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AN ACT

1 Providing for the medical use of cannabis in the Commonwealth of  
2 Pennsylvania.

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2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 CHAPTER 1  
5 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

6 Section 101. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Medical  
8 Cannabis Act.

9 Section 102. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Account." The Professional Licensure Augmentation Account  
14 established under and used in accordance with the act of July 1,  
15 1978 (P.L.700, No.124), known as the Bureau of Professional and  
16 Occupational Affairs Fee Act.

17 "Board." The State Board of Medical Cannabis Licensing.

18 "Change in control." The acquisition by a person or group of  
19 persons acting in concert of at least 20% of an interest in a  
20 licensed entity.

21 "Department." Except as provided in section 1101, the  
22 Department of State of the Commonwealth.

23 "Health care facility." A facility that provides health care  
24 to patients. The term includes:

25 (1) Any of the following, as defined under section 802.1  
26 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the  
27 Health Care Facilities Act:

28 (i) A health care facility.

29 (ii) An ambulatory surgical facility.

30 (iii) A long-term care nursing facility.

1 (iv) A hospice.

2 (2) A clinic operated by a hospital.

3 (3) A cancer treatment center.

4 ~~"Health care practitioner." A medical doctor or a doctor of~~ <--

5 "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER." ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: <--

6 (1) A MEDICAL DOCTOR OR A DOCTOR OF osteopathy, as  
7 defined under section 2 of the act of December 20, 1985  
8 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985.

9 (2) A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER AS DEFINED <--  
10 IN SECTION 2(12) OF THE ACT OF MAY 22, 1951 (P.L.317, NO.69),  
11 KNOWN AS THE PROFESSIONAL NURSING LAW, WHEN ACTING IN  
12 COLLABORATION WITH A PHYSICIAN AS SET FORTH IN A WRITTEN  
13 AGREEMENT.

14 "Medical cannabis." As follows:

15 (1) Plants containing cannabidiol, tetrahydrocannabinol  
16 or delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol acid or any part of a  
17 cannabis plant, including cannabis processed by extracting  
18 oil from the plant, intended for medical purposes.

19 ~~(2) The term includes extracted oil, ointments,~~ <--  
20 ~~tinctures and medical cannabis delivered by a nebulizer.~~

21 ~~(3) The term does not include edible products.~~

22 (2) THE TERM INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MADE FROM <--  
23 PLANTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1):

24 (I) OILS.

25 (II) OINTMENTS.

26 (III) TINCTURES.

27 (IV) LIQUIDS.

28 (V) GELS.

29 (VI) PILLS.

30 (VII) SIMILAR SUBSTANCES.

1 "Medical cannabis access card." A document issued by the  
2 Department of Health that authorizes a patient or patient  
3 representative to purchase and possess medical cannabis in this  
4 Commonwealth.

5 "Medical cannabis dispenser." A for-profit or nonprofit  
6 entity licensed under section 503 to dispense medical cannabis.

7 "Medical cannabis employee." An individual who is eligible  
8 to receive an occupation permit by meeting one of the following:

9 (1) An individual who meets all of the following:

10 (i) Is employed by a medical cannabis grower,  
11 medical cannabis processor, medical cannabis dispenser or  
12 certified laboratory with the authority to make a  
13 discretionary decision relating to the growing,  
14 processing, dispensing or testing of medical cannabis,  
15 including a manager, supervisor or an individual who  
16 directly handles or controls medical cannabis.

17 (ii) Is responsible for tracking the amount and  
18 transportation of medical cannabis.

19 (2) Any other employee position designated by the board.

20 "Medical cannabis grower." A for-profit or nonprofit entity  
21 licensed under section 501 that grows or cultivates cannabis for  
22 distribution to authorized medical cannabis processors and  
23 medical cannabis dispensers in accordance with this act.

24 "Medical cannabis processor." A for-profit or nonprofit  
25 entity licensed under section 502 authorized to purchase medical  
26 cannabis from a medical cannabis grower for the purpose of  
27 processing the medical cannabis for distribution to a medical  
28 cannabis dispenser in accordance with this act.

29 "Medical cannabis strains." The three types of pure cannabis  
30 utilized for medical purposes. The term includes cannabis

1 sativa, cannabis indica and the hybrid created by the  
2 combination of both cannabis sativa and cannabis indica.

3 "Medical use." The acquisition, possession or use of medical  
4 cannabis by a registered patient or patient representative. The  
5 term does not include the smoking ~~or vaporization~~ of cannabis. <--

6 ~~"Nebulizer." A drug delivery device that uses oxygen,~~ <--  
7 ~~compressed air or ultrasonic power to break up medical~~  
8 ~~solutions, including oil based medical cannabis, into small~~  
9 ~~aerosol droplets that are directly inhaled from the mouthpiece~~  
10 ~~of the device.~~

11 "Occupation permit." A permit issued by the board  
12 authorizing an individual to be employed as a medical cannabis  
13 employee or patient representative.

14 "Owner or operator." Any of the following:

15 (1) An officer or director of the medical cannabis  
16 grower, processor or dispenser licensed under section 505.

17 (2) A person who directly holds a beneficial interest in  
18 or has a controlling interest in an applicant or licensee.

19 (3) A person who has the ability to elect a majority of  
20 the board of directors of a licensee or to otherwise control  
21 a licensee.

22 "Patient." An individual who has an established  
23 practitioner-patient relationship and has been diagnosed with a  
24 qualified medical condition.

25 "Patient representative." Any of the following:

26 (1) A parent or guardian of a registered patient.

27 (2) An individual who:

28 (i) is at least 18 years of age; and

29 (ii) receives a medical cannabis access card which  
30 authorizes:

1 (A) purchase, possession, transport and transfer  
2 of medical cannabis from a medical cannabis  
3 dispenser; and

4 (B) proper administration of the medical  
5 cannabis to a registered patient in accordance with  
6 the recommendation of the registered patient's health  
7 care practitioner.

8 "Practitioner-patient relationship." The relationship  
9 established between a patient and health care practitioner  
10 following an assessment of the patient's medical history and  
11 current condition and the conduct of a personal examination.

12 "Qualified medical condition." Any of the following:

- 13 (1) Cancer.
- 14 (2) Epilepsy and seizures.
- 15 (3) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
- 16 (4) Cachexia/wasting syndrome.
- 17 (5) Parkinson's disease.
- 18 (6) Traumatic brain injury and postconcussion syndrome.
- 19 (7) Multiple sclerosis.
- 20 (8) Spinocerebellar Ataxia (SCA).
- 21 (9) Posttraumatic stress disorder.
- 22 (10) Severe fibromyalgia.
- 23 (11) HIV/AIDS.
- 24 (12) Glaucoma.
- 25 (13) CHRONIC OR INTRACTABLE PAIN WHERE OTHER METHODS OF <--  
26 TREATMENT NO LONGER HAVE THERAPEUTIC OR PALLIATIVE BENEFIT.
- 27 (14) CROHN'S DISEASE.
- 28 (15) DIABETES.
- 29 ~~(13)~~ (16) A condition authorized by the department under <--  
30 section 703.



1 "Testing laboratory." A clinical laboratory or testing  
2 facility located within this Commonwealth, certified by the  
3 board under section 511.

4 "Tracking system." An electronic system established by the  
5 department to monitor the activities of a person that grows,  
6 processes, dispenses, transports or tests medical cannabis or is  
7 determined by the department to be engaged in an activity  
8 regulated under this act.

9 "Verification system." An electronic system established and  
10 maintained by the Department of Health that allows the  
11 Department of Health, the Bureau of Professional and  
12 Occupational Affairs, licensed dispensers and law enforcement to  
13 verify the issuance of a medical cannabis access card to an  
14 individual.

15 "Written certification." A document dated and signed by a  
16 health care practitioner that meets the requirements under  
17 section 702(c).

### 18 CHAPTER 3

#### 19 STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

#### 20 LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

21 Section 301. License.

22 (a) Medical cannabis.--A person may not conduct an activity  
23 related to the growing, processing or dispensing of medical  
24 cannabis or operating a testing laboratory unless the person is  
25 licensed or certified by the board under this act.

26 (b) Employee.--A licensed medical cannabis grower, medical  
27 cannabis processor or a medical cannabis dispenser may not  
28 employ an individual to directly participate in the growing,  
29 processing, delivery or dispensing of medical cannabis unless  
30 the individual receives an occupation permit from the board

1 under this act.

2 Section 302. State Board of Medical Cannabis Licensing.

3 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established the State  
4 Board of Medical Cannabis Licensing within the department.

5 (b) Composition.--The board shall consist of the following:

6 (1) The Secretary of Health or a designee who is an  
7 employee of the Department of Health.

8 (2) Commissioner of Professional and Occupational  
9 Affairs or a designee who is an employee of the Bureau of  
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs.

11 (3) The Secretary of Human Services or a designee who is  
12 an employee of the Department of Human Services.

13 (4) Two public members.

14 (5) One medical doctor who is an expert in the field of  
15 pediatrics.

16 (6) Two members who are medical doctors representing  
17 specialties which utilize medical cannabis to treat patients.

18 (7) The Physician General.

19 (8) Two members who are registered nurses.

20 (9) A licensed pharmacist.

21 (c) Meetings.--The board shall meet within 30 days of  
22 confirmation of the members and shall:

23 (1) Establish procedures to operate the board.

24 (2) Develop applications and other forms for licensure  
25 and occupation permits and enforcement of this act and  
26 certifications for testing laboratories.

27 (3) Promulgate regulations, as necessary, to implement  
28 and enforce this act.

29 (d) Appointment and qualifications.--Each professional and  
30 public member shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice

1 and consent of a majority of the Senate. Each member must comply  
2 with all of the following:

3 (1) Be a citizen of the United States and a resident of  
4 this Commonwealth.

5 (2) Not hold any other public office during the term on  
6 the board.

7 (e) Terms.--

8 (1) A member under subsection (b)(1), (2) or (3) shall  
9 serve ex officio.

10 (2) For a member under subsection (b), the following  
11 apply:

12 (i) Initial appointments shall be as follows:

13 (A) Three members shall serve for a term of four  
14 years.

15 (B) Three members shall serve for a term of  
16 three years.

17 (C) Two members shall serve for a term of two  
18 years.

19 (ii) Each subsequent term shall be for four years or  
20 until a successor has been appointed and qualified, which  
21 may not be longer than six months beyond the four-year  
22 period.

23 (iii) A member may not serve more than two  
24 consecutive terms.

25 (f) Quorum.--A majority of the members of the board shall  
26 constitute a quorum. Each member must be physically in  
27 attendance to be counted as part of a quorum or to vote on an  
28 issue. A majority of the members present shall be necessary for  
29 a vote to be considered binding.

30 (g) Chairperson.--The board shall annually select a

1 chairperson from the members of the board.

2 (h) Expenses.--With the exception of ex officio members,  
3 each member of the board shall receive \$100 per diem when  
4 attending to the work of the board. A member shall also receive  
5 the amount of reasonable travel, hotel and other necessary  
6 expenses incurred in the performance of the member's duties in  
7 accordance with Commonwealth regulations.

