana, including any adulterants or dilutants,  
23 or 17 grams or less of hashish is not subject to any punishment, as  
24 this possession is not a crime, offense, act of delinquency, or civil  
25 violation of law;

26 Any person who commits any offense **【defined in】** set forth in  
27 paragraphs (1) through (3) of this 【section】 subsection while on any  
28 property used for school purposes which is owned by or leased to  
29 any elementary or secondary school or school board, or within  
30 1,000 feet of any such school property or a school bus, or while on  
31 any school bus, and who is not sentenced to a term of  
32 imprisonment, shall, in addition to any other sentence which the  
33 court may impose, be required to perform not less than 100 hours of  
34 community service.

35 b. (1) Any person who uses or who is under the influence of  
36 any controlled dangerous substance, or its analog, not including  
37 marijuana or hashish, for a purpose other than the treatment of  
38 sickness or injury as lawfully prescribed or administered by a  
39 physician is a disorderly person.

40 In a prosecution under this subsection, it shall not be necessary  
41 for the State to prove that the accused did use or was under the  
42 influence of any specific, prohibited drug, but it shall be sufficient  
43 for a conviction under this subsection for the State to prove that the  
44 accused did use or was under the influence of some prohibited  
45 controlled dangerous substance, counterfeit controlled dangerous  
46 substance, or controlled substance analog, by proving that the  
47 accused did manifest physical and physiological symptoms or

1 reactions caused by the use of any prohibited controlled dangerous  
2 substance or controlled substance analog.

3 (2) Notwithstanding that using or being under the influence of  
4 marijuana or hashish is not a punishable crime, offense, act of  
5 delinquency, or civil violation pursuant to this subsection, the  
6 smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing of marijuana or hashish may be  
7 prohibited or otherwise regulated on or in any property by the  
8 person or entity that owns or controls that property, including  
9 multifamily housing that is a multiple dwelling as defined in section  
10 3 of P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-3), the structure or specific units of  
11 the structure of a cooperative as defined in section 3 of P.L.1987,  
12 c.381 (C.46:8D-3), the units of a condominium, as those terms are  
13 defined by section 3 of P.L.1969, c.257 (C.46:8B-3), or a site in a  
14 mobile home park as defined in section 3 of P.L.1983, c.386  
15 (C.40:55D-102), which site is leased to the owner of a  
16 manufactured home, as defined in that section, that is installed  
17 thereon.

18 c. Any person who knowingly obtains or possesses a controlled  
19 dangerous substance or controlled substance analog in violation of  
20 paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection a. of this section and who fails to  
21 voluntarily deliver the substance to the nearest law enforcement  
22 officer is guilty of a disorderly persons offense. Nothing in this  
23 subsection shall be construed to preclude a prosecution or  
24 conviction for any other offense defined in this title or any other  
25 statute.<sup>2</sup>

26 (cf: P.L.1997, c.181, s.6)

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28 <sup>2</sup>57. N.J.S 2C:36-1 is amended to read as follows:

29 2C:36-1. Drug paraphernalia, defined; determination.

30 a. As used in this act, "drug paraphernalia" means all  
31 equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used or  
32 intended for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing,  
33 harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing,  
34 processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging,  
35 storing, containing, concealing, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise  
36 introducing into the human body a controlled dangerous substance,  
37 controlled substance analog or toxic chemical, other than marijuana  
38 or hashish, in violation of the provisions of chapter 35 of this title.  
39 It shall include, but not be limited to:

40 **【a.】** (1) kits used or intended for use in planting, propagating,  
41 cultivating, growing or harvesting of any species of plant, other  
42 than the plant Cannabis sativa L., which is a controlled dangerous  
43 substance or from which a controlled dangerous substance can be  
44 derived;

45 **【b.】** (2) kits used or intended for use in manufacturing,  
46 compounding, converting, producing, processing, or preparing  
47 controlled dangerous substances or controlled substance analogs;

- 1       **【c.】** (3) isomerization devices used or intended for use in  
2 increasing the potency of any species of plant, other than the plant  
3 Cannabis sativa L., which is a controlled dangerous substance;
- 4       **【d.】** (4) testing equipment used or intended for use identifying,  
5 or in analyzing the strength, effectiveness or purity of controlled  
6 dangerous substances or controlled substance analogs;
- 7       **【e.】** (5) scales and balances used or intended for use in weighing  
8 or measuring controlled dangerous substances or controlled  
9 substance analogs;
- 10       **【f.】** (6) dilutants and adulterants, such as quinine hydrochloride,  
11 mannitol, mannite, dextrose and lactose, used or intended for use in  
12 cutting controlled dangerous substances or controlled substance  
13 analogs;
- 14       **【g.】** separation gins and sifters used or intended for use in  
15 removing twigs and seeds from, or in otherwise cleaning or  
16 refining, marihuana;
- 17       **【h.】** (7) blenders, bowls, containers, spoons and mixing devices  
18 used or intended for use in compounding controlled dangerous  
19 substances or controlled substance analogs;
- 20       **【i.】** (8) capsules, balloons, envelopes and other containers used  
21 or intended for use in packaging small quantities of controlled  
22 dangerous substances or controlled substance analogs;
- 23       **【j.】** (9) containers and other objects used or intended for use in  
24 storing or concealing controlled dangerous substances, controlled  
25 substance analogs or toxic chemicals;
- 26       **【k.】** (10) objects used or intended for use in ingesting, inhaling,  
27 or otherwise introducing **【marihuana,】** cocaine, **【hashish, hashish**  
28 **oil,】** nitrous oxide or the fumes of a toxic chemical into the human  
29 body, such as **【(1)】** (a) metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic,  
30 or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent screens,  
31 **【hashish heads,】** or punctured metal bowls; **【(2)】** (b) water pipes;  
32 **【(3)】** (c) carburetion tubes and devices; **【(4)】** (d) smoking and  
33 carburetion masks; **【(5)】** (e) roach clips, meaning objects used to  
34 hold burning material **【, such as a marihuana cigarette,】** that has  
35 become too small or too short to be held in the hand; **【(6)】** (f)  
36 miniature cocaine spoons, and cocaine vials; **【(7)】** (g) chamber  
37 pipes; **【(8)】** (h) carburetor pipes; **【(9)】** (i) electric pipes; **【(10)】** (j)  
38 air-driven pipes; **【(11)】** (k) chillums; **【(12)】** (l) bongs; **【(13)】** (m)  
39 ice pipes or chillers; **【(14)】** (n) compressed gas containers, such as  
40 tanks, cartridges or canisters, that contain food grade or  
41 pharmaceutical grade nitrous oxide as a principal ingredient; **【(15)】**  
42 (o) chargers or charging bottles, meaning metal, ceramic or plastic  
43 devices that contain an interior pin that may be used to expel  
44 compressed gas from a cartridge or canister; and **【(16)】** (p) tubes,  
45 balloons, bags, fabrics, bottles or other containers used to

1 concentrate or hold in suspension a toxic chemical or the fumes of a  
2 toxic chemical.

3 **b.** In determining whether or not an object is drug  
4 paraphernalia, the trier of fact, in addition to or as part of the  
5 proofs, may consider the following factors:

6 **[a.]** (1) (a) statements by an owner or by anyone in control of  
7 the object concerning its use;

8 **[b.]** (b) the proximity of the object **[of]** to illegally possessed  
9 controlled dangerous substances, controlled substance analogs or  
10 toxic chemicals;

11 **[c.]** (c) the existence of any residue of illegally possessed  
12 controlled dangerous substances, controlled substance analogs or  
13 toxic chemicals on the object;

14 **[d.]** (d) direct or circumstantial evidence of the intent of an  
15 owner, or of anyone in control of the object, to deliver it to persons  
16 whom he knows intend to use the object to facilitate a violation of  
17 this act; the innocence of an owner, or of anyone in control of the  
18 object, as to a direct violation of this act shall not prevent a finding  
19 that the object is intended for use as drug paraphernalia;

20 **[e.]** (e) instructions, oral or written, provided with the object  
21 concerning its use;

22 **[f.]** (f) descriptive materials accompanying the object which  
23 explain or depict its use;

24 **[g.]** (g) national or local advertising whose purpose the person  
25 knows or should know is to promote the sale of objects intended for  
26 use as drug paraphernalia;

27 **[h.]** (h) the manner in which the object is displayed for sale;

28 **[i.]** (i) the existence and scope of legitimate uses for the object  
29 in the community; and

30 **[j.]** (j) expert testimony concerning its use.

31 (2) If an object appears to be for use, intended for use, or  
32 designed for use with cannabis or cannabis items in accordance with  
33 the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
34 Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
35 before the Legislature as this bill), the object is presumed to be a  
36 lawful cannabis paraphernalia as defined in section 3 of that act  
37 (C. ), and does not alone constitute reasonable articulable  
38 suspicion that the object is a drug paraphernalia, notwithstanding  
39 that the object could also be used with an illegal controlled  
40 substance or controlled substance analog, unless the owner or any  
41 other person in proximity to or in control of the object was in  
42 possession of an illegal controlled dangerous substance or  
43 controlled substance analog, or the object was in proximity of an  
44 illegally possessed controlled dangerous substance or controlled  
45 substance analog to indicate its use, intended use, or design for use

1 with that controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance  
2 analog.<sup>2</sup>

3 (cf: P.L.2007, c.31, s.2)

5 <sup>2</sup>58. N.J.S.2C:36-2 is amended to read as follows:

6 2C:36-2. a. Use or possession with intent to use, disorderly  
7 persons offense. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, or to  
8 possess with intent to use, drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate,  
9 cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce,  
10 process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal,  
11 ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a  
12 controlled dangerous substance, controlled substance analog or  
13 toxic chemical in violation of the provisions of chapter 35 of this  
14 title, other than when used, or possessed with intent to use, for  
15 ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana or hashish  
16 into the human body. Any person who violates this section is guilty  
17 of a disorderly persons offense.

18 b. Notwithstanding that using or possessing with intent to use  
19 drug paraphernalia to ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce  
20 marijuana or hashish into the human body is not a punishable crime,  
21 offense, act of delinquency, or civil violation pursuant to this  
22 section, the use of drug paraphernalia for that purpose may be  
23 prohibited or otherwise regulated on or in any property by the  
24 person or entity that owns or controls that property, including  
25 multifamily housing that is a multiple dwelling as defined in section  
26 3 of P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-3), the structure or specific units of  
27 the structure of a cooperative as defined in section 3 of P.L.1987,  
28 c.381 (C.46:8D-3), the units of a condominium, as those terms are  
29 defined by section 3 of P.L.1969, c.257 (C.46:8B-3), or a site in a  
30 mobile home park as defined in section 3 of P.L.1983, c.386  
31 (C.40:55D-102), which site is leased to the owner of a  
32 manufactured home, as defined in that section, that is installed  
33 thereon.<sup>2</sup>

34 (cf: P.L.2007, c.31, s.3)

36 <sup>2</sup>59.(New section) a. Except to the extent required to dismiss,  
37 withdraw, or terminate the charge, no prosecutor shall pursue any  
38 charge, including any charge of delinquency, based on crimes or  
39 offenses pending with a court on the first day of the fifth month  
40 next following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
41 before the Legislature as this bill) that occurred prior to that  
42 effective date, involving manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing,  
43 or possessing or having under control with intent to manufacture,  
44 distribute, or dispense, marijuana or hashish in violation of  
45 paragraph (12) of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:35-5, or obtaining,  
46 possessing, using, being under the influence of, or failing to make  
47 lawful disposition of marijuana or hashish in violation of paragraph  
48 (3) or (4) of subsection a., or subsection b., or subsection c. of

1 N.J.S.2C:35-10, or a violation involving marijuana or hashish as  
2 described herein and a violation of N.J.S.2C:36-2 for using or  
3 possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia with that marijuana  
4 or hashish, alone or in combination with each other, or a violation  
5 involving marijuana or hashish and a violation of section 1 of  
6 P.L.1964, c.289 (C.39:4-49.1) for possession of a controlled  
7 dangerous substance while operating a motor vehicle, alone or in  
8 combination with each other, or any disorderly persons offense or  
9 petty disorderly persons offense subject to conditional discharge  
10 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:36A-1. These non-prosecutable charges and  
11 cases shall be expeditiously dismissed, which may be accomplished  
12 by appropriate action by the prosecutor based upon guidelines  
13 issued by the Attorney General, or the court's own motion based  
14 upon administrative directives issued by the Administrative  
15 Director of the Courts.

