

Evan J. Vickers proposes the following substitute bill:

Cannabinoid Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to hemp and medical cannabis regulation.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits certain cannabinoids from being used in cannabinoid products;
- allows the Department of Agriculture and Food to limit certain types of cannabinoids that are found in a cannabinoid product;
- amends background check requirements for cannabinoid processor licenses;
- amends qualifications for obtaining a cannabinoid processor license;
- requires industrial hemp retailers to maintain a video surveillance system;
- amends provisions related to cannabinoid product enforcement;
- requires a person to have a cannabis processor license to transport hemp concentrate;
- removes the requirement that certain cannabinoid products be in a medicinal dosage form;
- allows for additional medical cannabis pharmacies;
- creates a new medical cannabis pharmacy license for independent medical cannabis pharmacies;
- creates ownership restrictions for independent medical cannabis pharmacies;
- adjusts fees for certain medical cannabis pharmacy licenses;
- amends provisions regarding cannabis production and sanitation;
- modifies provisions related to enforcement and appeals;
- amends provisions related to closed-door medical cannabis pharmacies;
- allows a cannabis processing facility to have a website that includes product information;
- amends provisions regarding when the department may seize products and test products;
- amends provisions related to information a medical cannabis pharmacy must have

- 29 available to a patient purchasing medical cannabis;
- 30 ▸ creates a reporting requirement for the department;
- 31 ▸ repeals sections related to the state central patient portal; and
- 32 ▸ makes technical and conforming changes.

33 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

34 None

35 **Other Special Clauses:**

36 None

37 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

38 AMENDS:

- 39 **4-41-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 35
- 40 **4-41-103.2**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 146
- 41 **4-41-103.3**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 146, 327
- 42 **4-41-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 35
- 43 **4-41-404**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 23
- 44 **4-41a-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 217, 238 and 240
- 45 **4-41a-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 327
- 46 **4-41a-501**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 313
- 47 **4-41a-701**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 313, 317
- 48 **4-41a-801**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session,
- 49 Chapter 1
- 50 **4-41a-802**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 217
- 51 **4-41a-1001**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 217, 238 and 240
- 52 **4-41a-1003**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 435 and renumbered and
- 53 amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 307 and last amended by Coordination Clause,
- 54 Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307
- 55 **4-41a-1005**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 217
- 56 **4-41a-1101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 217
- 57 **4-41a-1201**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 273
- 58 **4-41a-1202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 217, 240
- 59 **4-41a-1203**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 307 and
- 60 last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307
- 61 **4-41a-1206**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 238
- 62 **26B-1-435**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 238, 240

26B-4-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 217, 240
26B-4-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 217, 240
26B-4-214, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 240
26B-4-222, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 240
58-37-3.6, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 35
58-85-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session, Chapter 1
63N-3-1301, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 35
77-39-101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 35

ENACTS:

4-41-405, Utah Code Annotated 1953
4-41a-1006, Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS:

26B-4-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273, 317 and renumbered
and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307 and last amended by Coordination Clause,
Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **4-41-102** is amended to read:

4-41-102 . Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Adulterant" means any poisonous or deleterious substance in a quantity that may be injurious to human health, including:
- (a) pesticides;
 - (b) heavy metals;
 - (c) solvents;
 - (d) microbial life;
 - (e) artificially derived cannabinoids;
 - (f) toxins; or
 - (g) foreign matter.
- (2)(a) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" means a chemical substance that is created by a chemical reaction that changes the molecular structure of any chemical substances derived from the cannabis plant.
- (b) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" does not include:
- (i) a naturally occurring chemical substance that is separated from the cannabis plant