8 (i) Forfeiture.--A member who fails to attend three  
9 consecutive meetings shall forfeit the member's seat unless the  
10 chairman, upon written request from the member, finds that the  
11 member should be excused because of illness or death of a family  
12 member.

13 (j) Frequency of meetings.--The board shall meet at least  
14 once per month for the first 12 months, including and after the  
15 initial meeting required by section 302(c). After the first 12  
16 months following the establishment of the board, the board shall  
17 meet at least six times a year and may meet at additional times  
18 as necessary to conduct the business of the board.

19 Section 303. Powers and duties of board.

20 The board shall have the following powers and duties:

21 (1) To provide for and regulate the licensing of the  
22 following:

23 (i) A medical cannabis grower under section 501.

24 (ii) A medical cannabis processor under section 502.

25 (iii) A medical cannabis dispenser under section  
26 503.

27 (2) To issue occupation permits to medical cannabis  
28 employees.

29 (3) To issue certifications to testing laboratories  
30 under section 511.

1           (4) To issue, deny, renew, reinstate or refuse to renew,  
2 suspend and revoke licenses, certifications of testing  
3 laboratories and occupation permits in accordance with this  
4 act.

5           (5) To implement procedures to allow the expansion of  
6 qualified medical conditions for which a patient may obtain  
7 medical cannabis under section 703.

8           (6) To administer and enforce the provisions of this  
9 act.

10          (7) To investigate and conduct background checks for  
11 each application for a license or occupation permit to  
12 determine the fitness and eligibility of a person applying  
13 for a license or occupation permit.

14          (8) To establish fees for application and renewal of  
15 licenses and occupation permits and the due dates for all  
16 fees.

17          (9) To charge for services related to the enforcement  
18 and administration of this act. Billings shall be submitted  
19 at least quarterly and all charges shall be itemized.

20          (10) To keep minutes and records of each transaction and  
21 proceeding.

22          (11) To provide standards for the appearance of  
23 dispensers to ensure a professional atmosphere.

24          (12) To require site plans, including streets, property  
25 lines, buildings, security features and access to water  
26 sources.

27          (13) To require utilization of any prescription  
28 monitoring program established by the Commonwealth by a  
29 health care practitioner to review a patient's pharmaceutical  
30 history.

1           (14) To establish an electronic verification system that  
2 can be accessed by health care practitioners, the Department  
3 of Health, patients, the Bureau of Professional and  
4 Occupational Affairs, law enforcement personnel and other  
5 individuals designated by the board to verify individual  
6 medical cannabis access cards and determine whether the  
7 identification number corresponds with a current, valid  
8 registry identification card and that the cardholder is a  
9 registered qualifying patient or a patient representative.  
10 The verification system:

11           (i) Must be available on a 24-hour basis for the  
12 verification of medical cannabis access cards.

13           (ii) May only disclose the validity of the card,  
14 whether the cardholder is a qualified patient or a  
15 patient representative and the registry identification  
16 number of the patient.

17           (iii) Must determine whether a medical cannabis  
18 access card has been suspended or revoked.

19           (15) To establish an electronic tracking system to be  
20 used by the department to track the growing, processing,  
21 transporting, dispensing and delivery of all medical cannabis  
22 products between growers, processors, laboratories, transport  
23 entities, dispensers and other persons engaged in activities  
24 regulated under this act. The electronic tracking system must  
25 include:

26           (i) Date, time, quantity and price of each sale of  
27 medical cannabis to a qualified patient or patient  
28 representative.

29           (ii) Each daily record of plants and products grown  
30 and possessed by a licensee, including date of harvest,

1 batch number, origin and strain, number of seeds or  
2 cuttings planted, chemical additives, disposal and other  
3 information required by the board.

4 (iii) Each sale, transport and other activity as  
5 deemed necessary by the department.

6 (iv) Records of transport to and from testing  
7 laboratories and the results of testing.

8 (v) An inventory control system, including each  
9 day's beginning inventory, acquisitions, harvests, sales,  
10 disbursements, disposals and ending inventory.

11 Information must be added to the electronic tracking  
12 system under this paragraph on a daily basis.

13 (16) To establish a medical cannabis registry to ensure  
14 adequate availability of different strains and concentrations  
15 of medical cannabis.

16 (17) To develop regular inspection schedules, unannounced  
17 inspections, procedures and other enforcement measures to  
18 regulate all medical cannabis growers, processors, dispensers  
19 and testing laboratories.

20 (18) To inspect, at any time, premises occupied or used  
21 for the production, preparation, testing, packaging,  
22 processing, storage, sale, distribution and transport of  
23 medical cannabis.

24 (19) To develop standards and requirements for the  
25 implementation, use and maintenance of security systems.

26 (20) To submit annually to the department an estimate of  
27 financial requirements of the board, including  
28 administrative, legal and other expenses.

29 (21) To develop a system for mandatory and voluntary  
30 recall of defective products or medical cannabis.

1           (22) To develop standards for creation and maintenance  
2 of qualifying patient records.

3           (23) To promulgate regulations to implement this act,  
4 including:

5           (i) The receipt of medical cannabis for study and  
6 research of the health benefits of medical cannabis by  
7 accredited research institutions, universities and  
8 colleges in this Commonwealth.

9           (ii) Determination of required quality and safe  
10 clinical strength of medical cannabis.

11           (iii) Print advertising and marketing of medical  
12 cannabis.

13           (iv) Containers, tracking and testing.

14           (v) Packaging and labeling by licensed growers,  
15 licensed processors and licensed dispensers. Regulations  
16 under this subparagraph shall require labeling to  
17 specify:

18           (A) date of packaging;

19           (B) use-by date;

20           (C) cultivation site;

21           (D) instructions to keep the product in the  
22 package;

23           (E) warnings related to use, including pregnancy  
24 and medical conditions;

25           (F) warnings to keep medical cannabis out of  
26 children's reach;

27           (G) other warnings deemed appropriate by the  
28 board;

29           (H) recommended dosages; and

30           (I) appropriate methods to administer medical



1           cannabis for authorized diseases.

2           (24) To provide for the form and content of the  
3 authority given to a registered patient by a health care  
4 practitioner to obtain medical cannabis.

5           (25) To adopt requirements relating to the amount of  
6 tetrahydrocannabinol authorized for each product and the  
7 tetrahydrocannabinol's application to the appropriate  
8 qualified medical condition.

9           (26) To consult information published by the American  
10 Herbal Pharmacopeia, in the promulgation of regulations.

11           (27) To enforce regulations under this act.

12           (28) To establish record retention policies for persons  
13 regulated under this act.

14 Section 304. Subpoena power.

15       The General Counsel of the Commonwealth, or the General  
16 Counsel's designee, shall have the power to issue a subpoena on  
17 behalf of the board in enforcement, disciplinary and licensing  
18 matters before the board in order to investigate an alleged  
19 violation in accordance with the following:

20           (1) The power shall not apply to patient records without  
21 order of a court of competent jurisdiction showing that the  
22 records are reasonably necessary for the conduct of an  
23 investigation.

24           (2) The court may impose limitations on the scope of a  
25 subpoena as necessary to prevent unnecessary intrusion into  
26 patient confidential information.

27           (3) The attorney representing the Commonwealth in a  
28 disciplinary matter before the board may apply to  
29 Commonwealth Court to enforce the subpoenas.

30           (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to excuse

1 a person from producing documents and records as requested by  
2 the board under any other provision of law.

3 Section 305. Hearing examiners.

4 (a) Appointment.--The Commissioner of Professional and  
5 Occupational Affairs, after consultation with the board, shall  
6 appoint hearing examiners as necessary to conduct hearings in  
7 disciplinary matters before the board.

8 (b) Regulation.--Regulations promulgated by the board shall  
9 include the procedural rules to be followed by hearing examiners  
10 under this act. Each proceeding shall be conducted in accordance  
11 with 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to administrative law and procedure).

12 (c) Powers.--A hearing examiner shall have the following  
13 powers:

14 (1) To conduct hearings.

15 (2) To issue subpoenas requiring:

16 (i) The attendance and testimony of individuals.

17 (ii) The production of pertinent records or other  
18 papers by persons whom the examiner believes have  
19 information relevant to matters pending before the  
20 examiner.

21 (3) To issue decisions.

22 Section 306. Civil penalties.

23 (a) Authorization.--The board shall adopt a schedule of  
24 civil penalties for operating without a current, registered,  
25 unsuspended and unrevoked license, certificate or occupation  
26 permit and for violations of this act. The schedule shall be  
27 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

28 (b) Imposition.--An agent of the board may issue citations  
29 and impose penalties for a violation of this chapter. A citation  
30 or a penalty may be appealed to a hearing examiner or the board

1 pursuant to regulations promulgated by the board. If the matter  
2 is initially referred to a hearing examiner, the board shall  
3 render a decision on an exception to the decision of the hearing  
4 examiner or on any applications for review under 2 Pa.C.S.  
5 (relating to administrative law and procedure).

6 (c) Board sanction.--

7 (1) In addition to any other penalty authorized by law,  
8 the board may impose the following sanctions:

9 (i) Revocation of the license, permit or certificate  
10 of a person convicted of a criminal offense or violation  
11 of this act or regulations of the board which would  
12 disqualify the holder from growing, processing or  
13 dispensing medical cannabis.

14 (ii) Revocation of the license of a person for  
15 willfully and knowingly violating or attempting to  
16 violate an order of the board directed to the person.

17 (iii) Revocation of an occupation permit or  
18 certificate of a person for willfully and knowingly  
19 violating or attempting to violate an order of the board  
20 directed to the person.

21 (iv) Suspension of the license, permit or  
22 certificate of a person pending the outcome of a hearing  
23 in a case in which a license, occupation permit or  
24 certification revocation could result.

25 (v) Suspension of the license of a licensed grower,  
26 processor or dispenser for a violation or attempt to  
27 violate any provisions of this act.

28 (vi) Assessment of an administrative penalty as  
29 necessary to address misconduct and deter future  
30 violations.

1 (vii) Ordering of restitution of funds or property  
2 unlawfully obtained or retained by a licensee.

3 (viii) Entrance of a cease and desist order which  
4 specifies the conduct which is to be discontinued,  
5 altered or implemented by the licensee.

6 (2) If the board refuses to issue or renew a license,  
7 certificate or occupation permit or imposes a penalty under  
8 paragraph (1), the board shall provide the applicant,  
9 licensee, certificate holder or permit holder with written  
10 notification of the decision, including a statement of the  
11 reasons for the decision by certified mail within five  
12 business days of the decision of the board. The applicant,  
13 licensee, certificate holder or permittee shall have the  
14 right to appeal the decision in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S.  
15 Chs. 5 (relating to practice and procedure) and 7 (relating  
16 to judicial review).

17 (3) A person who aids, abets, counsels, induces,  
18 procures or causes another person to violate this act shall  
19 be subject to all sanctions and penalties provided under this  
20 subsection.