16 b. (1) On the first day of the fifth month next following the  
17 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
18 Legislature as this bill), any guilty verdict, plea, placement in a  
19 diversionary program, or other entry of guilt on a matter that was  
20 entered prior to that effective date, but the judgment of conviction  
21 or final disposition on the matter was not entered prior to that date,  
22 and the guilty verdict, plea, placement in a diversionary program, or  
23 other entry of guilt solely involved one or more crimes or offenses,  
24 or delinquent acts which if committed by an adult would constitute  
25 one or more crimes or offenses, enumerated in subsection a. of this  
26 section, that guilty verdict, plea, placement in a diversionary  
27 program, or other entry of guilt shall be vacated by operation of  
28 law. The Administrative Director of the Courts, in consultation  
29 with the Attorney General, may take any administrative action as  
30 may be necessary to vacate the guilty verdict, plea, placement in a  
31 diversionary program, or other entry of guilt.

32 (2) On the first day of the fifth month next following the  
33 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
34 Legislature as this bill), any conviction, remaining sentence,  
35 ongoing supervision, or unpaid court-ordered financial assessment  
36 as defined in section 8 of P.L.2017, c.244 (C.2C:52-23.1) of any  
37 person who, on that effective date, is or will be serving a sentence  
38 of incarceration, probation, parole or other form of community  
39 supervision as a result of the person's conviction or adjudication of  
40 delinquency solely for one or more crimes or offenses, or  
41 delinquent acts which if committed by an adult would constitute one  
42 or more crimes or offenses, enumerated in subsection a. of this  
43 section, shall have the conviction, remaining sentence, ongoing  
44 supervision, or unpaid court-ordered financial assessment vacated  
45 by operation of law. The Administrative Director of the Courts, in  
46 consultation with the Attorney General, may take any  
47 administrative action as may be necessary to vacate the conviction,

1 remaining sentence, ongoing supervision, or unpaid court-ordered  
 2 financial assessment.<sup>2</sup>

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 4 <sup>2</sup>60. (New section) On the first day of the fifth month next  
 5 following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
 6 the Legislature as this bill), any case that, prior to that effective  
 7 date, includes a conviction or adjudication of delinquency solely for  
 8 one or more crimes or offenses involving manufacturing,  
 9 distributing, or dispensing, or possessing or having under control  
 10 with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, marijuana or  
 11 hashish in violation of paragraph (12) of subsection b. of  
 12 N.J.S.2C:35-5, or obtaining, possessing, using, being under the  
 13 influence of, or failing to make lawful disposition of marijuana or  
 14 hashish in violation of paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection a., or  
 15 subsection b., or subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:35-10, or a violation  
 16 involving marijuana or hashish as described herein and a violation  
 17 of N.J.S.2C:36-2 for using or possessing with intent to use drug  
 18 paraphernalia with that marijuana or hashish, alone or in  
 19 combination with each other, or any disorderly persons offense or  
 20 petty disorderly persons offense subject to conditional discharge  
 21 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:36A-1, shall be expunged by operation of law,  
 22 and any remaining sentence, ongoing supervision, or unpaid court-  
 23 ordered financial assessment as defined in section 8 of P.L.2017,  
 24 c.244 (C.2C:52-23.1) shall be vacated by operation of law. The  
 25 Administrative Director of the Courts, in consultation with the  
 26 Attorney General, may take any administrative action as may be  
 27 necessary to expeditiously effectuate the expungement of records  
 28 associated with any expunged matter.<sup>2</sup>

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 30 <sup>1</sup>[53.] <sup>2</sup>[54.<sup>1</sup>] <sup>61.</sup><sup>2</sup> (New section) Criminal Investigation.

31 None of the following shall, individually or collectively,  
 32 constitute reasonable articulable suspicion of a crime, unless on  
 33 property used for school purposes which is owned by a school or  
 34 school board, or at any detention facility, adult correctional facility,  
 35 or youth correction facility:

36 a. The odor of cannabis or burnt cannabis;

37 b. The possession of or the suspicion of possession of  
 38 marijuana or hashish without evidence of quantity in excess of any  
 39 amount that would exceed the amount of cannabis <sup>1</sup>[or cannabis  
 40 resin] <sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup> which may be lawfully possessed pursuant to section  
 41 <sup>1</sup>[44] <sup>2</sup>[45<sup>1</sup>] <sup>46</sup><sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 42 Legislature as this bill); or

43 c. The possession of marijuana or hashish without evidence of  
 44 quantity in excess of any amount that would exceed the amount of  
 45 cannabis <sup>1</sup>[or cannabis resin] <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>items<sup>1</sup>] <sup>2</sup>items<sup>2</sup> which may be  
 46 lawfully possessed pursuant to section <sup>1</sup>[44] <sup>2</sup>[45<sup>1</sup>] <sup>46</sup><sup>2</sup> of P.L. ,

1 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), in  
2 proximity to any amount of cash or currency.

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4 <sup>1</sup>~~54.~~ <sup>2</sup>~~55.~~<sup>1</sup> N.J.S 2C:36-1 is amended to read as follows:

5 2C:36-1. Drug paraphernalia, defined; determination.

6 a. As used in this act, "drug paraphernalia" means all  
7 equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used or  
8 intended for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing,  
9 harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing,  
10 processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging,  
11 storing, containing, concealing, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise  
12 introducing into the human body a controlled dangerous substance,  
13 controlled substance analog or toxic chemical in violation of the  
14 provisions of chapter 35 of this title. It shall include, but not be  
15 limited to:

16 **[a.]** (1) kits used or intended for use in planting, propagating,  
17 cultivating, growing or harvesting of any species of plant which is a  
18 controlled dangerous substance or from which a controlled  
19 dangerous substance can be derived;

20 **[b.]** (2) kits used or intended for use in manufacturing,  
21 compounding, converting, producing, processing, or preparing  
22 controlled dangerous substances or controlled substance analogs;

23 **[c.]** (3) isomerization devices used or intended for use in  
24 increasing the potency of any species of plant which is a controlled  
25 dangerous substance;

26 **[d.]** (4) testing equipment used or intended for use identifying,  
27 or in analyzing the strength, effectiveness or purity of controlled  
28 dangerous substances or controlled substance analogs;

29 **[e.]** (5) scales and balances used or intended for use in weighing  
30 or measuring controlled dangerous substances or controlled  
31 substance analogs;

32 **[f.]** (6) dilutants and adulterants, such as quinine hydrochloride,  
33 mannitol, mannite, dextrose and lactose, used or intended for use in  
34 cutting controlled dangerous substances or controlled substance  
35 analogs;

36 **[g.]** (7) separation gins and sifters used or intended for use in  
37 removing twigs and seeds from, or in otherwise cleaning or  
38 refining, **[marihuana]** marijuana;

39 **[h.]** (8) blenders, bowls, containers, spoons and mixing devices  
40 used or intended for use in compounding controlled dangerous  
41 substances or controlled substance analogs;

42 **[i.]** (9) capsules, balloons, envelopes and other containers used  
43 or intended for use in packaging small quantities of controlled  
44 dangerous substances or controlled substance analogs;

45 **[j.]** (10) containers and other objects used or intended for use in  
46 storing or concealing controlled dangerous substances, controlled  
47 substance analogs or toxic chemicals;



1       **【k.】** (11) objects used or intended for use in ingesting, inhaling,  
2 or otherwise introducing **【marihuana】** marijuana, cocaine, hashish,  
3 hashish oil, nitrous oxide or the fumes of a toxic chemical into the  
4 human body, such as **【(1)】** (a) metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone,  
5 plastic, or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent  
6 screens, hashish heads, or punctured metal bowls; **【(2)】** (b) water  
7 pipes; **【(3)】** (c) carburetion tubes and devices; **【(4)】** (d) smoking  
8 and carburetion masks; **【(5)】** (e) roach clips, meaning objects used  
9 to hold burning material, such as a marihuana cigarette, that has  
10 become too small or too short to be held in the hand; **【(6)】** (f)  
11 miniature cocaine spoons, and cocaine vials; **【(7)】** (g) chamber  
12 pipes; **【(8)】** (h) carburetor pipes; **【(9)】** (i) electric pipes; **【(10)】** (j)  
13 air-driven pipes; **【(11)】** (k) chillums; **【(12)】** (l) bongs; **【(13)】** (m)  
14 ice pipes or chillers; **【(14)】** (n) compressed gas containers, such as  
15 tanks, cartridges or canisters, that contain food grade or  
16 pharmaceutical grade nitrous oxide as a principal ingredient; **【(15)】**  
17 (o) chargers or charging bottles, meaning metal, ceramic or plastic  
18 devices that contain an interior pin that may be used to expel  
19 compressed gas from a cartridge or canister; and **【(16)】** (p) tubes,  
20 balloons, bags, fabrics, bottles or other containers used to  
21 concentrate or hold in suspension a toxic chemical or the fumes of a  
22 toxic chemical.

23       b. In determining whether or not an object is drug  
24 paraphernalia, the trier of fact, in addition to or as part of the  
25 proofs, may consider the following factors:

26       **【a.】** (1) (a) statements by an owner or by anyone in control of  
27 the object concerning its use;

28       **【b.】** (b) the proximity of the object **【of】** to illegally possessed  
29 controlled dangerous substances, controlled substance analogs or  
30 toxic chemicals;

31       **【c.】** (c) the existence of any residue of illegally possessed  
32 controlled dangerous substances, controlled substance analogs or  
33 toxic chemicals on the object;

34       **【d.】** (d) direct or circumstantial evidence of the intent of an  
35 owner, or of anyone in control of the object, to deliver it to persons  
36 whom he knows intend to use the object to facilitate a violation of  
37 this act; the innocence of an owner, or of anyone in control of the  
38 object, as to a direct violation of this act shall not prevent a finding  
39 that the object is intended for use as drug paraphernalia;

40       **【e.】** (e) instructions, oral or written, provided with the object  
41 concerning its use;

42       **【f.】** (f) descriptive materials accompanying the object which  
43 explain or depict its use;

44       **【g.】** (g) national or local advertising whose purpose the person  
45 knows or should know is to promote the sale of objects intended for  
46 use as drug paraphernalia;

1       **[h.]** (h) the manner in which the object is displayed for sale;

2       **[i.]** (i) the existence and scope of legitimate uses for the object  
3 in the community; and

4       **[j.]** (j) expert testimony concerning its use.

5       (2) If an object appears to be for use, intended for use, or  
6 designed for use with cannabis or cannabis items in accordance with  
7 the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
8 Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
9 before the Legislature as this bill), the object is presumed to be a  
10 lawful cannabis paraphernalia as defined in section 3 of that act  
11 (C. ), and does not alone constitute reasonable articulable  
12 suspicion that the object is a drug paraphernalia, notwithstanding  
13 that the object could also be used with marijuana, hashish, or  
14 another illegal controlled substance or controlled substance analog,  
15 unless the owner or any other person in proximity to or in control of  
16 the object was in possession of marijuana, hashish, or another  
17 illegal controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance  
18 analog, or the object was in proximity of marijuana, hashish, or  
19 another illegally possessed controlled dangerous substance or  
20 controlled substance analog to indicate its use, intended use, or  
21 design for use with that controlled dangerous substance or  
22 controlled substance analog.

