AN ACT CONCERNING ANTI-TRUST ISSUES AND THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2020) (a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Material change" means: (A) The addition of a dispensary facility backer or producer backer, (B) a change in the ownership interest of an existing dispensary facility backer or producer backer, (C) the merger, consolidation or other affiliation of a medical marijuana business with another person, (D) the acquisition of all or part of a medical marijuana business by another person, and (E) the transfer of assets or security interests from a medical marijuana business to another person;

(2) "Medical marijuana business" means a medical marijuana dispensary facility or production facility, licensed pursuant to chapter 420f of the general statutes and the regulations promulgated thereunder;

(3) "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation,
company, association, trust or other business or tribal entity; and

(4) "Transfer" means to sell, transfer, lease, exchange, option, convey, give or otherwise dispose of or transfer control over, including, but not limited to, transfer by way of merger or joint venture not in the ordinary course of business.

(b) No person shall, directly or indirectly, enter into a transaction that results in a material change to a medical marijuana business, unless all persons involved in the transaction file a written notification with the Attorney General pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and the waiting period described in subsection (d) of this section has expired.

(c) The written notice required under subsection (b) of this section shall be in such form and contain such documentary material and information relevant to the proposed transaction as the Attorney General deems necessary and appropriate to enable the Attorney General to determine whether such transaction, if consummated, would violate antitrust laws.

(d) The waiting period required under subsection (b) of this section shall begin on the date of the receipt by the Attorney General's office of the completed notification required under subsection (c) of this section from all parties to the transaction and shall end on the thirtieth day after the date of such receipt, unless such time is extended pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

(e) The Attorney General may, in individual cases, terminate the waiting period specified in subsection (d) of this section and allow any person to proceed with any transaction.

(f) The Attorney General may, prior to the expiration of the thirty-day waiting period, require the submission of additional information or documentary material relevant to the proposed acquisition from a person required to file notification with respect to such acquisition under subsection (b) of this section. Upon request for additional information under this subsection, the waiting period shall be extended.
until thirty days after the parties have substantially complied, as
determined solely by the Attorney General, with such request for
additional information.

(g) Any information or documentary material filed with the Attorney
General pursuant to this section shall be exempt from disclosure
under section 1-200, et seq. of the general statutes, and no such
information or documentary material may be made public, except as
may be relevant to any administrative or judicial action or proceeding.
Such information or documentary material shall be returned to the
person furnishing such information or documentary material upon the
termination of the Attorney General's review or final determination of
any action or proceeding commenced thereunder.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

| Section 1 | July 1, 2020 | New section |

Statement of Purpose:
To require review by the office of the Attorney General of proposed
changes of ownership of medical marijuana businesses licensed by the
Department of Consumer Protection.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except
that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not
underlined.]