21 (d) Additional powers.--In addition to the penalties under  
22 subsections (b) and (c), the board shall have the power to do  
23 the following:

24 (1) Levy a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for a  
25 violation of this act.

26 (2) Impose a civil penalty of up to \$15,000 per  
27 violation if a person aids and abets the unlicensed growing,  
28 processing, distribution or dispensing of medical cannabis.  
29 The penalty may not be levied against a person solely as a  
30 consequence of that person being a registered patient of the

1 unlicensed person.

2 (3) Assess against a respondent determined to be in  
3 violation of this act the costs of investigation underlying  
4 that disciplinary action. The cost of investigation shall not  
5 include costs incurred by the board after the filing of  
6 formal actions or disciplinary charges against a respondent.

7 (e) Judgment.--A civil penalty imposed under this section  
8 shall be a judgment in favor of the board upon the person or  
9 property of the person upon whom the civil penalty is imposed.  
10 The Attorney General shall be responsible for enforcing the  
11 judgments in courts of competent jurisdiction in accordance with  
12 the provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. (relating to judiciary and judicial  
13 procedure).

14 Section 307. Confidentiality.

15 (a) General rule.--Investigative records of the board,  
16 including prosecutorial memos and transcripts of deposition on  
17 behalf of the board or concerning a licensure-related complaint  
18 filed with the department, shall be confidential and privileged.

19 The following shall apply:

20 (1) No person who has investigated or has access to or  
21 custody of documents, materials or information which is  
22 confidential and privileged under this section may be  
23 required to testify in a judicial or administrative  
24 proceeding without the written consent of the board unless  
25 directed to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.

26 (2) This subsection shall not preclude or limit  
27 introduction of the contents of an investigative file or  
28 related witness testimony in a hearing or proceeding before  
29 the board.

30 (3) This section shall not apply to a letter or other

1 document to a licensee, occupation permittee or certificate  
2 holder that discloses the final outcome of an investigation  
3 or to a final adjudication or order of the board.

4 (b) Disclosure permitted.--Except as provided in subsection  
5 (a), this section shall not prevent disclosure of documents,  
6 materials or information pertaining to the status of a license,  
7 certificate or occupation permit or the sharing of information  
8 with law enforcement officials or similar regulatory boards in  
9 other jurisdictions. A violation of this section shall subject  
10 an employee or agent of the board to administrative discipline,  
11 including discharge, suspension or other formal or appropriate  
12 disciplinary action.

13 (c) Affidavit.--Each employee or agent of the board must  
14 execute a confidentiality affidavit which provides that  
15 documents, materials or information in subsection (a) obtained  
16 by the employee or agent shall be considered confidential and  
17 may be disclosed only as permitted under this section.

18 (d) Waiver.--The board may not require an applicant to waive  
19 any confidentiality under this section as a condition for the  
20 approval of a license or other action of the board.

21 Section 308. Financing.

22 (a) Setting of fees.--Beginning two years after the  
23 effective date of this subsection, all fees required under this  
24 act shall be fixed by the board by regulation. If revenue raised  
25 by fees, fines and civil penalties imposed under this act are  
26 not sufficient to meet expenditures over a two-year period, the  
27 board shall increase those fees by regulation under section  
28 303(23) so that the projected revenues will meet or exceed  
29 projected expenditures.

30 (b) Renewal fees.--Beginning two years after the effective

1 date of this subsection, all renewal fees shall be deposited  
2 into the account.

3 (c) Inadequate fees.--If the Bureau of Professional and  
4 Occupational Affairs determines that the fees established by the  
5 board under subsection (a) are inadequate to meet the minimum  
6 enforcement efforts required by this act, then the bureau, after  
7 consultation with the board, shall increase the fees by  
8 regulation under section 303(23) in an amount that adequate  
9 revenues are raised to meet the required enforcement effort.

10 (d) Disposition.--Fees, fines and civil penalties imposed  
11 and collected under this act shall be for the exclusive use of  
12 the board in carrying out this act and shall be annually  
13 appropriated from the account for that purpose. This subsection  
14 shall not apply to an initial license fee.

15 (e) Charging of fees.--The board may charge a reasonable  
16 fee, as set by the board by regulation under section 303(23),  
17 for all examinations, enforcement activities, registrations,  
18 certificates, audits, licensures or applications permitted by  
19 this act or a regulation under this act.

20 (f) Civil penalties.--All civil penalties shall be deposited  
21 into the account.

22 Section 309. Records and reports.

23 (a) Records.--Each record of activities required under this  
24 act must be retained for a period of at least two years unless  
25 otherwise required by the board.

26 (b) Reports to department.--The board shall submit annually  
27 to the department an estimate of the financial requirements of  
28 the board for its administrative, investigative, legal and  
29 miscellaneous expenses.

30 (c) Reports to the Appropriations Committee of the Senate

1 and the Appropriations Committee of the House of  
2 Representatives.--The board shall submit annually to the  
3 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations  
4 Committee of the House of Representatives, 15 days after the  
5 Governor has submitted his budget to the General Assembly, a  
6 copy of the budget request for the upcoming fiscal year which  
7 the board previously submitted to the department.

8 (d) Reports to other legislative committees.--The board  
9 shall submit annually a report to the Consumer Protection and  
10 Professional Licensure Committee of the Senate and to the  
11 Professional Licensure Committee of the House of Representatives  
12 containing a description of the types of complaints received,  
13 status of cases, board action which has been taken and the  
14 length of time from the initial complaint to final board  
15 resolution. The report shall also include a statement of the  
16 numbers and types of licenses granted.

17 CHAPTER 5

18 LICENSING

19 Section 501. Medical cannabis growers.

20 (a) Licensing.--The board shall license not more than 65  
21 medical cannabis growers to supply medical cannabis for  
22 distribution to medical cannabis processors and medical cannabis  
23 dispensers under this act.

24 (b) Imposition.--At the time of license issuance, the board  
25 shall impose a licensing fee in the amount of \$50,000. The board  
26 shall impose an initial \$5,000 annual renewal fee for each year  
27 immediately following the year the license was issued. Renewal  
28 fees shall thereafter be subject to adjustment under section  
29 308.

30 (c) Term.--Upon payment of the fee under subsection (b), a



1 grower's license shall be in effect unless suspended, revoked or  
2 not renewed by the board for good cause.

3 (d) Update.--A licensee under this section must notify the  
4 board of a change relating to the status of its license or other  
5 information contained in its application and other information  
6 filed with the board.

7 (e) Deposit.--The licensure fee under subsection (b) shall  
8 be deposited into the General Fund. Renewal fees under  
9 subsection (b) shall be deposited into the account.

10 (f) Restriction.--There shall be no restriction on specific  
11 strains of medical cannabis that may be grown under this act.  
12 Use of genetically modified organisms or an organism whose  
13 genetic material has been altered using genetic engineering may  
14 not be used in the cultivation of medical cannabis.

15 (g) Requirements.--A medical cannabis grower shall:

16 (1) Only grow medical cannabis using conventional  
17 growing methods approved by the board in consultation with  
18 the Department of Agriculture.

19 (2) Submit to preoperational and postoperational  
20 announced and unannounced inspections by the board or the  
21 department.

22 (3) Grow cannabis only in an indoor, enclosed, secure  
23 facility.

24 (4) Conduct quality testing utilizing a testing  
25 laboratory certified by the board prior to the sale of  
26 medical cannabis and submit to random testing of medical  
27 cannabis conducted by the board.

28 (5) Package and label medical cannabis products in  
29 accordance with regulations of the board.

30 (6) Only sell, transport or deliver medical cannabis to

1 a medical cannabis processor, certified laboratory or medical  
2 cannabis dispenser.

3 (7) Provide information relating to the enclosed, secure  
4 facility where medical cannabis will be grown, harvested or  
5 stored, including electronic locking systems, limited access  
6 areas, secure storage and disposal procedures, electronic  
7 surveillance and other features required by the board.

8 (8) Provide a cultivation, inventory and packaging plan  
9 and procedures for the oversight of the cultivation area,  
10 including a plant monitoring system, container tracking  
11 system and staffing plan.

12 (9) Maintain daily records of plants, sales and other  
13 activities, as required by the board.

14 (10) Perform a weekly physical inventory of all plants  
15 and containers.

16 (11) Notify law enforcement within 24 hours of any loss  
17 or theft of medical cannabis and record the loss or theft in  
18 the electronic tracking system.

19 (12) Utilize any electronic tracking system required by  
20 the board.

21 (h) Prohibitions.--A medical cannabis grower may not do any  
22 of the following:

23 (1) Be located within 1,000 feet of the property line of  
24 a public, private or parochial school or a day-care center.

25 (2) Be located in a residential dwelling or an area  
26 zoned for residential use.

27 (3) Acquire cannabis from outside this Commonwealth or  
28 otherwise in violation of regulations of the board.

29 (4) Permit an individual to consume cannabis on its  
30 property.

1 (5) Advertise medical cannabis on radio or television.

2 (i) Exchange.--The board shall promulgate regulations for  
3 the exchange of medical cannabis seed and plant materials  
4 between growers.

5 Section 502. Medical cannabis processors.

6 (a) Licensing.--The board shall license not more than 65  
7 medical cannabis processors to process medical cannabis into  
8 oil-based medical cannabis products, including oil, ointments  
9 and tinctures. The licensees shall be geographically dispersed  
10 throughout this Commonwealth to allow access to processed  
11 medical cannabis by medical cannabis dispensers.

12 (b) Imposition.--At the time of license issuance, the board  
13 shall impose a licensing fee in the amount of \$50,000. The board  
14 shall impose an initial \$5,000 annual renewal fee for each year  
15 immediately following the year the license was issued. Renewal  
16 fees shall be subject to adjustment and deposit under section  
17 308.

18 (c) Term.--Upon payment of the fee under subsection (b), a  
19 processor's license shall be in effect unless suspended, revoked  
20 or not renewed by the board for good cause.

21 (d) Update.--A licensee under this section must notify the  
22 board of a change relating to the status of its license or other  
23 information contained in its application and other information  
24 filed with the board.

25 (e) Deposit.--The license fee under subsection (b) shall be  
26 deposited into the General Fund. Renewal fees shall be deposited  
27 into the account.

28 (f) Requirements.--A medical cannabis processor shall do all  
29 of the following:

30 (1) Only use extraction and processing methods approved

1 by the board.

2 (2) Submit to preoperational and postoperational  
3 announced and unannounced inspections by the board and the  
4 department.

5 (3) Conduct quality testing utilizing a certified  
6 testing laboratory approved by the board prior to delivery to  
7 a dispenser and submit to random testing conducted by the  
8 board.

9 (4) Only sell, transport or deliver medical cannabis to  
10 a testing laboratory or to a medical cannabis dispenser.

11 (5) Conduct processing activity in a board-approved  
12 facility that is indoor, enclosed and secure, and includes an  
13 electronic locking system, a limited access area, secure  
14 storage and disposal procedures, electronic surveillance and  
15 other features required by the board.

16 (6) Provide information relating to the facility and  
17 features under paragraph (5).