23 (cf: P.L.2007, c.31, s.2)]<sup>2</sup>

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25       <sup>1</sup>**[55.]** <sup>2</sup>**[56.1]** 62.<sup>2</sup> N.J.S.2C:35-16 is amended to read as  
26 follows:

27       2C:35-16. a. In addition to any disposition authorized by this  
28 title, the provisions of section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43),  
29 or any other statute indicating the dispositions that can be ordered  
30 for an adjudication of delinquency, and notwithstanding the  
31 provisions of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:43-2, a person convicted of  
32 or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of any offense defined in  
33 this chapter or chapter 36 of this title shall forthwith forfeit his right  
34 to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a  
35 period to be fixed by the court at not less than six months or more  
36 than two years which shall commence on the day the sentence is  
37 imposed unless the court finds compelling circumstances  
38 warranting an exception or except as provided in subsection e. of  
39 this section. For the purposes of this section, compelling  
40 circumstances warranting an exception exist if the forfeiture of the  
41 person's right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this  
42 State will result in extreme hardship and alternative means of  
43 transportation are not available. In the case of a person who at the  
44 time of the imposition of sentence is less than 17 years of age, the  
45 period of any suspension of driving privileges authorized herein,  
46 including a suspension of the privilege of operating a motorized  
47 bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and  
48 shall run for a period as fixed by the court of not less than six

1 months or more than two years after the day the person reaches the  
2 age of 17 years. If the driving privilege of any person is under  
3 revocation, suspension, or postponement for a violation of any  
4 provision of this title or Title 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time  
5 of any conviction or adjudication of delinquency for a violation of  
6 any offense defined in this chapter or chapter 36 of this title, any  
7 revocation, suspension, or postponement period imposed herein  
8 shall commence as of the date of termination of the existing  
9 revocation, suspension, or postponement.

10 b. If forfeiture or postponement of driving privileges is ordered  
11 by the court pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the court shall  
12 collect forthwith the New Jersey driver's license or licenses of the  
13 person and forward such license or licenses to the Chief  
14 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission along  
15 with a report indicating the first and last day of the suspension or  
16 postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section.  
17 If the court is for any reason unable to collect the license or licenses  
18 of the person, the court shall cause a report of the conviction or  
19 adjudication of delinquency to be filed with the Chief  
20 Administrator. That report shall include the complete name,  
21 address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person and shall  
22 indicate the first and last day of the suspension or postponement  
23 period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. The court shall  
24 inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is  
25 convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle during the period  
26 of license suspension or postponement imposed pursuant to this  
27 section, the person shall, upon conviction, be subject to the  
28 penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to  
29 acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to  
30 receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the  
31 receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent  
32 charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40. If the person is the holder of a  
33 driver's license from another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect  
34 the license but shall notify forthwith the Chief Administrator who  
35 shall notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction.  
36 The court shall, however, in accordance with the provisions of this  
37 section, revoke the person's non-resident driving privilege in this  
38 State.

39 c. In addition to any other condition imposed, a court may in  
40 its discretion suspend, revoke or postpone in accordance with the  
41 provisions of this section the driving privileges of a person admitted  
42 to supervisory treatment under N.J.S.2C:36A-1 or N.J.S.2C:43-12  
43 without a plea of guilty or finding of guilt.

44 d. After sentencing and upon notice to the prosecutor, a person  
45 subject to suspension or postponement of driving privileges under  
46 this section may seek revocation of the remaining portion of any  
47 suspension or postponement based on compelling circumstances  
48 warranting an exception that were not raised at the time of

1 sentencing. The court may revoke the suspension or postponement  
2 if it finds compelling circumstances.

3 e. Provided that the person was not convicted of or adjudicated  
4 delinquent for a violation of any offense defined in this chapter or  
5 chapter 36 of this <sup>2</sup>【title】 Title<sup>2</sup> other than those enumerated in this  
6 subsection, the forfeiture or postponement of driving privileges set  
7 forth in subsection a. of this section shall not apply to any person  
8 convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for an offense which if  
9 committed by an adult would constitute: <sup>2</sup>【(1)】<sup>2</sup> distribution of, or  
10 possessing or having under control with intent to distribute,  
11 marijuana or hashish in violation of paragraph (11) of subsection b.  
12 of N.J.S.2C:35-5, or a lesser amount of marijuana or hashish in  
13 violation of paragraph (12) of subsection b. that section, or a  
14 violation of either of those paragraphs based on an amount of  
15 marijuana or hashish described herein and a violation of subsection  
16 a. of section 1 of P.L.1987, c.101 (C.2C:35-7) or subsection a. of  
17 section 1 of P.L.1997, c.327 (C.2C:35-7.1) for distributing, or  
18 possessing or having under control with intent to distribute, on or  
19 within 1,000 feet of any school property, or on or within 500 feet of  
20 the real property comprising a public housing facility, public park,  
21 or public building;

22 <sup>2</sup>【(2) using, being under the influence of, or failing to make  
23 lawful disposition】 or possession<sup>2</sup> of marijuana or hashish in  
24 violation of paragraph (3) of subsection a. <sup>2</sup>【, or subsection b. or  
25 subsection c.】<sup>2</sup> of N.J.S.2C:35-10 <sup>2</sup>【; or

26 (3) a violation involving marijuana or hashish as described in  
27 paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection and using or possessing with  
28 intent to use drug paraphernalia with that marijuana or hashish in  
29 violation of N.J.S.2C:36-2】<sup>2</sup>.

30 (cf: P.L.2008, c.84, s.2)

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32 <sup>1</sup>【56.】 <sup>2</sup>【57.1】 <sup>2</sup> 63.<sup>2</sup> N.J.S.2B:12-31 is amended to read as  
33 follows:

34 2B:12-31. Suspension of driving privileges.

35 a. (1) If a defendant charged with a disorderly persons offense,  
36 a petty disorderly persons offense, a violation of a municipal  
37 ordinance, or a violation of any other law of this State for which a  
38 penalty may be imposed fails to appear at any scheduled court  
39 proceeding after written notice has been given to said defendant  
40 pursuant to the Rules of Court, a municipal court may order the  
41 suspension of the person's driving privileges or nonresident  
42 reciprocity privilege or prohibit the person from receiving or  
43 obtaining driving privileges until the pending matter is adjudicated  
44 or otherwise disposed of, except by dismissal for failure of  
45 defendant to appear.

46 (2) If a defendant sentenced to pay a fine or costs, make  
47 restitution, perform community service, serve a term of probation,

1 or do any other act as a condition of that sentence fails to do so, a  
2 municipal court may order the suspension of the person's driving  
3 privileges or nonresident reciprocity privilege or prohibit the person  
4 from receiving or obtaining driving privileges until the terms and  
5 conditions of the sentence have been performed or modified.

6 b. Prior to any action being taken pursuant to the provisions of  
7 this section, the defendant shall be given notice of the proposed  
8 action and afforded an opportunity to appear before the court to  
9 contest the validity of the proposed action.

10 c. The municipal court shall notify the **【Division of】** New  
11 Jersey Motor 【Vehicles】 Vehicle Commission of any action taken  
12 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

13 d. Any action taken by a municipal court pursuant to this  
14 section shall be in addition to any other remedies which are  
15 available to the court and in addition to any other penalties which  
16 may be imposed by the court.

17 e. (1) When a defendant whose license has been suspended  
18 pursuant to subsection a. of this section satisfies the requirements of  
19 that subsection, the municipal court shall forward to the **【Division**  
20 **of】** New Jersey Motor 【Vehicles】 Vehicle Commission a notice to  
21 restore the defendant's driving privileges.

22 (2) There shall be included in the fines and penalties imposed by  
23 a court on a defendant whose license has been suspended pursuant  
24 to subsection a. of this section, the following:

25 (a) A fee of \$3.00 which shall be transferred to the **【Division**  
26 **of】** New Jersey Motor 【Vehicles】 Vehicle Commission;

27 (b) A penalty of \$10.00 for the issuance of the failure to appear  
28 notice; and

29 (c) A penalty of \$15.00 for the order of suspension of  
30 defendant's driving privileges.

31 (cf: N.J.S.2B:12-31)

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33 <sup>1</sup>**【57.】** <sup>2</sup>**【58.1】** 64.2 (New section) Prohibition of Persons Under  
34 the Legal Age Purchasing Cannabis or Cannabis Resin.

35 Consistent with the relevant definitions set forth in section 3 of  
36 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

37 a. A cannabis establishment licensee, cannabis distributor  
38 licensee, or cannabis delivery service licensee, either directly or  
39 indirectly by an agent or employee, shall not sell, offer for sale,  
40 distribute for commercial purpose at no cost or minimal cost, or  
41 give or furnish for consumption, any cannabis items to a person  
42 under 21 years of age.

43 b. Any licensee or employee or agent of a licensee who allows  
44 a person under the age of 21 to procure cannabis items which,  
45 pursuant to section <sup>1</sup>**【44】** <sup>2</sup>**【45.1】** 46.2 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
46 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) are not unlawful for  
47 persons 21 years of age or older to procure for personal use, shall be

1 subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$250 for the first violation;  
2 \$500 for the second violation; and \$1,000 for the third and each  
3 subsequent violation; in addition, subject to a hearing, a licensee's  
4 license may be revoked, suspended, or otherwise limited. The  
5 penalties provided for in this subsection shall be recovered by a  
6 summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of  
7 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

8 c. The establishment of all of the following facts by a licensee,  
9 employee, or agent, allowing any such person under the age of 21 to  
10 procure cannabis items shall constitute a defense to any violation of  
11 the provisions of subsection a. or b. of this section:

12 (1) That the purchaser of the cannabis item falsely represented  
13 that the **'[person] purchaser'** was of legal age to make the  
14 purchase, by producing **'[either]'** a **'[United States passport;**  
15 **driver's license or non-driver identification card issued by the New**  
16 **Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; a driver's license issued**  
17 **pursuant to the laws of another state; or any other]** government-  
18 issued' identification card **'[issued by a state or the United States]**  
19 as set forth in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (6) of subsection a. of  
20 section 18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
21 as this bill)' to determine the consumer's 'identity and' age **'[that**  
22 **bears a picture of the person, the name of the person, the person's**  
23 **date of birth, and a physical description of the person]'**; and

24 (2) That the sale or distribution was made in good faith, relying  
25 upon the production of the identification in paragraph (1) of this  
26 subsection and in the reasonable belief that the purchaser or  
27 recipient was actually of legal age to make the purchase.

28 d. It shall be unlawful for a person under the age of 21 to  
29 purchase, acquire, or attempt to purchase or acquire a cannabis  
30 item, even if the cannabis item may be legally purchased by persons  
31 at or above the legal age for purchasing cannabis items.

32 For purposes of this subsection, purchasing a cannabis item  
33 includes accepting a cannabis item, and acquiring a cannabis item  
34 includes consuming a cannabis item.

35 e. It shall be unlawful for a person under the age of 21 to  
36 present or offer to a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery  
37 service, or the cannabis establishment's, distributor's, or delivery  
38 service's agent or employee, any written or oral evidence of age or  
39 other personal identifying information that is false, fraudulent, or  
40 not actually the person's own, including the use of a driver's license  
41 or other government-issued form of identification in violation of  
42 section 1 of P.L.1983, c.565 (C.2C:21-2.1), N.J.S.2C:21-17, section  
43 5 of P.L.2003, c.184 (C.2C:21-17.2), or section 6 of P.L.1968,  
44 c.313 (C.33:1-81.7), for the purpose of:

45 (1) Purchasing, attempting to purchase, or otherwise procuring  
46 or attempting to procure cannabis items; or

47 (2) Gaining access to a cannabis establishment's, distributor's,  
48 or delivery service's premises.

1 f. Except as permitted by the commission by rule or regulation,  
2 or as necessary on an emergency basis, a person under legal age for  
3 purchasing cannabis items may not enter or attempt to enter any  
4 portion of a licensed premises that is posted or otherwise identified  
5 as being prohibited to the use of persons under legal age for  
6 purchasing cannabis items, unless accompanied by and supervised  
7 by a parent or legal guardian.

8 g. Any person under the legal age to purchase cannabis, who  
9 knowingly possesses without legal authority or who knowingly  
10 consumes any cannabis item, in any school, public conveyance,  
11 public place, place of public assembly, or motor vehicle, shall be  
12 guilty of an offense as set forth in section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264  
13 (C.2C:33-15). Any person under the legal age to purchase  
14 cannabis, who knowingly possesses without legal authority or who  
15 knowingly consumes, any cannabis item on private property shall  
16 be guilty of a municipal violation as set forth in section 1 of  
17 P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2).

18 h. The prohibitions of this section do not apply to a person  
19 under the legal age for purchasing cannabis items who is acting  
20 under the direction of the commission or under the direction of  
21 State or local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of  
22 investigating possible violations of the laws prohibiting the sale of  
23 cannabis items to persons who are under the legal age for  
24 purchasing cannabis items.