- by a chemical or mechanical extraction process; or
- (ii) cannabinoids that are produced by decarboxylation from a naturally occurring cannabinoid acid without the use of a chemical catalyst.
- (3) "Cannabidiol" or "CBD" means the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 13956-29-1.
- (4) "Cannabidiolic acid" or "CBDA" means the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 1244-58-2.
- (5) "Cannabinoid processor license" means a license that the department issues to a person for the purpose of processing a cannabinoid product.
- (6) "Cannabinoid product" means a product that:
- (a) contains or is represented to contain one or more naturally occurring cannabinoids;
 - (b) contains less than the cannabinoid product THC level, by dry weight;
 - (c) contains a combined amount of total THC and any THC analog that does not exceed 10% of the total cannabinoid content;
 - (d) does not exceed a total of THC and any THC analog that is greater than:
 - (i) 5 milligrams per serving; and
 - (ii) 150 milligrams per package; and
 - (e) unless the product is in an oil based suspension, has a serving size that:
 - (i) is an integer; and
 - (ii) is a discrete unit of the cannabinoid product.
- (7) "Cannabinoid product class" means a group of cannabinoid products that:
- (a) have all ingredients in common; and
 - (b) are produced by or for the same company.
- (8) "Cannabinoid product THC level" means a combined concentration of total THC and any THC analog of less than 0.3% on a dry weight basis if laboratory testing confirms a result within a measurement of uncertainty that includes the combined concentration of 0.3%.
- (9) "Cannabis" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.
- (10) "Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol" or "delta-9-THC" means the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 1972-08-3, the primary psychotropic cannabinoid in cannabis.
- (11) "Industrial hemp" means any part of a cannabis plant, whether growing or not, with a concentration of less than 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol by dry weight.
- (12) "Industrial hemp producer registration" means a registration that the department issues to a person for the purpose of processing industrial hemp or an industrial hemp product.
- (13)(a) "Industrial hemp product" means a product made by processing industrial hemp plants or industrial hemp parts.

(b) "Industrial hemp product" does not include cannabinoid material or a cannabinoid product.

~~[(13)]~~ (14) "Industrial hemp retailer permit" means a permit that the department issues to a retailer who sells any viable industrial hemp seed or cannabinoid product.

~~[(14)(a) "Industrial hemp product" means a product made by processing industrial hemp plants or industrial hemp parts.]~~

~~[(b) "Industrial hemp product" does not include cannabinoid material.]~~

(15) "Key participant" means any of the following:

(a) a licensee;

(b) an operation manager;

(c) a site manager; or

(d) an employee who has access to any industrial hemp material with a THC concentration above 0.3%.

(16) "Licensee" means a person possessing a cannabinoid processor license that the department issues under this chapter.

~~(17)~~ "Newly identified cannabinoid" means a cannabinoid that:

(a) is not expressly identified by chemical name or CAS number in this chapter; and

(b) is identified by the department under Section 4-41-405.

~~[(17)]~~ (18) "Non-compliant material" means:

(a) a hemp plant that does not comply with this chapter, including a cannabis plant with a concentration of 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol or greater by dry weight;~~and]~~

(b) a cannabinoid product, chemical, or compound with a concentration that exceeds the cannabinoid product THC level~~[-]~~ ; and

(c) a cannabinoid product containing any of the following:

(i) delta-9-tetrahydrocannabiphorol (THCP), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 54763-99-4;

(ii) delta-8-tetrahydrocannabiphorol (THCP), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 51768-60-6;

(iii) delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) acetate, the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 23132-17-4;

(iv) delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) acetate, the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 23050-54-6;

(v) 9(s)-hexahydrocannabinol (HHC), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 36403-91-5; or

- 165 (vi) 9(r)-hexahydrocannabinol (HHC), the cannabinoid identified as CAS#
166 36403-90-4.
- 167 ~~[(18)]~~ (19) "Permittee" means a person possessing a permit that the department issues under
168 this chapter.
- 169 ~~[(19)]~~ (20) "Person" means:
- 170 (a) an individual, partnership, association, firm, trust, limited liability company, or
171 corporation; and
- 172 (b) an agent or employee of an individual, partnership, association, firm, trust, limited
173 liability company, or corporation.
- 174 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) "Retailer permittee" means a person possessing an industrial hemp retailer permit
175 that the department issues under this chapter.
- 176 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, the
177 cannabinoid identified as CAS# 1972-08-3.
- 178 ~~[(22)]~~ (23)(a) "THC analog" means a substance that is structurally or pharmacologically
179 substantially similar to, or is represented as being similar to, delta-9-THC.
- 180 (b) "THC analog" does not include the following substances or the naturally occurring
181 acid forms of the following substances:
- 182 (i) cannabichromene (CBC), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 20675-51-8;
183 (ii) cannabicyclol (CBL), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 21366-63-2;
184 (iii) cannabidiol (CBD), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 13956-29-1;
185 (iv) cannabidivanol (CBDV), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 24274-48-4;
186 (v) cannabielsoin (CBE), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 52025-76-0;
187 (vi) cannabigerol (CBG), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 25654-31-3;
188 (vii) cannabigerovarin (CBGV), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 55824-11-8;
189 (viii) cannabinol (CBN), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 521-35-7;
190 (ix) cannabivarin (CBV), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 33745-21-0; or
191 (x) delta-9-tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCV), the cannabinoid identified as CAS#
192 31262-37-0.
- 193 ~~[(23)]~~ (24) "Total cannabidiol" or "total CBD" means the combined amounts of cannabidiol
194 and cannabidiolic acid, calculated as "total CBD = CBD + (CBDA x 0.877)".
- 195 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) "Total tetrahydrocannabinol" or "total THC" means the sum of the determined
196 amounts of delta-9-THC, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, calculated as "total THC =
197 delta-9-THC + (THCA x 0.877)".
- 198 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) "Transportable industrial hemp concentrate" means any amount of a natural