18 (7) Provide a processing, inventory and packaging plan  
19 and procedures for the oversight of the processing facility,  
20 including a plant and product monitoring system, container  
21 tracking system and staffing plan.

22 (8) Perform a weekly physical inventory of all plants,  
23 containers and processing materials.

24 (9) Maintain a daily log of access to medical cannabis  
25 received and products shipped.

26 (10) Only sell medical cannabis approved by a certified  
27 laboratory to a licensed medical cannabis dispenser.

28 (11) Notify law enforcement within 24 hours of a loss or  
29 theft of medical cannabis and record the loss or theft in the  
30 electronic tracking system.

1 (12) Maintain daily records of all sales and other  
2 activities as required by the board.

3 (13) Utilize any electronic tracking system required by  
4 the board.

5 (g) Prohibitions.--A medical cannabis processor may not do  
6 any of the following:

7 (1) Be located within 1,000 feet of the property line of  
8 a public, private or parochial school or a day-care center.

9 (2) Be located in a residential dwelling or an area  
10 zoned for residential use.

11 (3) Acquire medical cannabis from anyone other than a  
12 licensed medical cannabis grower.

13 (4) Obtain medical cannabis from outside this  
14 Commonwealth.

15 (5) Process cannabis for any purpose except to provide  
16 medical cannabis to a licensed medical cannabis dispenser.

17 (6) Advertise medical cannabis on radio or television.  
18 Section 503. Medical cannabis dispensers.

19 (a) Licensing.--The board shall license not more than 130  
20 medical cannabis dispensers to accept medical cannabis access  
21 cards and dispense medical cannabis to a registered patient or  
22 patient representative in accordance with the instructions of a  
23 health care practitioner. The licensees shall be geographically  
24 dispersed throughout this Commonwealth to allow all registered  
25 patients reasonable proximity and access to medical cannabis by  
26 a medical cannabis dispenser.

27 (b) Imposition.--At the time of license issuance, the board  
28 shall impose a licensing fee in the amount of \$50,000. The board  
29 shall impose an initial \$5,000 annual renewal fee for each year  
30 immediately following the year the license was issued. Renewal

1 fees shall be subject to adjustment under section 308.

2 (c) Term.--Upon payment of the fee under subsection (b), a  
3 dispenser's license shall be in effect unless suspended, revoked  
4 or not renewed by the board for good cause.

5 (d) Update.--A licensee under this section must notify the  
6 board of a change relating to the status of its license,  
7 operation or other information contained in its application and  
8 other information filed with the board.

9 (e) Deposit.--The license fee under subsection (b) shall be  
10 deposited into the General Fund. Renewal fees shall be deposited  
11 into the account.

12 (f) Requirements.--A medical cannabis dispenser shall do all  
13 of the following:

14 (1) Maintain an ongoing connection with the Department  
15 of Health's individual verification system to verify medical  
16 cannabis access cards.

17 (2) Submit to preoperational and postoperational  
18 announced and unannounced inspections by the board and the  
19 department.

20 (3) Prior to dispensing medical cannabis, access the  
21 verification system to ensure that the individual seeking to  
22 purchase medical cannabis holds a medical cannabis access  
23 card in effect at the time of purchase.

24 (4) Maintain a daily log of all medical cannabis sold  
25 and dispensed. The log shall include:

26 (i) The name of the registered patient or patient  
27 representative that holds the medical cannabis access  
28 card.

29 (ii) The amount and dosage of the medical cannabis  
30 recommended by the physician.

1 (iii) The qualified medical condition of the  
2 patient.

3 (iv) The amount of medical cannabis dispensed.

4 (v) The date and time of each dispensing to the  
5 cardholder.

6 (vi) The dispensary agent's registry number.

7 (vii) The signature and date of the patient or  
8 patient representative.

9 (5) Provide reports as required by the board relating to  
10 amounts dispensed.

11 (6) Dispense no more than 2.5 ounces of medical cannabis  
12 to a patient, directly or via a patient representative, in a  
13 14-day period unless the qualifying patient has a quantity  
14 waiver from the Department of Health.

15 (7) Only accept written certifications from a health  
16 care practitioner for no more than the 28-day supply periods.  
17 Thereafter, a new written certification from the health care  
18 practitioner shall be required.

19 (8) Comply with recommendations of the health care  
20 practitioner as to strain, dosage and amount of medical  
21 cannabis dispensed.

22 (9) Provide all registered patients and patient  
23 representatives with a safety insert developed by the  
24 Department of Health which includes:

25 (i) Methods for administering medical cannabis.

26 (ii) Potential dangers.

27 (iii) Recognition and correction of problematic  
28 dosage.

29 (iv) Other information required by the department.

30 (10) Sell only medical cannabis that has received

1 approval from a testing laboratory.

2 (11) Maintain an electronic security system, including  
3 all of the following:

4 (i) Electronic surveillance.

5 (ii) An electronic locking system.

6 (iii) A locked door or barrier between the entry and  
7 a limited access area for patients, storage, disposal and  
8 other processes.

9 (12) Provide for the supervision of the dispensing of  
10 medical cannabis at all times by an individual. The board  
11 shall determine the qualifications required to supervise the  
12 dispensing which may include individuals with health care,  
13 educational, pharmaceutical, management or other education or  
14 training as determined by the board.

15 (13) Display appropriate signage as required by the  
16 board.

17 (14) Provide the proposed address of the enclosed,  
18 secure facility where medical cannabis will be dispensed.

19 (15) Provide an inventory and packaging plan and  
20 procedures for the oversight of the dispensing facility,  
21 including compliance with the inventory control system  
22 developed under section 303(15), staffing plan and security  
23 plan.

24 (16) Appoint a physician to function as a medical  
25 director to serve on site or who is able to be contacted. The  
26 medical director must:

27 (i) Provide training to dispensary employees.

28 (ii) Develop patient education.

29 (iii) Develop a policy for refusing to dispense  
30 medical cannabis to an individual who appears to be



1           impaired or abusing medical cannabis.

2           (17) Perform a weekly physical inventory of all medical  
3 cannabis and medical cannabis products.

4           (18) Obtain medical cannabis only from a medical  
5 cannabis processor.

6           (19) Notify law enforcement within 24 hours of a loss or  
7 theft of medical cannabis and record the loss or theft in the  
8 electronic tracking system.

9           (20) Utilize any electronic tracking system required by  
10 the board.

11          (g) Prohibitions.--A medical cannabis dispenser may not do  
12 any of the following:

13           (1) Be located within 1,000 feet of the property line of  
14 a public, private or parochial school or a day-care center.  
15 The board may adjust or waive the prohibition under this  
16 paragraph if it is shown by clear and convincing evidence  
17 that the adjustment or waiver is necessary to provide  
18 adequate access to patients. An adjustment or waiver must  
19 include any additional security, physical plant or other  
20 conditions necessary to protect children.

21           (2) Be located in a residential dwelling or an area  
22 zoned for residential use.

23           (3) Obtain medical cannabis from outside this  
24 Commonwealth.

25           (4) Sell medical cannabis for any purpose except to a  
26 registered patient or a patient representative.

27           (5) Permit an individual to consume medical cannabis on  
28 its property.

29           (6) Sell products which contain nicotine or alcohol.

30           (7) Sell medical cannabis over the Internet or to a

1 person not physically present at its location.

2 (8) Advertise medical cannabis on radio or television.

3 Section 504. Applications.

4 (a) Application.--An application for a grower, processor or  
5 dispenser license must be submitted on a form and in a manner as  
6 required by the board. In reviewing an application, the board  
7 shall confirm that all applicable fees have been paid.

8 (b) Information.--An applicant for a grower, processor or  
9 dispenser license under this act must do all of the following:

10 (1) Disclose the following information:

11 (i) Each arrest and citation for a nontraffic  
12 summary offense of the applicant.

13 (ii) The name, address and photograph of the  
14 applicant and each principal and the principal's position  
15 within the corporation or organization.

16 (iii) Any financial information required by the  
17 board.

18 (iv) The proposed location of the growing,  
19 processing or dispensing operation.

20 (v) The details of each loan obtained to finance the  
21 growing, processing or dispensing operation.

22 (vi) The details of any civil judgment against the  
23 applicant or the applicant's owners or operators relating  
24 to:

25 (A) security regulation laws of the Federal  
26 Government;

27 (B) laws relating to the regulation of  
28 pharmaceuticals; or

29 (C) laws under 15 Pa.C.S. (relating to  
30 corporations and unincorporated associations).

1 (vii) Any other information required by the board.

2 (2) Consent to the conduct of a background investigation  
3 by the board, the scope of which shall be determined by the  
4 board consistent with this act. Consent shall include a  
5 release signed by each person subject to the investigation of  
6 information required to complete the investigation.

7 (c) Refusal.--A refusal to provide the information required  
8 under this section or to consent to a background investigation  
9 shall result in the immediate denial of a license.

10 (d) Character requirements.--Each application for a grower,  
11 processor or dispenser license shall include information,  
12 documentation and assurances required by the board to establish  
13 by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant is a person  
14 of good character, honesty and integrity, has appropriate  
15 financial suitability and is eligible and suitable to be an  
16 owner or operator. Information shall include information  
17 pertaining to associates during the 10-year period immediately  
18 preceding the filing date of the application.

19 (e) Privilege.--The issuance or renewal of a license under  
20 this section shall be a revocable privilege.

21 Section 505. Licensing of owner or operator.

22 (a) License required.--Each owner or operator of an  
23 applicant for licensure under this act must obtain an owner or  
24 operator license from the board. An owner or operator may only  
25 have an interest in the activity under this act for which  
26 licensure is sought.

27 (b) Application.--An owner or operator license application  
28 shall be in a form prescribed by the board and shall include the  
29 following:

30 (1) Verification of status as an owner or operator from

1 a medical cannabis dispenser, grower or processor.

2 (2) A description of responsibilities as an owner or  
3 operator.

4 (3) Each release necessary to obtain information from  
5 governmental agencies, employers and other organizations.

6 (4) Fingerprints, which shall be submitted to the  
7 Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police  
8 shall submit fingerprint data to and receive national  
9 criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau  
10 of Investigation for use in investigating an applicant for an  
11 owner or operator license.

12 (5) A photograph that meets the standards of the  
13 Commonwealth Photo Imaging Network.

14 (6) Details relating to a similar license, permit or  
15 other authorization obtained in another jurisdiction.

16 (7) Any additional information required by the board.

17 (c) Issuance.--Following review of the application and the  
18 background investigation, the board may issue an owner or  
19 operator license if the applicant has proven by clear and  
20 convincing evidence that the applicant is a person of good  
21 character, honesty and integrity and is eligible and suitable to  
22 be licensed as an owner or operator.

23 (d) Nontransferability.--A license issued under this section  
24 shall be nontransferable.

25 (e) Owner or operator.--An individual who receives an owner  
26 or operator license need not obtain an occupation permit.

27 (f) Waiver.--The board may waive licensure requirements for  
28 an owner of securities in a publicly traded corporation if the  
29 board determines that the holder of the securities is not  
30 significantly involved in the activities of the applicant.