25 i. The prohibitions of this section do not apply to a person  
26 under the legal age for purchasing cannabis items who is acting  
27 under the direction of a licensee for the purpose of investigating  
28 possible violations by employees of the licensee of laws prohibiting  
29 sales of cannabis items to persons who are under the legal age for  
30 purchasing cannabis items.

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32 <sup>1</sup>[58.] <sup>2</sup>[59.<sup>1</sup>] 65.<sup>2</sup> Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.565 (C.2C:21-2.1)  
33 is amended to read as follows:

34 1. a. A person who knowingly sells, offers or exposes for sale,  
35 or otherwise transfers, or possesses with the intent to sell, offer or  
36 expose for sale, or otherwise transfer, a document, printed form or  
37 other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth  
38 certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and  
39 which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or  
40 age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a  
41 crime of the second degree.

42 b. A person who knowingly makes, or possesses devices or  
43 materials to make, a document or other writing which falsely  
44 purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document  
45 issued by a governmental agency and which could be used as a  
46 means of verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal  
47 identifying information is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

1 c. A person who knowingly exhibits, displays or utters a  
2 document or other writing which falsely purports to be a driver's  
3 license, birth certificate or other document issued by a  
4 governmental agency and which could be used as a means of  
5 verifying a person's identity or age or any other personal identifying  
6 information is guilty of a crime of the third degree. A violation of  
7 N.J.S.2C:28-7, constituting a disorderly persons offense, section 1  
8 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15), R.S.33:1-81 or section 6 of  
9 P.L.1968, c.313 (C.33:1-81.7) in a case where the person uses the  
10 personal identifying information of another to illegally purchase an  
11 alcoholic beverage or for using the personal identifying information  
12 of another to misrepresent **[his]** the person's age for the purpose of  
13 obtaining tobacco or other consumer product denied to persons  
14 under **[18]** 21 years of age shall not, except as otherwise set forth  
15 in this subsection, constitute an offense under this subsection if the  
16 actor received only that benefit or service and did not perpetrate or  
17 attempt to perpetrate any additional injury or fraud on another. If a  
18 person used the personal identifying information of another to  
19 misrepresent the person's age for the purpose of illegally obtaining  
20 any cannabis item available for lawful consumption pursuant to the  
21 "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
22 Marketplace Modernization Act," P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
23 before the Legislature as this bill), the person shall be subject to a  
24 civil penalty of \$50. The civil penalty provided for in this  
25 subsection shall be collected pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement  
26 Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.), in a summary  
27 proceeding before the municipal court having jurisdiction. A civil  
28 penalty recovered under the provisions of this subsection shall be  
29 recovered by and in the name of the State by the local municipality.  
30 The penalty shall be paid into the treasury of the municipality in  
31 which the violation occurred for the general use of the municipality.  
32 d. A person who knowingly possesses a document or other  
33 writing which falsely purports to be a driver's license, birth  
34 certificate or other document issued by a governmental agency and  
35 which could be used as a means of verifying a person's identity or  
36 age or any other personal identifying information is guilty of a  
37 crime of the fourth degree. A violation of N.J.S.2C:28-7,  
38 constituting a disorderly persons offense, section 1 of P.L.1979,  
39 c.264 (C.2C:33-15), R.S.33:1-81 or section 6 of P.L.1968, c.313  
40 (C.33:1-81.7) in a case where the person uses the personal  
41 identifying information of another to illegally purchase an alcoholic  
42 beverage or for using the personal identifying information of  
43 another to misrepresent his age for the purpose of obtaining tobacco  
44 or other consumer product denied to persons under **[18]** 21 years of  
45 age shall not, except as otherwise set forth in this subsection,  
46 constitute an offense under this subsection if the actor received only  
47 that benefit or service and did not perpetrate or attempt to perpetrate  
48 any additional injury or fraud on another. If the personal



1 identifying information of another is used to obtain any cannabis  
2 item available for lawful consumption pursuant to the “New Jersey  
3 Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace  
4 Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
5 Legislature as this bill), the person shall be subject to a civil penalty  
6 of \$50. The penalty provided for in this subsection shall be  
7 collected pursuant to the “Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999,”  
8 P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.), in a summary proceeding  
9 before the municipal court having jurisdiction. A penalty recovered  
10 under the provisions of this subsection shall be recovered by and in  
11 the name of the State by the local municipality. The penalty shall  
12 be paid into the treasury of the municipality in which the violation  
13 occurred for the general use of the municipality.

14 e. In addition to any other disposition authorized by this Title,  
15 the provisions of section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43), or any  
16 other statute indicating the dispositions that may be ordered for an  
17 adjudication of delinquency, and, notwithstanding the provisions of  
18 subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:43-2, every person convicted of, or  
19 adjudicated delinquent or penalized for a violation of any offense  
20 defined in this section shall forthwith forfeit his right to operate a  
21 motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period to be  
22 fixed by the court at not less than six months or more than two  
23 years which shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed. In  
24 the case of any person who at the time of the imposition of the  
25 sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of the suspension of  
26 driving privileges authorized herein, including a suspension of the  
27 privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the  
28 day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period as fixed by  
29 the court of not less than six months or more than two years after  
30 the day the person reaches the age of 17 years. If the driving  
31 privilege of any person is under revocation, suspension, or  
32 postponement for a violation of any provision of this Title or Title  
33 39 of the Revised Statutes at the time of any conviction or  
34 adjudication of delinquency for a violation of any offense defined in  
35 this chapter or chapter 36 of this Title, the revocation, suspension,  
36 or postponement period imposed herein shall commence as of the  
37 date of termination of the existing revocation, suspension or  
38 postponement.

39 The court before whom any person is convicted of, or  
40 adjudicated delinquent or penalized for a violation of any offense  
41 defined in this section shall collect forthwith the New Jersey  
42 driver's license or licenses of that person and forward the license or  
43 licenses to the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
44 Vehicle Commission along with a report indicating the first and last  
45 day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by the court  
46 pursuant to this section. If the court is for any reason unable to  
47 collect the license or licenses of the person, the court shall cause a  
48 report of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency to be filed

1 with the director. The report shall include the complete name,  
2 address, date of birth, eye color and sex of the person and shall  
3 indicate the first and last day of the suspension or postponement  
4 period imposed by the court pursuant to this section. The court  
5 shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the person is  
6 convicted of personally operating a motor vehicle during the period  
7 of license suspension or postponement imposed pursuant to this  
8 section, the person shall, upon conviction, be subject to the  
9 penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required to  
10 acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to  
11 receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the  
12 receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent  
13 charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40. If the person is the holder of a  
14 driver's license from another jurisdiction, the court shall not collect  
15 the license, but shall notify forthwith the director who shall notify  
16 the appropriate officials in that licensing jurisdiction. The court  
17 shall, however, in accordance with the provisions of this section,  
18 revoke the person's non-resident driving privileges in this State.

19 In addition to any other condition imposed, a court, in its  
20 discretion, may suspend, revoke or postpone the driving privileges  
21 of a person admitted to supervisory treatment under N.J.S.2C:36A-1  
22 or N.J.S.2C:43-12 without a plea of guilty or finding of guilt.  
23 (cf: P.L.2005, c.224, s.1)  
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25 <sup>1</sup>[59.] <sup>2</sup>[60.<sup>1</sup>] 66.<sup>2</sup> N.J.S.2C:21-17 is amended to read as  
26 follows:

27 2C:21-17. Impersonation; Theft of identity; crime.

28 a. A person is guilty of a crime if the person engages in one or  
29 more of the following actions by any means including, but not  
30 limited to, the use of electronic communications or an Internet  
31 website:

32 (1) Impersonates another or assumes a false identity and does an  
33 act in such assumed character or false identity for the purpose of  
34 obtaining a benefit for himself or another or to injure or defraud  
35 another;

36 (2) Pretends to be a representative of some person or  
37 organization and does an act in such pretended capacity for the  
38 purpose of obtaining a benefit for himself or another or to injure or  
39 defraud another;

40 (3) Impersonates another, assumes a false identity or makes a  
41 false or misleading statement regarding the identity of any person,  
42 in an oral or written application for services, for the purpose of  
43 obtaining services;

44 (4) Obtains any personal identifying information pertaining to  
45 another person and uses that information, or assists another person  
46 in using the information, in order to assume the identity of or  
47 represent himself as another person, without that person's  
48 authorization and with the purpose to fraudulently obtain or attempt

1 to obtain a benefit or services, or avoid the payment of debt or other  
2 legal obligation or avoid prosecution for a crime by using the name  
3 of the other person; or

4 (5) Impersonates another, assumes a false identity or makes a  
5 false or misleading statement, in the course of making an oral or  
6 written application for services, with the purpose of avoiding  
7 payment for prior services. Purpose to avoid payment for prior  
8 services may be presumed upon proof that the person has not made  
9 full payment for prior services and has impersonated another,  
10 assumed a false identity or made a false or misleading statement  
11 regarding the identity of any person in the course of making oral or  
12 written application for services.

13 As used in this section:

14 "Benefit" means, but is not limited to, any property, any  
15 pecuniary amount, any services, any pecuniary amount sought to be  
16 avoided or any injury or harm perpetrated on another where there is  
17 no pecuniary value.

18 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2005, c.224).

19 c. A person who violates subsection a. of this section is guilty  
20 of a crime as follows:

21 (1) If the actor obtains a benefit or deprives another of a benefit  
22 in an amount less than \$500 and the offense involves the identity of  
23 one victim, the actor shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree  
24 except that a second or subsequent conviction for such an offense  
25 constitutes a crime of the third degree; or

26 (2) If the actor obtains a benefit or deprives another of a benefit  
27 in an amount of at least \$500 but less than \$75,000, or the offense  
28 involves the identity of at least two but less than five victims, the  
29 actor shall be guilty of a crime of the third degree; or

30 (3) If the actor obtains a benefit or deprives another of a benefit  
31 in the amount of \$75,000 or more, or the offense involves the  
32 identity of five or more victims, the actor shall be guilty of a crime  
33 of the second degree.

34 d. A violation of N.J.S.2C:28-7, constituting a disorderly  
35 persons offense, section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15),  
36 R.S.33:1-81 or section 6 of P.L.1968, c.313 (C.33:1-81.7) in a case  
37 where the person uses the personal identifying information of  
38 another to illegally purchase an alcoholic beverage or for using the  
39 personal identifying information of another to misrepresent **[his]**  
40 the person's age for the purpose of obtaining tobacco or other  
41 consumer product denied to persons under **[19]** 21 years of age  
42 shall not, except as otherwise set forth in this subsection, constitute  
43 an offense under this section if the actor received only that benefit  
44 or service and did not perpetrate or attempt to perpetrate any  
45 additional injury or fraud on another. If a person used the personal  
46 identifying information of another to misrepresent the person's age  
47 for the purpose of illegally obtaining any cannabis item available for  
48 lawful consumption pursuant to the "New Jersey Cannabis

1 Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization  
2 Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
3 bill), the person shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$50. The civil  
4 penalty provided for in this subsection shall be collected pursuant to  
5 the “Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999,” P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-  
6 10 et seq.), in a summary proceeding before the municipal court  
7 having jurisdiction. A civil penalty recovered under the provisions  
8 of this subsection shall be recovered by and in the name of the State  
9 by the local municipality. The penalty shall be paid into the  
10 treasury of the municipality in which the violation occurred for the  
11 general use of the municipality.

12 e. The sentencing court shall issue such orders as are necessary  
13 to correct any public record or government document that contains  
14 false information as a result of a theft of identity. The sentencing  
15 court may provide restitution to the victim in accordance with the  
16 provisions of section 4 of P.L.2002, c.85 (C.2C:21-17.1).  
17 (cf: P.L.2013, c.241, s.1)

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19 <sup>1</sup>~~60.~~ <sup>2</sup>~~61.1~~ ~~67.~~<sup>2</sup> Section 5 of P.L.2003, c.184 (C.2C:21-17.2)  
20 is amended to read as follows:

21 5. a. A person is guilty of a crime of the second degree if, in  
22 obtaining or attempting to obtain a driver's license, birth certificate  
23 or other document issued by a governmental agency which could be  
24 used as a means of verifying a person's identity, age or any other  
25 personal identifying information, that person knowingly exhibits,  
26 displays or utters a document or other writing which falsely  
27 purports to be a driver's license, birth certificate or other document  
28 issued by a governmental agency or which belongs or pertains to a  
29 person other than the person who possesses the document.