cannabinoid in a purified state that:

- (a) is the product of any chemical or physical process applied to naturally occurring biomass that concentrates or isolates the cannabinoids contained in the biomass;
- (b) is derived from a cannabis plant that, based on sampling that was collected no more than 30 days before the day on which the cannabis plant was harvested, contains a combined concentration of total THC and any THC analog of less than 0.3% on a dry weight basis;
- (c) has a THC and THC analog concentration total that is less than 20% when concentrated from the cannabis plant to the purified state; and
- (d) is intended to be processed into a cannabinoid product.

Section 2. Section **4-41-103.2** is amended to read:

4-41-103.2 . Cannabinoid processor license.

- (1) The department or a licensee of the department may process a cannabinoid product.
- (2) A person seeking a cannabinoid processor license shall provide to the department:
 - (a) the legal description and global positioning coordinates sufficient for locating the facility the person uses to process industrial hemp; and
 - (b) written consent allowing a representative of the department and local law enforcement to enter all premises where the person processes or stores industrial hemp for the purpose of:
 - (i) conducting a physical inspection; or
 - (ii) ensuring compliance with the requirements of this chapter.
- ~~[(3) An individual who has been convicted of a drug-related felony within the last 10 years is not eligible to obtain a cannabinoid processor license.]~~
- ~~[(4)]~~ (3) The department may set a fee in accordance with Subsection 4-2-103(2) for the application for a cannabinoid processor license.
- ~~[(5)]~~ (4) A licensee may only market a cannabinoid product that the licensee processes.
- (5)(a) An applicant for a cannabinoid processor license shall:
 - (i) be at least 18 years old; and
 - (ii) submit a nationwide criminal history from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the department.
- (b) The department shall reject an individual's application for a cannabinoid processor license if the criminal history described in Subsection (5)(a)(ii) was not completed in the previous 90 days before the day the applicant submits the license application to the department.

- (6) An applicant is not eligible to receive a cannabinoid processor license if the applicant has:
- (a) been convicted of a felony; or
 - (b) been convicted of a drug-related misdemeanor within the previous 10 years.
- ~~[(6)(a) Each applicant for a license to process cannabinoid products shall submit to the department, at the time of application, from each key participant:]~~
- ~~[(i) a fingerprint card in a form acceptable to the Department of Public Safety;]~~
 - ~~[(ii) a signed waiver in accordance with Subsection 53-10-108(4) acknowledging the registration of the individual's fingerprints in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Next Generation Identification System's Rap Back Service; and]~~
 - ~~[(iii) consent to a fingerprint background check by:]~~
 - ~~[(A) the Bureau of Criminal Identification; and]~~
 - ~~[(B) the Federal Bureau of Investigation.]~~
- ~~[(b) The Bureau of Criminal Identification shall:]~~
- ~~[(i) check the fingerprints the applicant submits under Subsection (6)(a) against the applicable state, regional, and national criminal records databases, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation Next Generation Identification System;]~~
 - ~~[(ii) report the results of the background check to the department;]~~
 - ~~[(iii) maintain a separate file of fingerprints that applicants submit under Subsection (6)(a) for search by future submissions to the local and regional criminal records databases, including latent prints;]~~
 - ~~[(iv) request that the fingerprints be retained in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Next Generation Identification System's Rap Back Service for search by future submissions to national criminal records databases, including the Next Generation Identification System and latent prints; and]~~
 - ~~[(v) establish a privacy risk mitigation strategy to ensure that the department only receives notifications for an individual with whom the department maintains an authorizing relationship.]~~
- ~~[(c) The department shall:]~~
- ~~[(i) assess an individual who submits fingerprints under Subsection (6)(a) a fee in an amount that the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 for the services that the Bureau of Criminal Identification or another authorized agency provides under this section; and]~~
 - ~~[(ii) remit the fee described in Subsection (6)(c)(i) to the Bureau of Criminal~~