1 Section 506. Occupation permit for medical cannabis employees  
2 and certain patient representatives.

3 (a) Permit required.--Each medical cannabis employee, and  
4 each patient representative who is an employee of a health care  
5 facility, shall obtain an occupation permit from the board.

6 (b) Application.--An occupation permit application shall be  
7 in a form prescribed by the board and shall include the  
8 following:

9 (1) Verification of one of the following:

10 (i) The status as a medical cannabis employee or  
11 potential medical cannabis employer from a medical  
12 cannabis grower, processor or dispenser.

13 (ii) From a health care facility that the patient  
14 representative is an employee designated to purchase,  
15 possess, transport, deliver and properly administer  
16 medical cannabis to a patient with a medical cannabis  
17 access card who is unable to obtain the medical cannabis.

18 (2) A description of employment responsibilities.

19 (3) Each release necessary to obtain information from  
20 governmental agencies, employers and other organizations.

21 (4) Fingerprints, which shall be submitted to the  
22 Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police  
23 shall submit fingerprint data to and receive national  
24 criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau  
25 of Investigation for use in investigating an applicant for an  
26 occupation permit.

27 (5) A photograph that meets the standards of the  
28 Commonwealth Photo Imaging Network.

29 (6) Details relating to a similar license, permit or  
30 other authorization obtained in another jurisdiction.

1 (7) Any additional information required by the board.

2 (c) Issuance.--Following review of the application and the  
3 background investigation, the board may issue an occupation  
4 permit if the applicant has proven by clear and convincing  
5 evidence that the applicant is a person of good character,  
6 honesty and integrity and is eligible and suitable to be an  
7 occupation permit holder.

8 (d) Nontransferability.--An occupation permit issued under  
9 this section shall be nontransferable.

10 (e) Privilege.--The issuance or renewal of a permit under  
11 this section shall be a revocable privilege.

12 Section 507. Change in ownership.

13 The following apply to notification and approval:

14 (1) A medical cannabis grower, processor or dispenser  
15 must notify the board upon becoming aware of a proposed or  
16 contemplated change of ownership or control of the licensee.  
17 The new owner must pay the licensing fee required under this  
18 chapter.

19 (2) The purchaser of the assets of a medical cannabis  
20 grower, processor or dispenser must independently qualify for  
21 a license in accordance with this act and must pay the  
22 license fee required under this chapter.

23 (3) If the ownership of the operation of a licensed  
24 grower, processor or dispenser or its affiliate is changed,  
25 the new owner must pay the annual renewal fee for each  
26 applicable license.

27 Section 508. Location.

28 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided under this  
29 act, each grower, processor and dispenser license shall be valid  
30 for the specific physical location within the municipality and

1 county for which it was originally granted. A person may not  
2 distribute medical cannabis from a location other than a  
3 licensed facility.

4 (b) Zoning.--The following shall apply:

5 (1) Facilities for the growing or processing of medical  
6 cannabis shall meet the same municipal zoning and land use  
7 requirements as other manufacturing, preparation and  
8 production facilities.

9 (2) Facilities for the dispensing of medical cannabis  
10 shall meet the same municipal zoning and land use  
11 requirements as other commercial facilities.

12 (3) Applicants for a grower, processor or distributor  
13 license must include a copy of the applicant's zoning  
14 approval with the applicant's application. Local zoning  
15 approval must be obtained prior to the issuance of a license  
16 by the board.

17 (c) Petition.--An applicant or holder of a license under  
18 this act may petition the board to relocate its facility. In  
19 determining whether to grant a petition to relocate, the board  
20 shall do all of the following:

21 (1) Evaluate the proposed new location and the reason  
22 for relocation.

23 (2) Evaluate community support and compliance with local  
24 ordinances.

25 (3) Consider any other information submitted by the  
26 petitioner or required by the board.

27 Section 509. Storage and transportation.

28 The board shall develop regulations relating to the storage  
29 and transportation of medical cannabis among growers,  
30 processors, testing laboratories and medical cannabis dispensers

1 which ensure adequate security to guard against in-transit  
2 losses. The tracking system developed by the board shall include  
3 all transportation and storage of medical cannabis. The  
4 regulations shall provide for the following:

5 (1) Requirements relating to shipping containers and  
6 packaging.

7 (2) The manner in which trucks, vans, trailers or other  
8 carriers will be secured.

9 (3) Security systems that include a numbered seal on the  
10 trailer.

11 (4) Obtaining copies of driver's licenses and  
12 registrations and other information related to security and  
13 tracking.

14 (5) Use of GPS systems.

15 (6) Number of drivers or other security required to  
16 ensure against storage or in-transit losses.

17 (7) Recordkeeping for delivery and receipt of medical  
18 cannabis products.

19 (8) Requirements to utilize any electronic tracking  
20 system required by the board.

21 Section 510. Disposal and donation.

22 (a) Disposal.--The board shall promulgate regulations  
23 relating to disposal of medical cannabis by medical cannabis  
24 growers, processors, dispensers and law enforcement.

25 (b) Donation.--A medical cannabis dispenser, grower and  
26 processor may donate medical cannabis that has been purchased or  
27 produced and tested in this Commonwealth in accordance with this  
28 act and is in new and unopened condition and can only be donated  
29 for research purposes to an accredited research institution,  
30 university or college within this Commonwealth and recognized by



1 the Commonwealth.

2 (c) Tracking.--The electronic tracking system must monitor  
3 disposals and donations of medical cannabis by licensees. A  
4 medical cannabis grower, processor and dispenser must record  
5 disposals and donations in the electronic tracking system.

6 Section 511. Testing laboratories.

7 (a) Certification.--The board shall certify accredited  
8 laboratories to test medical cannabis in accordance with  
9 regulations of the board.

10 (b) Requirement.--A medical cannabis grower and a medical  
11 cannabis processor must utilize a certified laboratory to test  
12 the quality of medical cannabis before the sale or transport of  
13 medical cannabis is made as required by the board.

14 (c) Duty of board.--The board shall determine the scope and  
15 content of information required to certify laboratories,  
16 including security requirements.

17 (d) Tracking.--A testing laboratory must notify law  
18 enforcement within 24 hours of a loss or theft of medical  
19 cannabis and record the loss or theft in the electronic tracking  
20 system.

21 Section 512. Licensee prohibitions.

22 (a) Inspection.--A licensee or certified laboratory may not  
23 refuse to allow an authorized employee of the department to  
24 inspect a licensed premises at any time.

25 (b) Other prohibitions.--A licensee or certified laboratory  
26 may be cited under this act for:

27 (1) An unlawful act prohibited by State law which occurs  
28 on the licensed premises.

29 (2) An unlawful act which involves a licensee or the  
30 licensee's agent or employee.



1 application fee of not more than \$100 and an annual renewal fee  
2 of not more than \$50.

3 (h) Residency.--Except as provided in subsection (l), a  
4 patient must reside in this Commonwealth to receive a medical  
5 cannabis access card.

6 (i) Verification.--The patient or patient representative  
7 must be assigned a registration number and must be placed on the  
8 verification system.

9 (j) Duration.--The medical cannabis access card shall be  
10 valid for two years from the date of issuance. A replacement  
11 card shall have the same expiration date.

12 (k) Notification.--The Department of Health must notify the  
13 patient or patient representative that a medical cannabis access  
14 card is no longer valid if notice is received from:

15 (1) The patient or health care practitioner that the  
16 qualified medical condition is improved and no longer  
17 requires medical cannabis.

18 (2) The patient or health care practitioner that the  
19 patient no longer has a qualified medical condition or that  
20 medical cannabis is no longer therapeutic or palliative.

21 (3) The health care practitioner that the health care  
22 practitioner believes the patient is not using the medical  
23 cannabis as recommended.

24 (l) Reciprocity.--A patient registered in another state that  
25 authorizes medical cannabis and recognizes medical cannabis  
26 access cards from patients who are residents of this  
27 Commonwealth may submit to the Department of Health the  
28 patient's credentials to utilize medical cannabis. The  
29 Department of Health shall confirm an out-of-State patient's  
30 status as a medical cannabis user in each state with legalized

1 medical cannabis and only grant a medical cannabis access card  
2 to a person with a qualified medical condition. After the  
3 Department of Health investigates and approves the patient's  
4 credentials, the Department of Health shall issue the patient a  
5 medical cannabis access card allowing the patient to utilize  
6 medical cannabis in this Commonwealth.

7 (m) Patient representative.--

8 (1) A patient representative must be:

9 (i) at least 18 years of age; and

10 (ii) a resident of this Commonwealth.

11 (2) A patient representative shall do all of the  
12 following:

13 (i) Register with the Department of Health in a  
14 manner prescribed by the Department of Health.

15 (ii) Present, from the registered patient's health  
16 care practitioner who prescribed the medical cannabis,  
17 certification that the patient is unable to obtain or  
18 administer medical cannabis for a good faith medical or  
19 physical reason.

20 (iii) Notify the Department of Health within 10  
21 business days after:

22 (A) a change to the information that the  
23 provider, registered patient or patient  
24 representative was required to submit to the  
25 Department of Health; and

26 (B) the patient representative discovers that  
27 the registry identification has been lost or stolen.

28 (iv) Notify the Department of Health by telephone  
29 and in writing within 10 days following the death of the  
30 patient representative's registered patient. The

1 Department of Health shall provide instruction to the  
2 patient representative regarding the duty to dispose of  
3 and means by which the remaining medical cannabis may be  
4 disposed.

5 (3) A patient representative may do any of the  
6 following:

7 (i) Transport a registered patient to and from a  
8 licensed medical cannabis dispenser.

9 (ii) Obtain and transport an appropriate supply in  
10 accordance with section 503(f)(6) and (7) of medical  
11 cannabis from a medical cannabis dispenser on behalf of a  
12 registered patient.

13 (iii) Prepare medical cannabis for consumption by a  
14 registered patient.

15 (iv) Administer medical cannabis to a registered  
16 patient as recommended by the registered patient's health  
17 care practitioner.

18 (4) A patient representative may not do any of the  
19 following:

20 (i) Receive payment or other compensation for  
21 services provided as a patient representative other than  
22 reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the  
23 provision of services as a patient representative. In the  
24 case of an employee of a health care facility serving as  
25 a patient representative, the individual may not receive  
26 payment or compensation above or beyond the individual's  
27 regular wages.

28 (ii) Consume medical cannabis which has been  
29 dispensed on behalf of a registered patient.

30 (iii) Sell, provide or otherwise divert medical

1 cannabis which has been dispensed to a registered  
2 patient.

3 (iv) Grow or cultivate medical cannabis on behalf of  
4 any individual.

5 (v) Purchase medical cannabis from an unlicensed  
6 source.

7 (vi) Obtain medical cannabis from a registered  
8 patient or a patient representative.

9 (5) If a patient representative previously employed by a  
10 health care facility is no longer employed by the health care  
11 facility, the authority to obtain medical cannabis using a  
12 medical cannabis access card or other form of authorization  
13 issued by the Department of Health shall be void. A health  
14 care facility that employs a patient representative to pick  
15 up, deliver or administer medical cannabis to registered  
16 patients shall notify the Department of Health immediately  
17 upon termination of the patient representative's employment.

