



General Assembly

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To: House Bill No. 6694

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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THIS STATE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 21a-420v of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) A dispensary facility or hybrid retailer may submit an application
6 to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the
7 commissioner, to relocate its current dispensary facility or hybrid
8 retailer location. Such relocation application shall include, at a
9 minimum:

10 (1) The size of the qualifying patient population that the applicant
11 served during the six-month period preceding the date on which the
12 dispensary facility or hybrid retailer submits such relocation
13 application, broken down by month and indicating whether such

14 qualifying patient population increased or decreased during such six-
15 month period;

16 (2) Evidence of accessible alternatives in the area surrounding the
17 applicant, prior to the proposed relocation, where qualifying patients
18 may obtain medical marijuana products;

19 (3) Whether the applicant will provide delivery services to the
20 qualifying patients whom the applicant serves prior to the proposed
21 relocation and, if so, the length of time and geographic scope of such
22 delivery services;

23 (4) A plan to communicate the proposed relocation to qualifying
24 patients, including, but not limited to, the methods of and timeframes
25 for such communications; and

26 (5) A plan to communicate with nearby dispensary facilities and
27 hybrid retailers concerning the proposed relocation and the needs of the
28 qualifying patients whom the applicant serves.

29 [(a) Until June 30, 2023, the] (b) The commissioner may deny a
30 [change of location] relocation application from a dispensary facility or
31 hybrid retailer based on the needs of qualifying patients.

32 [(b)] (c) Prior to June 30, 2022, the commissioner shall not approve the
33 relocation of a dispensary facility or hybrid retailer to a location that is
34 further than ten miles from its current dispensary facility or hybrid
35 retailer location.

36 Sec. 2. Subsection (k) of section 21a-420d of the general statutes is
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
38 *2023*):

39 (k) The council shall develop criteria for evaluating the ownership
40 and control of any equity joint venture created under section 21a-420m,
41 21a-420u or section 21a-420j and shall review and approve or deny in
42 writing such equity joint venture prior to such equity joint venture being
43 licensed under section 21a-420m, 21a-420u or section 21a-420j. After

44 developing criteria for social equity plans as described in subdivision
 45 (5) of subsection (h) of this section, the council shall review and approve
 46 or deny in writing any such plan submitted by a cannabis establishment
 47 as part of its final license application. The council shall not approve any
 48 equity joint venture applicant which shares with an equity joint venture
 49 any individual owner who meets the criteria established in
 50 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (48) of section 21a-420, other
 51 than an individual owner in their capacity as a backer licensed under
 52 section 21a-420o."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	21a-420v
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	21a-420d(k)