Identification.]

Section 3. Section **4-41-103.3** is amended to read:

4-41-103.3 . Industrial hemp retailer permit.

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection ~~[(4)]~~ (5), a retailer permittee of the department may market or sell a cannabinoid product or a viable industrial hemp seed.
- (2) A person seeking an industrial hemp retailer permit shall provide to the department:
- (a) the name of the person that is seeking to market or sell a cannabinoid product or a viable industrial hemp seed;
 - (b) the address of each location where a cannabinoid product or a viable industrial hemp seed will be sold; and
 - (c) written consent allowing a representative of the department to enter all premises where the person is selling a cannabinoid product or a viable industrial hemp seed for the purpose of:
 - (i) conducting a physical inspection; or
 - (ii) ensuring compliance with the requirements of this chapter.
- (3) Beginning January 1, 2026, an industrial hemp retailer permittee shall:
- (a) maintain a video surveillance system that:
 - (i) is able to monitor who purchases a cannabinoid product from the permittee;
 - (ii) is tamper proof; and
 - (iii) stores a video record for at least 45 days; and
 - (b) provide the department access to the video surveillance system upon request.
- ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The department may set a fee in accordance with Subsection 4-2-103(2) for the application for an industrial hemp retailer permit.
- ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Any marketing for a cannabinoid product or a viable industrial hemp seed shall include a notice to consumers that the product is hemp and is not cannabis or medical cannabis, as those terms are defined in Section 26B-4-201.

Section 4. Section **4-41-105** is amended to read:

4-41-105 . Unlawful acts.

- (1) It is unlawful for a person to handle, process, or market living industrial hemp plants, viable hemp seeds, leaf materials, or floral materials derived from industrial hemp without the appropriate license or permit issued by the department under this chapter.
- (2)(a) It is unlawful for any person to:
- (i) distribute, sell, or market a cannabinoid product that is:
 - (A) not registered with the department under Section 4-41-104; or

- 301 (B) noncompliant material;
- 302 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), transport into or out of the state extracted
- 303 material or final product that contains 0.3% or more of total THC and any THC
- 304 analog;
- 305 (iii) sell or use a cannabinoid product that is:
- 306 (A) added to a conventional food or beverage, as the department further defines in
- 307 rules described in Section 4-41-403;
- 308 (B) marketed or manufactured to be enticing to children, as further defined in
- 309 rules described in Section 4-41-403; or
- 310 (C) smokable flower; or
- 311 (iv) knowingly or intentionally sell or give a cannabinoid product that contains THC
- 312 or a THC analog in the course of business to an individual who is not at least 21
- 313 years old.
- 314 (b) A person may transport transportable industrial hemp concentrate if the person:
- 315 (i) complies with rules created by the department under Section 4-41-103.1 related to
- 316 transportable industrial hemp concentrate; and
- 317 (ii)(A) has [~~an industrial hemp producer registration~~] a cannabinoid processor
- 318 license; or
- 319 (B) the equivalent to [~~an industrial hemp producer registration~~] a cannabinoid
- 320 processor license from another state.
- 321 (3) The department may seize and destroy non-compliant material.
- 322 (4) Nothing in this chapter authorizes any person to violate federal law, regulation, or any
- 323 provision of this title.

324 Section 5. Section **4-41-404** is amended to read:

325 **4-41-404 . Department duties.**

326 The department [~~shall assess the fine described in Subsection 4-41-403(4)-~~] may take an

327 enforcement action in accordance with Section 4-41-106 against any person who offers an

328 unregistered cannabinoid product for sale in this state.