18 (6) The Department of Health shall promulgate  
19 regulations relating to patient representatives, including  
20 the form of authorization to be utilized.

21 (n) Confidentiality.--The Department of Health shall  
22 maintain a verification system that includes the names of each  
23 individual who has been issued a medical cannabis access card or  
24 authorized to act as a patient representative. The information  
25 on the list shall be confidential and shall not be considered a  
26 public record under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3),  
27 known as the Right-to-Know Law. The list may not be disclosed  
28 except to any of the following:

29 (1) Authorized employees of the board, the Department of  
30 Health and the Bureau of Professional and Occupational

1 Affairs as necessary to perform official duties of the board  
2 and the Department of Health.

3 (2) Authorized employees of the board and the Department  
4 of Health, as necessary to verify that a person who is  
5 engaged in the suspected or alleged medical use of cannabis  
6 is lawfully in possession of a medical cannabis access card.

7 (3) Licensed dispensers as necessary to verify  
8 information and identity.

9 (4) Law enforcement as provided under section 906.

10 (5) Health care practitioners.

11 Section 702. Health care practitioners.

12 (a) Requirements.--A health care practitioner may recommend  
13 the use of medical cannabis to a patient if the health care  
14 practitioner complies with all of the following:

15 (1) Has a good faith practitioner-patient relationship  
16 with the patient, not limited to a certification for the  
17 patient to use medical cannabis or a consultation simply for  
18 that purpose.

19 (2) Practices within this Commonwealth at an established  
20 place of practice.

21 (3) Registers with the department if required by  
22 department regulation.

23 (4) Has responsibility for the ongoing care and  
24 treatment of the patient as long as the ongoing care  
25 treatment is not limited to or for the primary purpose of  
26 certifying a qualifying medical condition.

27 (5) Has completed and documented an in-person full  
28 assessment of the patient's medical history and current  
29 medical condition not more than 90 days prior to making the  
30 certification for medical cannabis. The assessment shall

1 include a review of medical records from other treating  
2 health care practitioners from the previous 12 months.

3 (6) Certifies that the patient is under the physician's  
4 care for, and that the physician has expertise in, the  
5 patient's qualifying medical condition.

6 (7) Certifies that in the physician's professional  
7 opinion, the patient is likely to receive therapeutic or  
8 palliative benefit from the medical use of cannabis to treat  
9 or alleviate the patient's qualifying medical condition or  
10 symptoms associated with the condition.

11 (8) Bases each written certification to receive medical  
12 cannabis on generally accepted standards of medical practice.

13 (9) Has adopted a recordkeeping system for all patients  
14 for whom the physician has recommended the use of medical  
15 cannabis.

16 (b) Prohibitions.--A health care practitioner may not do any  
17 of the following:

18 (1) Accept, solicit or offer a form of remuneration from  
19 or to:

20 (i) a patient, except normal medical examination  
21 costs;

22 (ii) a patient representative;

23 (iii) a licensed grower, licensed processor or  
24 licensed dispenser; or

25 (iv) an principal officer, employee or agent of a  
26 person listed in subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii).

27 (2) Offer a discount or an item of value to a patient  
28 who uses or agrees to use a particular patient representative  
29 or medical cannabis dispenser to obtain medical cannabis.

30 (3) Conduct an examination of a patient for purposes of



1 diagnosing a qualifying medical condition at a location where  
2 medical cannabis is sold or distributed.

3 (4) Hold a direct or indirect economic interest in, or  
4 serve on the board of, a licensed medical cannabis grower,  
5 licensed medical cannabis processor or licensed medical  
6 cannabis dispenser.

7 (5) Refer a patient to a particular licensed medical  
8 cannabis dispenser.

9 (6) Advertise in a facility of a licensed medical  
10 cannabis grower, licensed medical cannabis processor or  
11 licensed medical cannabis dispenser.

12 (7) Issue a written certification to receive medical  
13 cannabis to a member of the health care practitioner's  
14 family.

15 (c) Written certification.--A health care practitioner shall  
16 issue a written certification that includes the following:

17 (1) The date and signature of the health care  
18 practitioner.

19 (2) A statement that in the health care practitioner's  
20 opinion the patient is likely to receive therapeutic or  
21 palliative benefit from the medical use of cannabis to treat  
22 or alleviate a qualified medical condition or symptoms  
23 associated with the qualified medical condition.

24 (3) Specification of the qualified medical condition.

25 (4) A statement that the qualifying patient is under the  
26 health care practitioner's care for the qualified medical  
27 condition.

28 (5) The recommended dosage and total amount of medical  
29 cannabis being recommended.

30 (d) Limitation.--A written certification may not be for more

1 than 2.5 ounces of medical cannabis for a patient in a 14-day  
2 period unless the patient has a quantity waiver from the  
3 Department of Health.

4 (e) Veterans.--A veteran who has received treatment at a  
5 Veterans' Administration hospital shall be deemed to have a bona  
6 fide physician-patient relationship with a Veterans'  
7 Administration physician if the patient has been seen for the  
8 qualified medical condition in accordance with Veterans'  
9 Administration protocols.

10 Section 703. Expansion of medical conditions.

11 (a) Petition.--Beginning July 1, 2017, the board may accept  
12 petitions from a resident of this Commonwealth to add additional  
13 qualified medical conditions to those conditions for which a  
14 patient may receive medical cannabis.

15 (b) Requirements.--A petition under subsection (a):

16 (1) must be limited to a single proposed qualified  
17 medical condition;

18 (2) must be in a form prescribed by the board;

19 (3) must include a description of the specific medical  
20 condition which is the subject of the petition; and

21 (4) must not request approval for broad categories of  
22 illnesses.

23 (c) Review.--Upon receipt of a petition under subsection  
24 (a), the board shall do all of the following:

25 (1) Review the petition received for the addition of a  
26 qualified medical condition which would benefit from the use  
27 of medical cannabis. The board may consolidate petitions for  
28 the same or similar condition.

29 (2) Review new or current medical and scientific  
30 evidence pertaining to currently approved conditions.

1 (3) Consult medical and scientific experts as necessary  
2 to adequately review the petition.

3 (4) Analyze the following:

4 (i) Information about why conventional medical  
5 therapies are not sufficient to treat or alleviate the  
6 impact of the condition or disease.

7 (ii) The proposed benefits from the use of medical  
8 cannabis.

9 (iii) Evidence from the medical community and other  
10 experts supporting the use of medical cannabis to  
11 alleviate suffering caused by the condition or disease or  
12 its treatment.

13 (iv) Letters of support from licensed health care  
14 providers knowledgeable about the condition or disease,  
15 including letters from physicians with whom the  
16 petitioner has a physician-patient relationship.

17 (v) Medical or scientific documentation.

18 (d) Action.--The board shall approve or deny a petition in  
19 accordance with regulations promulgated by the board.

20 Section 704. Medical use permitted.

21 (a) General rule.--The cultivation, possession, acquisition,  
22 use, delivery, processing, dispensing or transportation of  
23 medical cannabis by a person who, at the time the cultivation,  
24 possession, acquisition, use, delivery, processing, dispensing  
25 or transportation occurs, possesses a valid license,  
26 occupational permit, certificate or medical cannabis access card  
27 under this act and is in compliance with all applicable terms  
28 under this act shall not be unlawful under any provision of law.

29 (b) Medical cannabis access card.--

30 (1) Possession of or application for a medical cannabis

1 access card may not alone constitute probable cause to search  
2 a person, the person's property or otherwise subject the  
3 person or property to inspection by a governmental agency.

4 (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a patient under 18  
5 years of age unless all of the following have occurred:

6 (i) The minor's health care practitioner has  
7 explained to the minor and the minor's custodial parent,  
8 guardian or person having legal custody the potential  
9 risks and benefits of medical cannabis.

10 (ii) The custodial parent, guardian or person having  
11 legal custody consents in writing to:

12 (A) Allow the minor's use of medical cannabis.

13 (B) Serve as the minor's patient representative.

14 (C) Control the acquisition, dosage and  
15 frequency of the minor's use of medical cannabis.

16 (c) Restriction.--An individual who has been convicted,  
17 adjudicated delinquent or granted accelerated rehabilitative  
18 disposition or who pleads guilty or nolo contendere for any  
19 offense shall not be disqualified from obtaining or possessing a  
20 valid medical cannabis access card on the basis of the offense.

21 Section 705. Authorized use.

22 ~~The use of medical cannabis products mixed into food or~~ <--  
23 ~~drinks to facilitate ingestion by a patient in a facility or~~  
24 ~~residence shall not violate the ban on edible medical cannabis~~  
25 ~~products. Any food mixed with medical cannabis under this~~

26 ~~section may not be sold to any person.~~ (A) USE IN FOOD.--THE <--  
27 USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS MIXED INTO FOOD OR DRINKS TO  
28 FACILITATE INGESTION BY A PATIENT IN A FACILITY OR RESIDENCE  
29 SHALL NOT VIOLATE THE BAN ON EDIBLE MEDICAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS.  
30 ANY FOOD MIXED WITH MEDICAL CANNABIS UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT

1 BE SOLD TO ANY PERSON.

2 (B) VAPORIZATION.--FOR CANCER, A SEIZURE OR POSTTRAUMATIC  
3 STRESS DISORDER, VAPORIZATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS IS AUTHORIZED  
4 IF A PHYSICIAN INDICATES THAT VAPORIZATION IS NECESSARY FOR THE  
5 DELIVERY OF MEDICAL CANNABIS. VAPORIZATION MUST BE DELIVERED BY  
6 USING A FORM OF VAPORIZATION AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD. EQUIPMENT  
7 OR DELIVERY SYSTEMS APPROVED BY THE BOARD MAY BE USED FOR  
8 VAPORIZATION.

9 Section 706. Health insurance.

10 Nothing in this act shall be construed to require a State  
11 government medical assistance program or private health insurer  
12 to reimburse a person for costs associated with the medical use  
13 of cannabis or an employer to accommodate the medical use of  
14 cannabis in a workplace.

15 Section 707. Sovereign immunity.

16 The Commonwealth may not be held liable for any deleterious  
17 outcomes resulting from the medical use of cannabis by a  
18 registered patient.

19 CHAPTER 9

20 PROTECTION, PROHIBITIONS,  
21 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

22 Section 901. Civil discrimination protection.

23 The following shall apply:

24 (1) Medical cannabis, when used in accordance with this  
25 act, may not be considered an illicit substance or otherwise  
26 disqualify a patient from medical care.

27 (2) An individual may not be penalized in any of the  
28 following ways due to the individual's use of medical  
29 cannabis under this act:

30 (i) Denied custody, visitation or parenting time

1 with a minor child.

2 (ii) Presumed to neglect or endanger a minor child  
3 unless the individual's behavior creates an unreasonable  
4 danger to the safety of the minor by clear and convincing  
5 evidence.