30 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.2C:1-8 or any other  
31 law, a conviction under this section shall not merge with a  
32 conviction of any other criminal offense, nor shall such other  
33 conviction merge with a conviction under this section, and the court  
34 shall impose separate sentences upon each violation of this section  
35 and any other criminal offense.

36 c. A violation of N.J.S.2C:28-7, constituting a disorderly  
37 persons offense, section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15),  
38 R.S.33:1-81 or section 6 of P.L.1968, c.313 (C.33:1-81.7) in a case  
39 where the person uses the personal identifying information of  
40 another to illegally purchase an alcoholic beverage or for using the  
41 personal identifying information of another to misrepresent his age  
42 for the purpose of obtaining tobacco or other consumer product  
43 denied to persons under ~~18~~ 21 years of age shall not, except as  
44 otherwise set forth in this subsection, constitute an offense under  
45 this section if the actor received only that benefit or service and did  
46 not perpetrate or attempt to perpetrate any additional injury or fraud  
47 on another. If the personal identifying information of another is  
48 used to obtain any cannabis item available for lawful consumption

1 pursuant to the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement  
 2 Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
 3 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the person  
 4 shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$50. The civil penalty provided  
 5 for in this subsection shall be collected pursuant to the “Penalty  
 6 Enforcement Law of 1999,” P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.),  
 7 in a summary proceeding before the municipal court having  
 8 jurisdiction. A civil penalty recovered under the provisions of this  
 9 subsection shall be recovered by and in the name of the State by the  
 10 local municipality. The penalty shall be paid into the treasury of  
 11 the municipality in which the violation occurred for the general use  
 12 of the municipality.

13 (cf: P.L.2005, c.224, s.4)

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 15 <sup>1</sup>[61.] <sup>2</sup>[62.<sup>1</sup>] 68.<sup>2</sup> The title of P.L.1968, c.313 is amended to  
 16 read as follows:

17 **AN ACT** relating to the establishing of proof of age for purposes of  
 18 purchasing alcoholic beverages or cannabis items in certain  
 19 cases.

20 (cf: P.L.1968, c.313, title)

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 22 <sup>1</sup>[62.] <sup>2</sup>[63.<sup>1</sup>] 69.<sup>2</sup> Section 6 of P.L.1968, c.313 (C.33:1-81.7)  
 23 is amended to read as follows:

24 6. It shall be unlawful for the owner of an identification card,  
 25 as defined by this act, to transfer said card to any other person for  
 26 the purpose of aiding such person to secure alcoholic beverages or  
 27 cannabis items available for lawful consumption pursuant to the  
 28 “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
 29 Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending  
 30 before the Legislature as this bill). Any person who shall transfer  
 31 such identification card for the purpose of aiding such transferee to  
 32 obtain alcoholic beverages shall be guilty of a **【misdemeanor】**  
 33 disorderly persons offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
 34 sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300.00, or undergo  
 35 imprisonment for not more than 60 days. Any person not entitled  
 36 thereto who shall have unlawfully procured or have issued or  
 37 transferred to him, as aforesaid, identification card or any person  
 38 who shall make any false statement on any card required by  
 39 subsection (c) hereof to be signed by him shall be guilty of a  
 40 **【misdemeanor】** disorderly persons offense and, upon conviction  
 41 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300.00,  
 42 or undergo imprisonment for not more than 60 days.

43 (cf: P.L.1968, c.313, s.6)

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 45 <sup>1</sup>[63.] <sup>2</sup>[64.<sup>1</sup>] 70.<sup>2</sup> The title of P.L.1991, c.169 is amended to  
 46 read as follows:

1 AN ACT concerning the retail sale of alcoholic beverages or  
 2 cannabis items, amending R.S.33:1-81 and P.L.1979, c.264 and  
 3 supplementing chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes.  
 4 (cf: P.L.1991, c.169, title)

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 6 <sup>1</sup>[64.] <sup>2</sup>[65.<sup>1</sup>] 71.<sup>2</sup> Section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-81.1a)  
 7 is amended to read as follows:

8 3. A parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of a  
 9 person under 18 years of age found in violation of R.S.33:1-81 or  
 10 section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15) with respect to  
 11 purchasing, possessing, or consuming any alcoholic beverage or  
 12 cannabis item available for lawful consumption pursuant to the  
 13 “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
 14 Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
 15 before the Legislature as this bill) shall be notified of the violation  
 16 in writing. The parent, guardian or other person having legal  
 17 custody of a person under 18 years of age shall be subject to a fine  
 18 in the amount of \$500.00 upon any subsequent violation of  
 19 R.S.33:1-81 or section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15) on the  
 20 part of such person if it is shown that the parent, guardian or other  
 21 person having legal custody failed or neglected to exercise  
 22 reasonable supervision or control over the conduct of the person  
 23 under 18 years of age.

24 (cf: P.L.1991, c.169, s.3)

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 26 <sup>1</sup>[65.] <sup>2</sup>[66.<sup>1</sup>] 72.<sup>2</sup> The title of P.L.1979, c.264 is amended to  
 27 read as follows:

28 AN ACT concerning certain alcoholic beverage and cannabis item  
 29 offenses by persons under the legal age to purchase alcoholic  
 30 beverages and cannabis items, and supplementing chapter 33 of  
 31 Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

32 (cf: P.L.1979, c.264, title)

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 34 <sup>1</sup>[66.] <sup>2</sup>[67.<sup>1</sup>] 73.<sup>2</sup> Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.264 (C.2C:33-15)  
 35 is amended to read as follows:

36 1. a. (1) Any person under the legal age to purchase alcoholic  
 37 beverages who knowingly possesses without legal authority or who  
 38 knowingly consumes any alcoholic beverage in any school, public  
 39 conveyance, public place, or place of public assembly, or motor  
 40 vehicle, is guilty of a petty disorderly persons offense, and shall <sup>1</sup>,  
 41 in the case of an adult under the legal age to purchase alcoholic  
 42 beverages,<sup>1</sup> be fined not less than **[\$500]** \$250.

43 (2) (a) Any person under the legal age to purchase cannabis  
 44 items who knowingly possesses without legal authority any  
 45 cannabis item, the amount of which may be lawfully possessed by a  
 46 person of the legal age to purchase cannabis items pursuant to  
 47 section <sup>1</sup>[44] <sup>2</sup>[45<sup>1</sup>] 46.<sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
 48 the Legislature as this bill), in any school, public conveyance,

1 public place, or place of public assembly, or motor vehicle, is guilty  
2 of a petty disorderly persons offense, and shall <sup>1</sup>, in the case of an  
3 adult under the legal age to purchase cannabis items,<sup>1</sup> be fined not  
4 less than \$250.

5 (b) Any person under the legal age to purchase cannabis items  
6 who knowingly possesses without legal authority any cannabis  
7 item, the amount of which exceeds what may be lawfully possessed  
8 by a person of the legal age to purchase cannabis items pursuant to  
9 section <sup>1</sup>[44] <sup>2</sup>[45<sup>1</sup>] 46<sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
10 the Legislature as this bill), or who knowingly consumes any  
11 cannabis item in any school, public conveyance, public place, or  
12 place of public assembly, or motor vehicle, is guilty of a disorderly  
13 persons offense, and shall <sup>1</sup>, in the case of an adult under the legal  
14 age to purchase cannabis items,<sup>1</sup> be fined not less than \$500.

15 b. Whenever this offense is committed in a motor vehicle, the  
16 court shall, in addition to the sentence authorized for the offense,  
17 suspend or postpone for six months the driving privilege of the  
18 defendant. Upon the conviction of any person under this section,  
19 the court shall forward a report to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
20 Commission stating the first and last day of the suspension or  
21 postponement period imposed by the court pursuant to this section.  
22 If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence is less than 17  
23 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a  
24 suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a  
25 motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is  
26 imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person  
27 reaches the age of 17 years.

28 If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid  
29 driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately  
30 collect the license and forward it to the commission along with the  
31 report. If for any reason the license cannot be collected, the court  
32 shall include in the report the complete name, address, date of birth,  
33 eye color, and sex of the person as well as the first and last date of  
34 the license suspension period imposed by the court.

35 The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the  
36 person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period  
37 of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject  
38 to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required  
39 to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to  
40 receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the  
41 receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent  
42 charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

43 If the person convicted under this section is not a New Jersey  
44 resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the  
45 non-resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the  
46 person and submit to the commission the required report. The court  
47 shall not collect the license of a non-resident convicted under this  
48 section. Upon receipt of a report by the court, the commission shall

1 notify the appropriate officials in the licensing jurisdiction of the  
2 suspension or postponement.

3 c. In addition to the general penalty prescribed for a disorderly  
4 persons offense, the court may require any person who violates this  
5 act to participate in an alcohol or drug abuse education or treatment  
6 program, authorized by the Division of Mental Health and  
7 Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services, for a  
8 period not to exceed the maximum period of confinement  
9 prescribed by law for the offense for which the individual has been  
10 convicted.

11 d. Nothing in this act shall apply to possession of alcoholic  
12 beverages by any such person while actually engaged in the  
13 performance of employment pursuant to an employment permit  
14 issued by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage  
15 Control, or for a bona fide hotel or restaurant, in accordance with  
16 the provisions of R.S.33:1-26, or while actively engaged in the  
17 preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel  
18 management program at a county vocational school or **post**  
19 **secondary** post-secondary educational institution; and nothing in  
20 this section shall apply to possession of cannabis items by any such  
21 person while actually engaged in the performance of employment  
22 by a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service as  
23 permitted pursuant to the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory,  
24 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act,”  
25 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

26 e. The provisions of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.169 (C.33:1-  
27 81.1a) shall apply to a parent, guardian or other person with legal  
28 custody of a person under 18 years of age who is found to be in  
29 violation of this section.

30 f. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be  
31 immune from prosecution under this section if:

32 (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that  
33 another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to  
34 alcohol consumption or the consumption of a cannabis item;

35 (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one  
36 or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person  
37 who called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1  
38 operator;

39 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1  
40 report; and

41 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other  
42 persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-  
43 1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age  
44 in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and  
45 cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel  
46 on the scene.

47 The underage person who received medical assistance also shall  
48 be immune from prosecution under this section.



g. For purposes of this section, an alcoholic beverage includes powdered alcohol as defined by R.S.33:1-1, and a cannabis item includes any item available for lawful consumption pursuant to the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
(cf: P.L.2015, c.137, s.3)

<sup>1</sup>[67.] <sup>2</sup>[68.<sup>1</sup>] 74.<sup>2</sup> The title of P.L.1981, c.197 is amended to read as follows:

AN ACT concerning the unauthorized bringing of alcoholic beverages or cannabis items onto school premises, and supplementing chapter 33 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.  
(cf: P.L.1981, c.197, title)

<sup>1</sup>[68.] <sup>2</sup>[69.<sup>1</sup>] 75.<sup>2</sup> Section 1 of P.L.1981, c.197 (C.2C:33-16) is amended to read as follows:

1. Any person of legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages or cannabis items, who, in the case of alcoholic beverages, knowingly and without the express written permission of the school board, its delegated authority, or any school principal, brings or possesses any alcoholic beverages, or in the case of cannabis items, brings, possesses, or consumes, including by smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing, any cannabis items, on any property used for school purposes which is owned by any school or school board, is guilty of a disorderly persons offense. For purposes of this section, an alcoholic beverage includes powdered alcohol as defined by R.S.33:1-1, and a cannabis item includes any item available for lawful consumption pursuant to the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
(cf: P.L.1981, c.197, s.1)

<sup>1</sup>[69.] <sup>2</sup>[70.<sup>1</sup>] 76.<sup>2</sup> R.S.40:48-1 is amended to read as follows:  
40:48-1. Ordinances; general purpose. The governing body of every municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce ordinances to:

Finances and property. 1. Manage, regulate and control the finances and property, real and personal, of the municipality;

Contracts and contractor's bonds. 2. Prescribe the form and manner of execution and approval of all contracts to be executed by the municipality and of all bonds to be given to it;