329 Section 6. Section **4-41-405** is enacted to read:

330 **4-41-405 . Newly identified cannabinoid.**

- 331 (1) For a newly identified cannabinoid, the department may:
- 332 (a) establish a maximum allowable concentration that a cannabinoid product may
- 333 contain of the newly identified cannabinoid;
- 334 (b) prohibit the newly identified cannabinoid from appearing in a cannabinoid product;

or

(c) modify the maximum allowable concentration described in Subsection (1)(a) as necessary if it would not create a threat to public health.

(2) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department shall make rules to implement Subsection (1).

Section 7. Section **4-41a-102** is amended to read:

4-41a-102 . Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Adulterant" means any poisonous or deleterious substance in a quantity that may be injurious to health, including:

- (a) pesticides;
- (b) heavy metals;
- (c) solvents;
- (d) microbial life;
- (e) artificially derived cannabinoid;
- (f) toxins; or
- (g) foreign matter.

(2) "Advertise" or "advertising" means information provided by a person in any medium:

- (a) to the public; and
- (b) that is not age restricted to an individual who is at least 21 years old.

(3) "Advisory board" means the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board created in Section 26B-1-435.

(4)(a) "Anticompetitive business practice" means any practice that reduces the amount of competition in the medical cannabis market that would be considered an attempt to monopolize, as defined in Section 76-10-3103.

(b) "Anticompetitive business practice" may include:

- (i) agreements that may be considered unreasonable when competitors interact to the extent that they are:
 - (A) no longer acting independently; or
 - (B) when collaborating are able to wield market power together;
- (ii) monopolizing or attempting to monopolize trade by:
 - (A) acting to maintain or acquire a dominant position in the market; or
 - (B) preventing new entry into the market; or
- (iii) other conduct outlined in rule.

- (5)(a) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" means a chemical substance that is created by a chemical reaction that changes the molecular structure of any chemical substance derived from the cannabis plant.
- (b) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" does not include:
- (i) a naturally occurring chemical substance that is separated from the cannabis plant by a chemical or mechanical extraction process; or
 - (ii) a cannabinoid that is produced by decarboxylation from a naturally occurring cannabinoid acid without the use of a chemical catalyst.

(6) "Batch" means a quantity of:

- (a) cannabis extract produced on a particular date and time and produced between completion of equipment and facility sanitation protocols until the next required sanitation cycle during which lots of cannabis are used;
- (b) cannabis product produced on a particular date and time and produced between completion of equipment and facility sanitation protocols until the next required sanitation cycle during which cannabis extract is used; or
- (c) cannabis flower packaged on a particular date and time and produced between completion of equipment and facility sanitation protocols until the next required sanitation cycle during which lots of cannabis are being used.

[(6)] (7) "Cannabis Research Review Board" means the Cannabis Research Review Board created in Section 26B-1-420.

[(7)] (8) "Cannabis" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.

[(8)] (9) "Cannabis concentrate" means:

- (a) the product of any chemical or physical process applied to naturally occurring biomass that concentrates or isolates the cannabinoids contained in the biomass; and
- (b) any amount of a natural cannabinoid or artificially derived cannabinoid in an artificially derived cannabinoid's purified state.

[(9)] (10) "Cannabis cultivation byproduct" means any portion of a cannabis plant that is not intended to be sold as a cannabis plant product.

[(10)] (11) "Cannabis cultivation facility" means a person that:

- (a) possesses cannabis;
- (b) grows or intends to grow cannabis; and
- (c) sells or intends to sell cannabis to a cannabis cultivation facility, a cannabis processing facility, or a medical cannabis research licensee.

[(11)] (12) "Cannabis cultivation facility agent" means an individual who

403 holds a valid cannabis production establishment agent registration card with a cannabis
404 cultivation facility designation.

405 [(12)] (13) "Cannabis derivative product" means a product made using cannabis concentrate.

406 [(13)] (14) "Cannabis plant product" means any portion of a cannabis plant intended to be
407 sold in a form that is recognizable as a portion of a cannabis plant.

408 [(14)] (15) "Cannabis processing facility" means a person that:

409 (a) acquires or intends to acquire cannabis from a cannabis production establishment;

410 (b) possesses cannabis with the intent to manufacture a cannabis product;

411 (c) manufactures or intends to manufacture a cannabis product from unprocessed
412 cannabis or a cannabis extract; and

413 (d) sells or intends to sell a cannabis product to a medical cannabis pharmacy or a
414 medical cannabis research licensee.