6 (3) A landlord may not refuse to lease or otherwise  
7 penalize a patient solely for having a medical cannabis  
8 access card or using medical cannabis in accordance with this  
9 act unless the landlord would lose a monetary or licensing-  
10 related benefit under Federal law or regulation.

11 (4) A school may not refuse to enroll or otherwise  
12 penalize a patient solely for having a medical cannabis  
13 access card or using medical cannabis in accordance with this  
14 act unless the school would lose a monetary or licensing-  
15 related benefit under Federal law or regulation.

16 (5) An employer may not discriminate against an  
17 individual in the hiring or termination of benefits or  
18 otherwise penalize the individual for being a medical  
19 cannabis access cardholder. The following shall apply:

20 (i) The employer may take an individual's status as  
21 a medical cannabis access cardholder into account only if  
22 the employer can prove the employee is abusing or  
23 misusing the employee's medical cannabis on the premises  
24 of the place of employment during ordinary hours of  
25 employment or if failure to do so would cause an employer  
26 to lose a licensing benefit under Federal law or  
27 regulation.

28 (ii) An individual's positive drug test for cannabis  
29 components or metabolites may not be considered by an  
30 employer unless the individual unlawfully used, possessed

1 or was impaired by the medical cannabis while on the  
2 premises of the place of employment or during the hours  
3 of employment.

4 Section 902. Prohibitions and use.

5 (a) Prohibitions.--

6 (1) A registered patient may not operate or be in  
7 physical control of any of the following while under the  
8 influence with a blood content of more than 10 nanograms of  
9 active tetrahydrocannabinis per milliliter of blood in serum:

10 (i) A motor vehicle.

11 (ii) An aircraft.

12 (iii) A motor boat.

13 (iv) Heavy machinery.

14 (v) A mode of transportation in a manner that would  
15 constitute an offense under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 38 (relating  
16 to driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs).

17 (2) A registered patient may not undertake any task  
18 under the influence of medical cannabis when doing so would  
19 constitute negligence or professional malpractice.

20 (3) A person may not allow medical cannabis obtained by  
21 a registered patient to be used by an individual who is not  
22 authorized to use medical cannabis under this act.

23 (4) An individual may not smoke medical cannabis ~~or~~ <--  
24 ~~utilize a vaporizer to ingest or inhale medical cannabis.~~

25 (b) Use.--Except as provided under subsection (a), a  
26 registered patient may utilize medical cannabis in any public  
27 place, including the following:

28 (1) Public transportation.

29 (2) On school grounds if the registered patient is a  
30 student or an employee of the school in accordance with the

1 Department of Education regulations regarding medication on  
2 school grounds.

3 (3) In a correctional facility in accordance with  
4 Department of Corrections regulations regarding medications  
5 in correctional facilities.

6 (4) At a public park or public beach.

7 (c) Adulteration.--With the exception of extraction methods  
8 and processing operations approved by the board, a person may  
9 not adulterate, fortify, contaminate or change the character or  
10 purity of medical cannabis from the original sold by a licensed  
11 medical cannabis grower, processor or dispenser.

12 Section 903. Unlawful activities.

13 In addition to any other applicable provision of law, it  
14 shall be a criminal offense to intentionally or knowingly do any  
15 of the following:

16 (1) Grow, process or dispense medical cannabis without a  
17 license under this act.

18 (2) Transport medical cannabis from or between an  
19 unlicensed grower, processor or dispenser.

20 (3) Participate in the growing, processing, testing or  
21 dispensing of medical cannabis in violation of this act.

22 (4) Fail to report, pay or truthfully account for and  
23 pay any license fee, authorization fee or an assessment  
24 imposed under this act.

25 (5) Violate any regulation of the board.

26 Section 904. Criminal penalties and fines.

27 (a) Offense.--Except as provided under subsections (b) and  
28 (c), a violation of the act shall be graded as a misdemeanor of  
29 the second degree.

30 (b) Unauthorized actions.--A medical cannabis grower,



1 processor or dispenser that distributes, gives, sells or  
2 provides medical cannabis to a person other than a person  
3 authorized under this act commits a felony of the third degree.

4 (c) Individual.--An individual who falsifies an application  
5 or certification under section 511 commits a misdemeanor of the  
6 first degree.

7 (d) Other violations.--A person that is convicted of a  
8 second or subsequent violation of this act commits a felony of  
9 the third degree.

10 Section 905. Daily log access.

11 (a) Court order.--A daily log under section 503(f)(4) may be  
12 accessed by law enforcement upon receipt of a court order  
13 obtained by the requesting law enforcement agency. Upon receipt  
14 of a request for access under this subsection, a court may enter  
15 an ex parte order granting the motion if the law enforcement  
16 agency has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that:

17 (1) The motion pertains to a person who is the subject  
18 of an active criminal investigation.

19 (2) There is reasonable suspicion that a criminal act  
20 has occurred.

21 (b) Use.--Data obtained by a law enforcement agency under  
22 subsection (a) may only be used to establish probable cause to  
23 obtain a search warrant or arrest warrant.

24 Section 906. Law enforcement.

25 The verification system may be accessed by law enforcement  
26 agencies registered with the department to confirm the  
27 authenticity of a medical cannabis access card. The information  
28 shall remain confidential unless criminal charges are filed.

29 CHAPTER 11

30 MEDICAL CANNABIS SURCHARGE

1 Section 1101. Definitions.

2 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
4 context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

6 "Medical cannabis purveyor." A medical cannabis dispenser,  
7 medical cannabis grower, medical cannabis processor or any other  
8 person licensed under this chapter who, in the usual course of  
9 business, sells medical cannabis to a medical cannabis  
10 dispenser.

11 "Purchase price." The total value of anything paid or  
12 delivered, or promised to be paid or delivered, whether it be  
13 money or otherwise, in complete performance of a sale or  
14 purchase, without a deduction on account of the cost or value of  
15 the property sold, cost or value of transportation, cost or  
16 value of labor or service, interest or discount paid or allowed  
17 after the sale is consummated, other taxes or surcharges imposed  
18 by the Commonwealth or other expense.

19 "Sale." A transfer of ownership, custody or possession of  
20 medical cannabis for consideration; an exchange, barter or gift;  
21 or an offer to sell or transfer the ownership, custody or  
22 possession of medical cannabis for consideration.

23 "Surcharge payer." A person subject to the surcharge under  
24 this chapter.

25 "Unclassified importer." A person in this Commonwealth that  
26 acquires medical cannabis from a source on which the surcharge  
27 imposed by this chapter was not paid and that is not a person  
28 otherwise required to be licensed under the provisions of this  
29 chapter. The term includes a patient who purchases medical  
30 cannabis outside this Commonwealth for personal possession or

1 use in this Commonwealth.

2 Section 1102. Incidence and rate of surcharge.

3 (a) Imposition.--A medical cannabis surcharge is imposed on  
4 a medical cannabis purveyor or other person at the time the  
5 medical cannabis is first sold to a medical cannabis dispenser  
6 in this Commonwealth at the rate of 6% on the purchase price  
7 charged to the medical cannabis dispenser for the purchase of  
8 medical cannabis. The surcharge shall be collected from the  
9 medical cannabis dispenser by the seller of the medical cannabis  
10 to the medical cannabis dispenser and remitted to the  
11 department. A person required to collect this surcharge shall  
12 separately state the amount of surcharge on an invoice or other  
13 sales document.

14 (b) Medical cannabis dispenser.--If the surcharge is not  
15 collected by the seller from the medical cannabis dispenser, the  
16 surcharge is imposed on the medical cannabis dispenser at the  
17 time of purchase at the same rate as in subsection (a) based on  
18 the medical cannabis dispenser's purchase price of the medical  
19 cannabis. The medical cannabis dispenser shall remit the  
20 surcharge to the department.

21 (c) Unclassified importer.--The surcharge is imposed on an  
22 unclassified importer at the time of purchase at the same rate  
23 as in subsection (a) based on the unclassified importer's  
24 purchase price of the medical cannabis. The unclassified  
25 importer shall remit the surcharge to the department.

26 (d) Exceptions.--The surcharge shall not be imposed on  
27 medical cannabis that:

28 (1) is exported for sale outside this Commonwealth; or

29 (2) is not subject to surcharge or taxation by the  
30 Commonwealth pursuant to any laws of the United States.

1 (e) Article II.--Unless otherwise specifically noted, the  
2 provisions of Article II of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6,  
3 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, shall apply to the  
4 returns, payment, penalties, enforcement, collections and  
5 appeals of the surcharge imposed on medical cannabis.

6 Section 1103. Limitation of surcharge.

7 Only one sale shall be surcharged and used in computing the  
8 amount of surcharge due under this chapter.

9 Section 1104. Remittance of surcharge to department.

10 Medical cannabis purveyors and unclassified importers shall  
11 file monthly reports on a form prescribed by the department by  
12 the 20th day of the month following the sale or purchase of  
13 medical cannabis from another source on which the surcharge  
14 levied by this chapter has not been paid. The surcharge is due  
15 at the time the report is due. The department may require the  
16 filing of reports and payments of surcharges on a less frequent  
17 basis at its discretion.

18 Section 1105. Procedures for claiming refund.

19 A claim for a refund of the surcharge imposed by this chapter  
20 shall be in accordance with section 3003.1 and Article XXVII of  
21 the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform  
22 Code of 1971, and shall be in the form and contain the  
23 information prescribed by the department by regulation.

24 Section 1106. Sales or possession of medical cannabis when  
25 surcharge not paid.

26 (a) Sales or possession.--A person who sells or possesses  
27 medical cannabis for which the proper surcharge has not been  
28 paid commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be  
29 sentenced to pay costs of prosecution and a fine of not less  
30 than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not more

1 than 60 days, or both, at the discretion of the court. Medical  
2 cannabis purchased from a medical cannabis purveyor properly  
3 licensed under this chapter shall be presumed to have the proper  
4 surcharges paid.

5 (b) Surcharge evasion.--A person that falsely or  
6 fraudulently, maliciously, intentionally or willfully, with  
7 intent to evade the payment of the surcharge imposed by this  
8 chapter, sells or possesses medical cannabis for which the  
9 proper surcharge has not been paid commits a misdemeanor of the  
10 third degree and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay  
11 costs of prosecution and a fine of not more than \$5,000 or to  
12 imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, at the  
13 discretion of the court.

14 Section 1107. Assessment.

15 The department is authorized to make the inquiries,  
16 determinations and assessments of the surcharge, including  
17 interest, additions and penalties, imposed by this chapter.

18 Section 1108. Failure to file return.

19 Where no return is filed, the amount of the surcharge due may  
20 be assessed and collected at any time as to chargeable  
21 transactions not reported.

22 Section 1109. False or fraudulent return.

23 Where the surcharge payer willfully files a false or  
24 fraudulent return with intent to evade the surcharge imposed by  
25 this chapter, the amount of surcharge due may be assessed and  
26 collected at any time.