Officers and employees; duties, terms and salaries. 3. Prescribe and define, except as otherwise provided by law, the duties and terms of office or employment, of all officers and employees; and to provide for the employment and compensation of such officials and employees, in addition to those provided for by statute, as may be

1 deemed necessary for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the  
2 municipality;

3 Fees. 4. Fix the fees of any officer or employee of the  
4 municipality for any service rendered in connection with his office  
5 or position, for which no specific fee or compensation is provided.  
6 In the case of salaried officers or employees, such fee shall be paid  
7 into the municipal treasury;

8 Salaries instead of fees; disposition of fees. 5. Provide that any  
9 officer or employee receiving compensation for his services, in  
10 whole or in part by fees, whether paid by the municipality or  
11 otherwise, shall be paid a salary to be fixed in the ordinance, and  
12 thereafter all fees received by such officer or employee shall be  
13 paid into the municipal treasury;

14 Maintain order. 6. Prevent vice, drunkenness and immorality; to  
15 preserve the public peace and order; to prevent and quell riots,  
16 disturbances and disorderly assemblages; to prohibit the  
17 consumption of alcoholic beverages or cannabis items by underage  
18 persons on private property pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2000, c.33  
19 (C.40:48-1.2);

20 Punish beggars; prevention of loitering. 7. Restrain and punish  
21 drunkards, vagrants, mendicants and street beggars; to prevent  
22 loitering, lounging or sleeping in the streets, parks or public places;

23 Auctions and noises. 8. Regulate the ringing of bells and the  
24 crying of goods and other commodities for sale at auction or  
25 otherwise, and to prevent disturbing noises;

26 Swimming; bathing costume; prohibition of public nudity. 9.  
27 Regulate or prohibit swimming or bathing in the waters of, in, or  
28 bounding the municipality, and to regulate or prohibit persons from  
29 appearing upon the public streets, parks and places clad in bathing  
30 costumes or robes, or costumes of a similar character; regulate or  
31 prohibit persons from appearing in a state of nudity upon all lands  
32 within its borders which are under the jurisdiction of the State  
33 including, without limitation, all lands owned by, controlled by,  
34 managed by or leased by the State;

35 Prohibit annoyance of persons or animals. 10. Regulate or  
36 prohibit any practice tending to frighten animals, or to annoy or  
37 injure persons in the public streets;

38 Animals; pounds; establishment and regulation. 11. Establish  
39 and regulate one or more pounds, and to prohibit or regulate the  
40 running at large of horses, cattle, dogs, swine, goats and other  
41 animals, and to authorize their impounding and sale for the penalty  
42 incurred, and the costs of impounding, keeping and sale; to regulate  
43 or prohibit the keeping of cattle, goats or swine in any part of the  
44 municipality; to authorize the destruction of dogs running at large  
45 therein;

46 Hucksters. 12. Prescribe and regulate the place of vending or  
47 exposing for sale articles of merchandise from vehicles;

1 Building regulations; wooden structures. 13. Regulate and  
2 control the construction, erection, alteration and repair of buildings  
3 and structures of every kind within the municipality; and to  
4 prohibit, within certain limits, the construction, erection or  
5 alteration of buildings or structures of wood or other combustible  
6 material;

7 Inflammable materials; inspect docks and buildings. 14.  
8 Regulate the use, storage, sale and disposal of inflammable or  
9 combustible materials, and to provide for the protection of life and  
10 property from fire, explosions and other dangers; to provide for  
11 inspections of buildings, docks, wharves, warehouses and other  
12 places, and of goods and materials contained therein, to secure the  
13 proper enforcement of such ordinance;

14 Dangerous structures; removal or destruction; procedure. 15.  
15 Provide for the removal or destruction of any building, wall or  
16 structure which is or may become dangerous to life or health, or  
17 might tend to extend a conflagration; and to assess the cost thereof  
18 as a municipal lien against the premises;

19 Chimneys and boilers. 16. Regulate the construction and setting  
20 up of chimneys, furnaces, stoves, boilers, ovens and other  
21 contrivances in which fire is used;

22 Explosives. 17. Regulate, in conformity with the statutes of this  
23 State, the manufacture, storage, sale, keeping or conveying of  
24 gunpowder, nitroglycerine, dynamite and other explosives;

25 Firearms and fireworks. 18. Regulate and prohibit the sale and  
26 use of guns, pistols, firearms, and fireworks of all descriptions;

27 Soft coal. 19. Regulate the use of soft coal in locomotives,  
28 factories, power houses and other places;

29 Theaters, schools, churches and public places. 20. Regulate the  
30 use of theaters, cinema houses, public halls, schools, churches, and  
31 other places where numbers of people assemble, and the exits  
32 therefrom, so that escape therefrom may be easily and safely made  
33 in case of fire or panic; and to regulate any machinery, scenery,  
34 lights, wires and other apparatus, equipment or appliances used in  
35 all places of public amusement;

36 Excavations. 21. Regulate excavations below the established  
37 grade or curb line of any street, not greater than eight feet, which  
38 the owner of any land may make, in the erection of any building  
39 upon his own property; and to provide for the giving of notice, in  
40 writing, of such intended excavation to any adjoining owner or  
41 owners, and that they will be required to protect and care for their  
42 several foundation walls that may be endangered by such  
43 excavation; and to provide that in case of the neglect or refusal, for  
44 10 days, of such adjoining owner or owners to take proper action to  
45 secure and protect the foundations of any adjacent building or other  
46 structure, that the party or parties giving such notice, or their  
47 agents, contractors or employees, may enter into and upon such  
48 adjoining property and do all necessary work to make such

1 foundations secure, and may recover the cost of such work and  
2 labor in so protecting such adjacent property; and to make such  
3 further and other provisions in relation to the proper conduct and  
4 performance of said work as the governing body or board of the  
5 municipality may deem necessary and proper;

6 Sample medicines. 22. Regulate and prohibit the distribution,  
7 depositing or leaving on the public streets or highways, public  
8 places or private property, or at any private place or places within  
9 any such municipality, any medicine, medicinal preparation or  
10 preparations represented to cure ailments or diseases of the body or  
11 mind, or any samples thereof, or any advertisements or circulars  
12 relating thereto, but no ordinance shall prohibit a delivery of any  
13 such article to any person above the age of 12 years willing to  
14 receive the same;

15 Boating. 23. Regulate the use of motor and other boats upon  
16 waters within or bounding the municipality;

17 Fire escapes. 24. Provide for the erection of fire escapes on  
18 buildings in the municipality, and to provide rules and regulations  
19 concerning the construction and maintenance of the same, and for  
20 the prevention of any obstruction thereof or thereon;

21 Care of injured employees. 25. Provide for the payment of  
22 compensation and for medical attendance to any officer or  
23 employee of the municipality injured in the performance of his  
24 duty;

25 Bulkheads and other structures. 26. Fix and determine the lines  
26 of bulkheads or other works or structures to be erected, constructed  
27 or maintained by the owners of lands facing upon any navigable  
28 water in front of their lands, and in front of or along any highway or  
29 public lands of said municipality, and to designate the materials to  
30 be used, and the type, height and dimensions thereof;

31 Lifeguard. 27. Establish, maintain, regulate and control a  
32 lifeguard upon any beach within or bordering on the municipality;

33 Appropriation for life-saving apparatus. 28. Appropriate  
34 moneys to safeguard people from drowning within its borders, by  
35 location of apparatus or conduct of educational work in harmony  
36 with the plans of the United States volunteer life-saving corps in  
37 this State;

38 Fences. 29. Regulate the size, height and dimensions of any  
39 fences between the lands of adjoining owners, whether built or  
40 erected as division or partition fences between such lands, and  
41 whether the same exist or be erected entirely or only partly upon the  
42 lands of any such adjoining owners, or along or immediately  
43 adjacent to any division or partition line of such lands. To provide,  
44 in such ordinance, the manner of securing, fastening or shoring such  
45 fences, and for surveying the land when required by statute, and to  
46 prohibit in any such ordinance the use at a height of under 10 feet  
47 from the ground, of any device, such as wire or cable, that would be  
48 dangerous to pedestrians, equestrians, bicyclists, or drivers of off-

1 the-road vehicles, unless that device is clearly visible to pedestrians,  
2 equestrians, bicyclists or drivers of off-the-road vehicles. In the  
3 case of fences thereafter erected contrary to the provisions thereof,  
4 the governing body may provide for a penalty for the violation of  
5 such ordinance, and in the case of such fence or fences erected or  
6 existing at the time of the passage of any such ordinance, may  
7 provide therein for the removal, change or alteration thereof, so as  
8 to make such fence or fences comply with the provisions of any  
9 such ordinance;

10 Advertise municipality. 30. Appropriate funds for advertising  
11 the advantages of the municipality;

12 Government Energy Aggregation Programs. 31. Establish  
13 programs and procedures pursuant to which the municipality may  
14 act as a government aggregator pursuant to sections 40 through 43  
15 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-89 through C.48:3-92), section 45 of  
16 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-94), and sections 1, 2 and 6 of P.L.2003,  
17 c.24 (C.48:3-93.1 through C.48:3-93.3). Notwithstanding the  
18 provisions of any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a  
19 municipality acting as a government aggregator pursuant to  
20 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-49 et al.) shall not be deemed to be a public  
21 utility pursuant to R.S.40:62-24 or R.S.48:1-1 et seq. or be deemed  
22 to be operating any form of public utility service pursuant to  
23 R.S.40:62-1 et seq., to the extent such municipality is solely  
24 engaged in the provision of such aggregation service and not  
25 otherwise owning or operating any plant or facility for the  
26 production or distribution of gas, electricity, steam or other product  
27 as provided in R.S.40:62-12;

28 Joint municipal action on consent for the provision of cable  
29 television service. 32. Establish programs and procedures pursuant  
30 to which a municipality may act together with one or more  
31 municipalities in granting municipal consent for the provision of  
32 cable television service pursuant to the provisions of the "Cable  
33 Television Act," P.L.1972, c.186 (C.48:5A-1 et seq.) as amended  
34 and supplemented. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
35 law, rule or regulation to the contrary, two or more municipalities  
36 acting jointly pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1972, c.186  
37 (C.48:5A-1 et seq.) shall not be deemed a public utility pursuant to  
38 R.S.48:1-1 et seq., to the extent those municipalities are solely  
39 engaged in granting municipal consent jointly and are not otherwise  
40 owning or operating any facility for the provision of cable  
41 television service as provided in P.L.1972, c.186 (C.48:5A-1 et  
42 seq.);

43 Private cable television service aggregation programs. 33.  
44 Establish programs and procedures pursuant to which a  
45 municipality may employ the services of a private aggregator for  
46 the purpose of facilitating the joint action of two or more  
47 municipalities in granting municipal consent for the provision of  
48 cable television service provided that any such municipality shall

1 adhere to the provisions of the "Cable Television Act," P.L.1972,  
 2 c.186 (C.48:5A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented, and to the  
 3 provisions of the "Local Public Contracts Law," P.L.1971, c.198  
 4 (C.40A:11-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented.  
 5 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or regulation  
 6 to the contrary, a municipality that employs the services of a private  
 7 aggregator pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1972, c.186 (C.48:5A-  
 8 1 et seq.) shall not be deemed a public utility pursuant to R.S.48:1-  
 9 1 et seq., to the extent that the municipality is solely engaged in  
 10 employing the services of a private aggregator for the purpose of  
 11 facilitating the joint action of two or more municipalities in  
 12 granting municipal consent and is not otherwise owning or  
 13 operating any facility for the provision of cable television service as  
 14 provided in P.L.1972, c.186 (C.48:5A-1 et seq.);

15 Protective Custody. 34. Provide protective custody to persons  
 16 arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of  
 17 alcoholic beverages, cannabis items as defined in section 3 of  
 18 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
 19 any chemical substance, or any controlled dangerous substance in  
 20 violation of R.S.39:4-50 as provided in section 1 of P.L.2003, c.164  
 21 (C.40:48-1.3);

22 Private Outdoor Video Surveillance Camera Registry. 35.  
 23 Establish a private outdoor video surveillance camera registry and  
 24 allow voluntary registration of private outdoor video surveillance  
 25 cameras as provided in P.L.2015, c.142 (C.40:48-1.6 et al.).  
 26 (cf: P.L.2015, c.142, s.3)  
 27

28 <sup>1</sup>[70.] <sup>2</sup>[71.<sup>1</sup>] 77.<sup>2</sup> (New section) A municipality may enact an  
 29 ordinance making it unlawful for any person who is of legal age to  
 30 consume, other than by smoking, vaping, or aerosolizing, a cannabis  
 31 item available for lawful consumption pursuant to the "New Jersey  
 32 Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace  
 33 Modernization Act," P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 34 Legislature as this bill), in any public place as defined in section 3  
 35 of that act (C. ), other than school property described in section 1  
 36 of P.L.1981, c.197 (C.2C:33-16) for which unlawful consumption is  
 37 a disorderly persons offense, or when not prohibited by the owner or  
 38 person responsible for the operation of that public place. A person  
 39 may be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$200, which shall be  
 40 recovered in a civil action by a summary proceeding in the name of  
 41 the municipality pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of  
 42 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). The municipal court  
 43 and the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction of proceedings for the  
 44 enforcement of the penalty provided by this section.  
 45

46 <sup>1</sup>[71.] <sup>2</sup>[72.<sup>1</sup>] 78.<sup>2</sup> The title of P.L.2000, c.33 is amended to  
 47 read as follows:

1 AN ACT concerning possession and consumption of alcoholic  
 2 beverages or cannabis items by underaged persons,  
 3 supplementing Title 40 of the Revised Statutes and amending  
 4 R.S.40:48-1.