415 [(15)] (16) "Cannabis processing facility agent" means an individual who

416 holds a valid cannabis production establishment agent registration card with a cannabis
417 processing facility designation.

418 [(16)] (17) "Cannabis product" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.

419 [(17)] (18) "Cannabis production establishment" means a cannabis cultivation facility, a
420 cannabis processing facility, or an independent cannabis testing laboratory.

421 [(18)] (19) "Cannabis production establishment agent" means a cannabis cultivation facility
422 agent, a cannabis processing facility agent, or an independent cannabis testing laboratory
423 agent.

424 [(19)] (20) "Cannabis production establishment agent registration card" means a registration
425 card that the department issues that:

426 (a) authorizes an individual to act as a cannabis production establishment agent; and

427 (b) designates the type of cannabis production establishment for which an individual is
428 authorized to act as an agent.

429 [(20)] (21) "Closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy" means a facility operated by a home
430 delivery medical cannabis pharmacy for delivering ~~[cannabis or a medical cannabis~~
431 ~~product]~~ medical cannabis.

432 [(21)] (22) "Community location" means a public or private elementary or secondary school,
433 a church, a public library, a public playground, or a public park.

434 [(22)] (23) "Cultivation space" means, quantified in square feet, the horizontal area in which
435 a cannabis cultivation facility cultivates cannabis, including each level of horizontal area
436 if the cannabis cultivation facility hangs, suspends, stacks, or otherwise positions plants

above other plants in multiple levels.

[(23)] (24) "Delivery address" means:

(a) for a medical cannabis cardholder who is not a facility:

(i) the medical cannabis cardholder's home address; or

(ii) an address designated by the medical cannabis cardholder that:

(A) is the medical cannabis cardholder's workplace; and

(B) is not a community location; or

(b) for a medical cannabis cardholder that is a facility, the facility's address.

[(24)] (25) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Food.

[(25)] (26) "Family member" means a parent, step-parent, spouse, child, sibling,

step-sibling, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin, mother-in-law, father-in-law,

brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild.

[(26)] (27) "Government issued photo identification" means the same as that term is defined

in Section 26B-4-201, including expired identification in accordance with Section

26B-4-244.

[(27)] (28) "Home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy" means a medical cannabis

pharmacy that the department authorizes, as part of the pharmacy's license, to deliver

medical cannabis shipments to a delivery address to fulfill electronic orders[~~that the~~

~~state-central-patient-portal-facilitates~~].

[(28)] (29)(a) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory" means a person that:

(i) conducts a chemical or other analysis of cannabis or a cannabis product; or

(ii) acquires, possesses, and transports cannabis or a cannabis product with the intent

to conduct a chemical or other analysis of the cannabis or cannabis product.

(b) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory" includes a laboratory that the department

or a research university operates in accordance with Subsection 4-41a-201(14).

[(29)] (30) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory agent" means an individual who

holds a valid cannabis production establishment agent registration card with an

independent cannabis testing laboratory designation.

[(30)] (31) "Inventory control system" means a system described in Section 4-41a-103.

[(31)] (32) "Licensing board" or "board" means the Cannabis Production Establishment and

Pharmacy Licensing Advisory Board created in Section 4-41a-201.1.

[(32)] (33) "Medical cannabis" or "medical cannabis product" means the same as that term is

defined in Section 26B-4-201.

[(33)] (34) "Medical cannabis card" means the same as that term is defined in Section

471 26B-4-201.

472 [(34)] (35) "Medical cannabis courier" means a courier that:

473 (a) the department licenses in accordance with Section 4-41a-1201; and

474 (b) contracts with a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy to deliver medical

475 cannabis shipments to fulfill electronic orders[~~that the state central patient portal~~

476 ~~facilitates~~].

477 [(35)] (36) "Medical cannabis courier agent" means an individual who:

478 (a) is an employee of a medical cannabis courier; and

479 (b) who holds a valid medical cannabis courier agent registration card.

480 [(36)] (37) "Medical cannabis pharmacy" means the same as that term is defined in Section

481 26B-4-201.