27 Section 1110. Extension of limitation period.

28 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, where,  
29 before the expiration of the period prescribed for the  
30 assessment of a surcharge, a surcharge payer has consented, in

1 writing, that the period be extended, the amount of surcharge  
2 due may be assessed at any time within the extended period. The  
3 period so extended may be extended further by subsequent  
4 consents, in writing, made before the expiration of the extended  
5 period.

6 Section 1111. Failure to furnish information, returning false  
7 information or failure to permit inspection.

8 (a) Penalty.--A surcharge payer who fails to keep or make a  
9 record, return, report, inventory or statement, or keeps or  
10 makes a false or fraudulent record, return, report, inventory or  
11 statement required by this chapter, commits a misdemeanor and  
12 shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay costs of prosecution  
13 and a fine of \$500 and to imprisonment for not more than one  
14 year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

15 (b) Examination.--The department is authorized to examine  
16 the books and records, the stock of medical cannabis and the  
17 premises and equipment of a surcharge payer in order to verify  
18 the accuracy of the payment of the surcharge imposed by this  
19 chapter. The person subject to an examination shall give to the  
20 department or its duly authorized representative the means,  
21 facilities and opportunity for the examination. Willful refusal  
22 to cooperate with or permit an examination to the satisfaction  
23 of the department shall be sufficient grounds for suspension or  
24 revocation of a surcharge payer's license issued under this  
25 chapter.

26 (c) Records.--A medical cannabis purveyor shall keep and  
27 maintain for a period of four years records in the form  
28 prescribed by the department. The records shall be maintained at  
29 the location for which the license under this chapter is issued.

30 (d) Reports.--A medical cannabis purveyor shall file reports

1 at times and in the form prescribed by the department.

2 (e) Medical cannabis purveyor.--A medical cannabis purveyor  
3 located or doing business in this Commonwealth who sells medical  
4 cannabis in this Commonwealth shall keep records showing:

5 (1) The amount and kind of medical cannabis sold.

6 (2) The date the medical cannabis was sold.

7 (3) The name and license number issued under Chapter 5  
8 of the medical cannabis dispenser to which the medical  
9 cannabis was sold.

10 (4) The total price of the medical cannabis sold to the  
11 medical cannabis dispenser.

12 (5) The place where the medical cannabis was shipped.

13 (6) The name of the common carrier.

14 (f) Medical cannabis purveyor.--A medical cannabis purveyor  
15 shall file with the department, on or before the 20th day of  
16 each month, a report showing the information listed in  
17 subsection (e) for the previous month.

18 Section 1112. Records of shipments and receipts of medical  
19 cannabis required.

20 The department shall require reports from a common or  
21 contract carrier who transports medical cannabis to any point or  
22 points within this Commonwealth, and from a bonded warehouseman  
23 or bailee who has in the possession of the warehouseman or  
24 bailee any medical cannabis. The reports shall contain the  
25 information concerning shipments of medical cannabis that the  
26 department determines to be necessary for the administration of  
27 this chapter. All common and contract carriers, bailees and  
28 warehousemen shall permit the examination by the department or  
29 its authorized agents of records relating to the shipment or  
30 receipt of medical cannabis.

1 Section 1113. Licensing of medical cannabis purveyors.

2 (a) Prohibition.--No person, unless all sales of medical  
3 cannabis are exempt from the medical cannabis surcharge in this  
4 Commonwealth, shall sell, transfer or deliver medical cannabis  
5 in this Commonwealth without first obtaining the proper license  
6 provided for in this chapter.

7 (b) Application.--An applicant for a medical cannabis  
8 purveyor's license shall complete and file an application with  
9 the department. The application shall be in the form and contain  
10 information prescribed by the department and shall set forth  
11 truthfully and accurately the information required by the  
12 department. If the application is approved, the department shall  
13 license the medical cannabis purveyor for a period of one year  
14 and the license may be renewed annually thereafter.

15 (c) Requirements.--Applicants for a medical cannabis  
16 purveyor's license or renewal of that license shall meet the  
17 following requirements:

18 (1) The premises on which the applicant proposes to  
19 conduct business are adequate to protect the revenue.

20 (2) The applicant is a person of reasonable financial  
21 stability and reasonable business experience.

22 (3) The applicant, or a shareholder controlling more  
23 than 10% of the stock if the applicant is a corporation or an  
24 officer or director if the applicant is a corporation, shall  
25 not have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

26 (4) The applicant shall not have failed to disclose  
27 material information required by the department, including  
28 information that the applicant has complied with this chapter  
29 by providing a signed statement under penalty of perjury.

30 (5) The applicant shall not have made any material false



1 statement in the application.

2 (6) The applicant shall not have violated a provision of  
3 this chapter.

4 (7) The applicant shall have filed all required State  
5 tax reports and paid State taxes not subject to a timely  
6 perfected administrative or judicial appeal or subject to a  
7 duly authorized deferred payment plan.

8 (d) Multiple locations.--The medical cannabis purveyor's  
9 license shall be valid for one specific location only. Medical  
10 cannabis purveyors with more than one location shall obtain a  
11 license for each location.

12 Section 1114. License fees and issuance and display of license.

13 (a) Fees.--At the time of making an application or license  
14 renewal application, an applicant for a medical cannabis  
15 purveyor's license shall pay the department a license fee of  
16 \$75.

17 (b) Proration.--Fees shall not be prorated.

18 (c) Issuance and display.--On approval of the application  
19 and payment of the fees, the department shall issue the proper  
20 license which must be conspicuously displayed at the location  
21 for which it has been issued.

22 Section 1115. Electronic filing.

23 The department may, at its discretion, require that any or  
24 all returns, reports or registrations that are required to be  
25 filed under this chapter be filed electronically.

26 Section 1116. Expiration of license.

27 (a) Expiration.--A license shall expire on the last day of  
28 June next succeeding the date upon which it was issued unless  
29 the department at an earlier date suspends, surrenders or  
30 revokes the license.

1 (b) Violation.--After the expiration date of the license or  
2 sooner if the license is suspended, surrendered or revoked, it  
3 shall be illegal for a medical cannabis purveyor to engage  
4 directly or indirectly in the business conducted by the medical  
5 cannabis purveyor for which the license was issued. A licensee  
6 who shall, after the expiration date of the license, engage in  
7 the business conducted by the licensee either by way of  
8 purchase, sale, distribution or in any other manner directly or  
9 indirectly engaged in the business of dealing with medical  
10 cannabis shall be in violation of this chapter and be subject to  
11 the penalties provided in this chapter.

12 Section 1117. Administration powers and duties.

13 (a) Department.--The administration of this chapter is  
14 vested in the department. The department shall adopt rules and  
15 regulations for the enforcement of this chapter.

16 (b) Joint administration.--The department is authorized to  
17 jointly administer this chapter with other provisions of the act  
18 of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of  
19 1971, including joint reporting of information, forms, returns,  
20 statements, documents or other information submitted to the  
21 department.

22 Section 1118. Sales without license.

23 (a) Penalty.--A person who shall, without being the holder  
24 of a proper unexpired medical cannabis purveyor's license,  
25 engage in purchasing, selling, distributing or in another manner  
26 directly or indirectly engage in the business of dealing with  
27 medical cannabis commits a summary offense and shall, upon  
28 conviction, be sentenced to pay costs of prosecution and a fine  
29 of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000, or to imprisonment  
30 for not more than 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the

1 court.

2 (b) Prima facie evidence.--Open display of medical cannabis  
3 in any manner shall be prima facie evidence that the person  
4 displaying such medical cannabis is directly or indirectly  
5 engaging in the business of dealing medical cannabis.

6 Section 1119. Violations and penalties.

7 (a) Suspension.--The license of a person who violates this  
8 chapter may be suspended after due notice and opportunity for a  
9 hearing for a period of not less than five days nor more than 30  
10 days for a first violation and shall be revoked or suspended for  
11 any subsequent violation.

12 (b) Fine.--In addition to the provisions of subsection (a),  
13 upon adjudication of a first violation, the person shall be  
14 fined not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$5,000. For subsequent  
15 violations, the person shall, upon adjudication, be fined not  
16 less than \$5,000 nor more than \$15,000.

17 Section 1120. Property rights.

18 (a) Incorporation.--Subject to subsection (b), section 1285  
19 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax  
20 Reform Code of 1971, is incorporated by reference into and shall  
21 apply to this chapter.

22 (b) Alterations.--

23 (1) References to cigarettes in section 1285 of the Tax  
24 Reform Code of 1971 shall apply to medical cannabis in this  
25 chapter.

26 (2) References to 2,000 or more unstamped cigarettes in  
27 section 1285 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 shall apply to  
28 medical cannabis worth at least \$1,000 in this chapter.

29 (3) References to more than 200 unstamped cigarettes in  
30 section 1285 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 shall apply to

1 medical cannabis worth at least \$100 in this chapter.

2 Section 1121. Information exchange.

3 The department is authorized to exchange information with any  
4 other Federal, State or local enforcement agency for purposes of  
5 enforcing this chapter.

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7 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8 Section 5101. Regulations.

9 (a) Requirement.--The board shall promulgate regulations as  
10 necessary to implement this act.

11 (b) Temporary regulations.--In order to facilitate the  
12 implementation of this act, regulations promulgated by the board  
13 shall be deemed temporary regulations which shall expire not  
14 later than two years following the publication of the temporary  
15 regulation. Temporary regulations shall not be subject to:

16 (1) Sections 201, 202, 203, 204 and 205 of the act of  
17 July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the  
18 Commonwealth Documents Law.

19 (2) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as  
20 the Regulatory Review Act.

21 (3) Sections 204(b) and 301(10) of the act of October  
22 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth  
23 Attorneys Act.

24 (c) Expiration.--The board's authority to adopt temporary  
25 regulations under subsection (b) shall expire two years after  
26 the effective date of this section. Regulations adopted after  
27 this period shall be promulgated as provided by law.

28 (d) Publication.--The board shall begin publishing temporary  
29 regulations in the Pennsylvania Bulletin no later than six  
30 months following the effective date of this section.

1 Section 5102. Appropriation.

2 The sum of \$1.3 million or as much thereof as may be  
3 necessary is appropriated from the Professional Licensure  
4 Augmentation Account to the Bureau of Professional and  
5 Occupational Affairs within the Department of State for the  
6 start-up and initial operation of the State Board of Medical  
7 Cannabis Licensing. The appropriation shall be repaid by the  
8 board within five years of the beginning of issuance of licenses  
9 by the board.

10 Section 5103. Applicability of other statutes.

11 The following acts shall apply to the board:

12 (1) The act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as  
13 the Right-to-Know Law.

14 (2) The act of July 19, 1957 (P.L.1017, No.451), known  
15 as the State Adverse Interest Act.

16 (3) 65 Pa.C.S. Chs. 7 (relating to open meetings) and 11  
17 (relating to ethics standards and financial disclosure).

18 Section 5104. Repeals.

19 The following shall apply:

20 (1) Sections 4 and 13 of the act of April 14, 1972  
21 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug,  
22 Device and Cosmetic Act, are repealed insofar as they are  
23 inconsistent with this act.

24 (2) All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as  
25 they are inconsistent with this act.

26 Section 5105. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.