5 (cf: P.L.2000, c.33, title)

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 7 <sup>1</sup>[72.] <sup>2</sup>[73.1] <sup>79.2</sup> Section 1 of P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2) is  
 8 amended to read as follows:

9 1. a. A municipality may enact an ordinance making it  
 10 unlawful for any person under the legal age who, without legal  
 11 authority, knowingly possesses or knowingly consumes an alcoholic  
 12 beverage or a cannabis item, other than by smoking, vaping, or  
 13 aerosolizing, on private property.

14 (1) The ordinance shall provide that a violation involving  
 15 alcoholic beverage activity shall <sup>1</sup>, in the case of an adult under the  
 16 legal age to purchase an alcoholic beverage,<sup>1</sup> be punished by a fine  
 17 of \$250 for a first offense and \$350 for any subsequent offense.

18 (2) The ordinance shall provide that a violation involving  
 19 cannabis activity <sup>1</sup>, in the case of an adult under the legal age to  
 20 purchase cannabis items,<sup>1</sup> shall be punished as follows:

21 (a) If the cannabis item possessed is an amount which may be  
 22 lawfully possessed by a person of the legal age to purchase cannabis  
 23 items pursuant to section <sup>1</sup>[44] <sup>2</sup>[451] 46<sup>2</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. )  
 24 (pending before the Legislature as this bill): for a first offense, a  
 25 civil penalty of \$100; for a second offense, a civil penalty of \$200;  
 26 and for a third or subsequent offense, a fine of \$350. The civil  
 27 penalties provided for in this subparagraph shall be collected  
 28 pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999,  
 29 c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.), in a summary proceeding before the  
 30 municipal court having jurisdiction. A penalty recovered under the  
 31 provisions of this subparagraph shall be recovered by and in the  
 32 name of the municipality.

33 (b) If the cannabis item possessed is an amount that exceeds  
 34 what may be lawfully possessed by a person of the legal age to  
 35 purchase cannabis items pursuant to section <sup>1</sup>[44] <sup>2</sup>[451] 46<sup>2</sup> of  
 36 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or  
 37 if any cannabis item is consumed: for a first offense, a fine of \$250;  
 38 and for a second or subsequent offense, a fine of \$350.

39 b. The ordinance shall provide that the court may, in addition  
 40 to the fine authorized for this offense, suspend or postpone for six  
 41 months the driving privilege of the defendant. Upon the conviction  
 42 of any person and the suspension or postponement of that person's  
 43 driver's license, the court shall forward a report to the **[Division of]**  
 44 New Jersey Motor **[Vehicles]** Vehicle Commission stating the first  
 45 and last day of the suspension or postponement period imposed by  
 46 the court pursuant to this section. If a person at the time of the  
 47 imposition of a sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of

1 license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of  
2 the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on  
3 the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six  
4 months after the person reaches the age of 17 years.

5 If a person at the time of the imposition of a sentence has a valid  
6 driver's license issued by this State, the court shall immediately  
7 collect the license and forward it to the **[division]** commission  
8 along with the report. If for any reason the license cannot be  
9 collected, the court shall include in the report the complete name,  
10 address, date of birth, eye color, and sex of the person, as well as  
11 the first and last date of the license suspension period imposed by  
12 the court.

13 The court shall inform the person orally and in writing that if the  
14 person is convicted of operating a motor vehicle during the period  
15 of license suspension or postponement, the person shall be subject  
16 to the penalties set forth in R.S.39:3-40. A person shall be required  
17 to acknowledge receipt of the written notice in writing. Failure to  
18 receive a written notice or failure to acknowledge in writing the  
19 receipt of a written notice shall not be a defense to a subsequent  
20 charge of a violation of R.S.39:3-40.

21 If the person convicted under such an ordinance is not a New  
22 Jersey resident, the court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate,  
23 the non-resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of  
24 the person and submit to the **[division]** commission the required  
25 report. The court shall not collect the license of a non-resident  
26 convicted under this section. Upon receipt of a report by the court,  
27 the **[division]** commission shall notify the appropriate officials in  
28 the licensing jurisdiction of the suspension or postponement.

29 c. (1) No ordinance shall prohibit an underaged person from  
30 consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in connection with a  
31 religious observance, ceremony, or rite or consuming or possessing  
32 an alcoholic beverage in the presence of and with the permission of  
33 a parent, guardian or relative who has attained the legal age to  
34 purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.

35 (2) As used in this section:

36 "Alcoholic beverage" includes powdered alcohol as defined by  
37 R.S.33:1-1.

38 "Guardian" means a person who has qualified as a guardian of  
39 the underaged person pursuant to testamentary or court  
40 appointment.

41 "Cannabis items" includes any item available for lawful  
42 consumption pursuant to the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory,  
43 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act,"  
44 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

45 "Relative" means the underaged person's grandparent, aunt or  
46 uncle, sibling, or any other person related by blood or affinity.

47 d. No ordinance shall prohibit possession of alcoholic  
48 beverages by any such person while actually engaged in the



1 performance of employment by a person who is licensed under Title  
 2 33 of the Revised Statutes, or while actively engaged in the  
 3 preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel  
 4 management program at a county vocational school or **post**  
 5 **secondary** post-secondary educational institution, and no  
 6 ordinance shall prohibit possession of cannabis items by any such  
 7 person while actually engaged in the performance of employment  
 8 by a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service as  
 9 permitted pursuant to the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory,  
 10 Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act,”  
 11 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);  
 12 however, no ordinance enacted pursuant to this section shall be  
 13 construed to preclude the imposition of a penalty under this section,  
 14 R.S.33:1-81, or any other section of law against a person who is  
 15 convicted of unlawful alcoholic beverage activity or unlawful  
 16 cannabis activity on or at premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic  
 17 beverages or cannabis items.  
 18 (cf: P.L.2000, c.33, s.1)

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 20 <sup>1</sup>**[73.]** <sup>2</sup>**[74.1]** <sup>80.2</sup> The title of P.L.2009, c.133 is amended to  
 21 read as follows:  
 22 **AN ACT** concerning persons under the legal age to possess and  
 23 consume alcoholic beverages or cannabis items, amending  
 24 P.L.1979, c.264, and supplementing P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2  
 25 et al.).  
 26 (cf: P.L.2009, c.133, title)

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 28 <sup>1</sup>**[74.]** <sup>2</sup>**[75.1]** <sup>81.2</sup> Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.133 (C.40:48-1.2a)  
 29 is amended to read as follows:

30 2. a. An underage person and one or two other persons shall be  
 31 immune from prosecution under an ordinance authorized by section  
 32 1 of P.L.2000, c.33 (C.40:48-1.2) prohibiting any person under the  
 33 legal age who, without legal authority, knowingly possesses or  
 34 knowingly consumes an alcoholic beverage or cannabis item on  
 35 private property if:

36 (1) one of the underage persons called 9-1-1 and reported that  
 37 another underage person was in need of medical assistance due to  
 38 alcohol consumption or the consumption of a cannabis item;

39 (2) the underage person who called 9-1-1 and, if applicable, one  
 40 or two other persons acting in concert with the underage person  
 41 who called 9-1-1 provided each of their names to the 9-1-1  
 42 operator;

43 (3) the underage person was the first person to make the 9-1-1  
 44 report; and

45 (4) the underage person and, if applicable, one or two other  
 46 persons acting in concert with the underage person who made the 9-  
 47 1-1 call remained on the scene with the person under the legal age  
 48 in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and

1 cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel  
2 on the scene.

3 b. The underage person who received medical assistance as  
4 provided in subsection a. of this section also shall be immune from  
5 prosecution under an ordinance authorized by section 1 of P.L.2000,  
6 c.33 (C.40:48-1.2).  
7 (cf: P.L.2009, c.133, s.2)  
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9 <sup>1</sup>[75.] <sup>2</sup>[76.<sup>1</sup>] <sup>2</sup>82.<sup>2</sup> Section 2 of P.L.1981, c.512 (C.39:4-50.4a)  
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 2. a. The municipal court shall order any person who, after  
12 being arrested for a violation of R.S.39:4-50 or section 1 of  
13 P.L.1992, c.189 (C.39:4-50.14), refuses to submit, upon request, to  
14 a test provided for in section 2 of P.L.1966, c.142 (C.39:4-50.2):

15 (1) if the refusal was in connection with a first offense under this  
16 section, to forfeit the right to operate a motor vehicle over the  
17 highways of this State until the person installs an ignition interlock  
18 device in one motor vehicle owned, leased, or principally operated  
19 by the person, whichever the person most often operates, for the  
20 purpose of complying with the provisions of P.L.1999, c.417  
21 (C.39:4-50.16 et al.);

22 (2) if the refusal was in connection with a second offense under  
23 this section, to forfeit the right to operate a motor vehicle over the  
24 highways of this State for a period of not less than one year or more  
25 than two years following the installation of an ignition interlock  
26 device in one motor vehicle owned, leased, or principally operated  
27 by the person, whichever the person most often operates, for the  
28 purpose of complying with the provisions of P.L.1999, c.417  
29 (C.39:4-50.16 et al.);

30 (3) if the refusal was in connection with a third or subsequent  
31 offense under this section, to forfeit the right to operate a motor  
32 vehicle over the highways of this State for a period of eight years  
33 following the installation of an ignition interlock device in one  
34 motor vehicle owned, leased, or principally operated by the person,  
35 whichever the person most often operates, for the purpose of  
36 complying with the provisions of P.L.1999, c.417 (C.39:4-50.16 et  
37 al.). A conviction or administrative determination of a violation of  
38 a law of a substantially similar nature in another jurisdiction,  
39 regardless of whether that jurisdiction is a signatory to the Interstate  
40 Driver License Compact pursuant to P.L.1966, c.73 (C.39:5D-1 et  
41 seq.), shall constitute a prior conviction under this section.

42 The municipal court shall determine by a preponderance of the  
43 evidence whether the arresting officer had probable cause to believe  
44 that the person had been driving or was in actual physical control of  
45 a motor vehicle on the public highways or quasi-public areas of this  
46 State while the person was under the influence of intoxicating  
47 liquor or a narcotic, hallucinogenic, or habit-producing drug, or  
48 marijuana or cannabis item as defined in section 3 of P.L.

1 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill); whether  
2 the person was placed under arrest, if appropriate, and whether he  
3 refused to submit to the test upon request of the officer; and if these  
4 elements of the violation are not established, no conviction shall  
5 issue. In addition to any other requirements provided by law, a  
6 person whose operator's license is revoked for refusing to submit to  
7 a test shall be referred to an Intoxicated Driver Resource Center  
8 established by subsection (f) of R.S.39:4-50 and shall satisfy the  
9 same requirements of the center for refusal to submit to a test as  
10 provided for in section 2 of P.L.1966, c.142 (C.39:4-50.2) in  
11 connection with a first, second, third or subsequent offense under  
12 this section that must be satisfied by a person convicted of a  
13 commensurate violation of this section, or be subject to the same  
14 penalties as such a person for failure to do so. For a first offense,  
15 the revocation may be concurrent with or consecutive to any  
16 revocation imposed for a conviction under the provisions of  
17 R.S.39:4-50 arising out of the same incident. For a second or  
18 subsequent offense, the revocation shall be consecutive to any  
19 revocation imposed for a conviction under the provisions of  
20 R.S.39:4-50. In addition to issuing a revocation, the municipal  
21 court shall fine a person convicted under this section, a fine of not  
22 less than \$300 or more than \$500 for a first offense; a fine of not  
23 less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 for a second offense; and a fine  
24 of \$1,000 for a third or subsequent offense.

25 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.248)  
26 (cf: P.L.2019, c.248, s.3)  
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28 <sup>1</sup>[76.] <sup>2</sup>[77.1] <sup>3</sup>83.<sup>2</sup> Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.307 (C.39:4-51a) is  
29 amended to read as follows:

30 1. a. A person shall not consume an alcoholic beverage or  
31 cannabis item as defined in section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
32 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) while operating a motor  
33 vehicle. A passenger in a motor vehicle shall not consume an  
34 alcoholic beverage, and shall not consume by means of smoking,  
35 vaping, or aerosolizing a cannabis item, while the motor vehicle is  
36 being operated. This subsection shall not apply, with respect to the  
37 consumption of an alcoholic beverage, to a passenger of a charter or  
38 special bus operated as defined under R.S.48:4-1 or a limousine  
39 service.

40 b. A person shall be presumed to have consumed an alcoholic  
41 beverage in violation of this section if an unsealed container of an  
42 alcoholic beverage is located in the passenger compartment of the  
43 motor vehicle, the contents of the alcoholic beverage have been  
44 partially consumed and the physical appearance or conduct of the  
45 operator of the motor vehicle or a passenger may be associated with  
46 the consumption of an alcoholic beverage. For the purposes of this  
47 section, the term "unsealed" shall mean a container with its original  
48 seal broken, or a container such as a glass or cup.

1 c. For the first offense, a person convicted of violating this  
2 section shall be fined ~~【\$200.00】~~ \$200 and shall be informed by the  
3 court of the penalties for a second or subsequent violation of this  
4 section. For a second or subsequent offense, a person convicted of  
5 violating this section shall be fined ~~【\$250.00】~~ \$250 or shall be  
6 ordered by the court to perform community service for a period of  
7 10 days in such form and on such terms as the court shall deem  
8 appropriate under the circumstances.

9 (cf: P.L.1999, c.356, s.20)

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11 <sup>1</sup>~~【77.】~~ <sup>2</sup>~~【78.1】~~ 84.<sup>2</sup> Section 6 of P.L.2000, c.83 (C.39:4-51b) is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 6. a. All occupants of a motor vehicle located on a public  
14 highway, or the right-of-way of a public highway, shall be  
15 prohibited from possessing any open or unsealed alcoholic beverage  
16 container or unsealed cannabis item as defined in section 3 of  
17 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
18 that is intended to be consumed by means of smoking, vaping, or  
19 aerosolizing. This subsection shall not apply, with respect to the  
20 possession of an alcoholic beverage, to a passenger of a charter or  
21 special bus operated as defined under R.S.48:4-1 or a limousine  
22 service.

23 b. A person shall not be deemed to be in possession of an  
24 opened or unsealed alcoholic beverage container or unsealed  
25 cannabis item pursuant to this section if such container or unsealed  
26 cannabis item is located in the trunk of a motor vehicle, behind the  
27 last upright seat in a trunkless vehicle, or in the living quarters of a  
28 motor home or house trailer. For the purposes of this section, the  
29 term "open or unsealed" shall mean **【a】** an alcoholic beverage  
30 container with its original seal broken, or a container or package  
31 that is not the original container or package such as a glass **【or】** ,  
32 cup, box, bag, or wrapping.

33 c. For a first offense, a person convicted of violating this  
34 section shall be fined \$200 and shall be informed by the court of the  
35 penalties for a second or subsequent violation of this section. For a  
36 second or subsequent offense, a person convicted of violating this  
37 section shall be fined \$250 or shall be ordered by the court to  
38 perform community service for a period of 10 days in such form  
39 and on such terms as the court shall deem appropriate under the  
40 circumstances.

41 (cf: P.L.2000, c.83, s.6)

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43 <sup>2</sup>~~【179.】~~ 85.<sup>2</sup> Section 6 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-71) is  
44 amended to read as follows:

45 6. The commission is vested with the power, responsibility and  
46 duty:

47 a. To prescribe standards for the approval and continuation of  
48 approval of schools at which police training courses authorized by

1 this act and in-service police training courses shall be conducted,  
2 including but not limited to currently existing regional, county,  
3 municipal, and police chief association police training schools or at  
4 which basic training courses and in-service training courses shall be  
5 conducted for State and county juvenile and adult correctional  
6 police officers and juvenile detention officers;

7 b. To approve and issue certificates of approval to these  
8 schools, to inspect the schools from time to time, and to revoke any  
9 approval or certificate issued to the schools;

10 c. To prescribe the curriculum, the minimum courses of study,  
11 attendance requirements, equipment and facilities, and standards of  
12 operation for these schools. Courses of study in crime prevention  
13 may be recommended to the Police Training Commission by the  
14 Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, established by section 2 of  
15 P.L.1985, c.1 (C.52:17B-77.1). The Police Training Commission  
16 may prescribe psychological and psychiatric examinations for  
17 police recruits while in the schools;

18 d. To prescribe minimum qualifications for instructors at these  
19 schools and to certify, as qualified, instructors for approved police  
20 training schools and to issue appropriate certificates to the  
21 instructors;

22 e. To certify police officers, correctional police officers,  
23 juvenile correctional police officers, and juvenile detention officers  
24 who have satisfactorily completed training programs and to issue  
25 appropriate certificates to the police officers, correctional police  
26 officers, juvenile correctional police officers, and juvenile detention  
27 officers;

28 f. To advise and consent in the appointment of an  
29 administrator of police services by the Attorney General pursuant to  
30 section 8 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-73);

31 g. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1985, c.491 **[.]**)

32 h. To make rules and regulations as may be reasonably  
33 necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes and objectives  
34 of this act;

35 i. To make a continuous study of police training methods and  
36 training methods for correctional police officers, juvenile  
37 correctional police officers, and juvenile detention officers and to  
38 consult and accept the cooperation of any recognized federal or  
39 State law enforcement agency or educational institution;

40 j. To consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and  
41 institutes in the State for the development of specialized courses of  
42 study for police officers in police science and police administration;

43 k. To consult and cooperate with other departments and  
44 agencies of the State concerned with police training or the training  
45 of correctional police officers, juvenile correctional police officers,  
46 and juvenile detention officers;

47 l. To participate in unified programs and projects relating to  
48 police training and the training of correctional police officers,

1 juvenile correctional police officers, and juvenile detention officers  
2 sponsored by any federal, State, or other public or private agency;

3 m. To perform other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to  
4 carry out its functions and duties as set forth in this act;

5 n. To extend the time limit for satisfactory completion of police  
6 training programs or programs for the training of correctional police  
7 officers, juvenile correctional police officers, and juvenile detention  
8 officers upon a finding that health, extraordinary workload, or other  
9 factors have, singly or in combination, effected a delay in the  
10 satisfactory completion of the training program;

11 o. (1) To furnish approved schools, for inclusion in their  
12 regular police training courses and curriculum, with information  
13 concerning the advisability of high speed chases, the risk caused by  
14 them, and the benefits resulting from them;

15 (2) To review and approve new standards and course curricula  
16 for police training courses or programs to be offered by approved  
17 schools for the training of police officers to be certified as a Drug  
18 Recognition Expert for detecting, identifying, and apprehending  
19 drug-impaired motor vehicle operators. The commission shall  
20 consult with the Cannabis Regulatory Commission established by  
21 31 of P.L.2019, c.153 (C.24:6I-24) with respect to any aspects of  
22 the course curricula that focus on impairment from the use of  
23 cannabis items as defined by section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
24 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or marijuana. Any  
25 police officer certified and recognized by the commission as a Drug  
26 Recognition Expert prior to the effective date of this section, as  
27 amended by the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement  
28 Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act,” P.L. ,  
29 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), shall  
30 continue to be recognized as certified until that certification has  
31 expired or is no longer considered valid as determined by the  
32 commission, or the certification is replaced by the police officer  
33 with a new certification in accordance with the new standards and  
34 course curricula for certification described in this paragraph.

35 p. To review and approve new standards and course curricula  
36 developed by the Department of Corrections for both basic and in-  
37 service training of State and county correctional police officers and  
38 juvenile detention officers. These courses for the State correctional  
39 police officers and juvenile detention officers shall be centrally  
40 provided at the Corrections Officers' Training Academy of the  
41 Department of Corrections. Courses for the county correctional  
42 police officers and juvenile detention officers shall also be centrally  
43 provided at the Corrections Officers' Training Academy unless an  
44 off-grounds training program is established by the county. A  
45 county may elect to establish and conduct a basic training program  
46 for correctional police officers and juvenile detention officers  
47 seeking permanent appointment in that county. The Corrections

1 Officers' Training Academy shall develop the curriculum of the  
2 basic training program to be conducted by a county;

3 q. To administer and distribute the monies in the Law  
4 Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund established by  
5 section 9 of P.L.1996, c.115 (C.2C:43-3.3) and make rules and  
6 regulations for the administration and distribution of the monies as  
7 may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose for  
8 which the fund was established.<sup>1</sup>

9 (cf: P.L.2019, c.219, s.9)

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11 <sup>2</sup>86. (New section) Severability.

12 If any part, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, or provision,  
13 section of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
14 this bill) shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to  
15 be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, that judgment shall not  
16 affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be  
17 confined in its operation to the section, clause, paragraph, sentence,  
18 or provision thereof directly involved in the controversy in which  
19 the judgment shall have been rendered.<sup>2</sup>

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21 <sup>1</sup>[78.] <sup>2</sup>[80.<sup>1</sup>] 87.<sup>2</sup> This act shall take effect as follows:

22 a. (1) Sections 1 through 18, 31 and 32, 38 through <sup>1</sup>[43]  
23 <sup>2</sup>[45<sup>1</sup>] 46<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>[51] <sup>2</sup>[52<sup>1</sup>] 53<sup>2</sup> through <sup>1</sup>[56] <sup>2</sup>[57<sup>1</sup>] 63<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>[and  
24 69] <sup>2</sup>[70<sup>1</sup>] 76<sup>2</sup> through <sup>1</sup>[74] <sup>2</sup>[75] 81<sup>2</sup>, and <sup>2</sup>[section 79]  
25 sections 85 and 86<sup>2</sup> shall take effect immediately; and

26 (2) Sections 19 through 30, 33 through 37, <sup>1</sup>[44] <sup>2</sup>[46<sup>1</sup>] 47<sup>2</sup>  
27 through <sup>1</sup>[50] <sup>2</sup>[51<sup>1</sup>] 52<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>[57] <sup>2</sup>[58<sup>1</sup>] 64<sup>2</sup> through <sup>1</sup>[68] <sup>2</sup>[69<sup>1</sup>]  
28 75<sup>2</sup>, and <sup>1</sup>[75] <sup>2</sup>[76<sup>1</sup>] 82<sup>2</sup> through <sup>1</sup>[77] <sup>2</sup>[78<sup>1</sup>] 84<sup>2</sup> shall take  
29 effect immediately, but shall only become operative upon adoption  
30 of the commission's initial rules and regulations pursuant to  
31 subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of subsection d. of section 6 of  
32 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

33 b. The Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of  
34 Health, Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and the  
35 Administrative Director of the Courts, and once constituted and  
36 organized, the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, may take such  
37 anticipatory administrative action as may be necessary to effectuate  
38 the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
39 Legislature as this bill).

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44 "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and  
45 Marketplace Modernization Act"; legalizes personal use cannabis  
46 for certain adults, subject to State regulation; decriminalizes small

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- 1 amount marijuana and hashish possession; removes marijuana as
- 2 Schedule I drug.