482 [(37)] (38) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent" means the same as that term is defined in

483 Section 26B-4-201.

484 [(38)] (39) "Medical cannabis research license" means a license that the department issues to

485 a research university for the purpose of obtaining and possessing medical cannabis for

486 academic research.

487 [(39)] (40) "Medical cannabis research licensee" means a research university that the

488 department licenses to obtain and possess medical cannabis for academic research, in

489 accordance with Section 4-41a-901.

490 [(40)] (41) "Medical cannabis shipment" means a shipment of medical cannabis that a home

491 delivery medical cannabis pharmacy or a medical cannabis courier delivers to a delivery

492 address to fulfill an electronic medical cannabis order[~~that the state central patient portal~~

493 ~~facilitates~~].

494 [(41)] (42) "Medical cannabis treatment" means the same as that term is defined in Section

495 26B-4-201.

496 [(42)] (43) "Medicinal dosage form" means the same as that term is defined in Section

497 26B-4-201.

498 [(43)] (44) "Pharmacy ownership limit" means an amount equal to 30% of the total number

499 of medical cannabis pharmacy licenses issued by the department rounded down to the

500 nearest whole number.

501 [(44)] (45) "Pharmacy medical provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section

502 26B-4-201.

503 [(45)] (46) "Qualified medical provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section

504 26B-4-201.

505 ~~[(46)]~~ (47) "Qualified Production Enterprise Fund" means the fund created in Section
506 4-41a-104.

507 ~~[(47)]~~ (48) "Recommending medical provider" means the same as that term is defined in
508 Section 26B-4-201.

509 ~~[(48)]~~ (49) "Research university" means the same as that term is defined in Section
510 53B-7-702 and a private, nonprofit college or university in the state that:

511 (a) is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities;
512 (b) grants doctoral degrees; and
513 (c) has a laboratory containing or a program researching a schedule I controlled
514 substance described in Section 58-37-4.

515 ~~[(49)]~~ (50) "State electronic verification system" means the system described in Section
516 26B-4-202.

517 ~~[(50)]~~ (51) "Targeted marketing" means the promotion of ~~[a-cannabis-product,]~~ medical
518 cannabis, a medical cannabis brand, or a medical cannabis device using any of the
519 following methods:

520 (a) electronic communication to an individual who is at least 21 years old and has
521 requested to receive promotional information;
522 (b) an in-person marketing event that is:
523 (i) held inside a medical cannabis pharmacy; and
524 (ii) in an area where only a medical cannabis cardholder may access the event;
525 (c) other marketing material that is physically available or digitally displayed in a
526 medical cannabis pharmacy; or
527 (d) a leaflet a medical cannabis pharmacy places in the opaque package or box that is
528 provided to an individual when obtaining medical cannabis:
529 (i) in the medical cannabis pharmacy;
530 (ii) at the medical cannabis pharmacy's drive-through pick up window; or
531 (iii) in a medical cannabis shipment.

532 ~~[(51)]~~ (52) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means the same as that term is defined in
533 Section 4-41-102.

534 ~~[(52)]~~ (53) "THC analog" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41-102.

535 ~~[(53)]~~ (54) "Total composite tetrahydrocannabinol" means all detectable forms of
536 tetrahydrocannabinol.

537 ~~[(54)]~~ (55) "Total tetrahydrocannabinol" or "total THC" means the same as that term is
538 defined in Section 4-41-102.

Section 8. Section **4-41a-403** is amended to read:

4-41a-403 . Advertising.

- (1) Except as provided in this section and Section 4-41a-604, a cannabis production establishment may not advertise to the general public in any medium.
- (2) A cannabis production establishment may advertise an employment opportunity at the cannabis production establishment.
- (3)(a) A cannabis production establishment may maintain a website that:
- ~~[(a)]~~ (i) contains information about the establishment and employees; and
 - ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), does not advertise any medical cannabis, cannabis products, or medical cannabis devices.
- (b) A cannabis processing facility may:
- (i) if the website has age verification mechanisms that effectively prevent access by individuals under 21 years old, maintain a website that contains:
 - (A) educational information regarding medical cannabis produced by the cannabis processing facility, including the certificate of analysis that is created by an independent cannabis testing facility; and
 - (B) where medical cannabis produced by the cannabis processing facility may be purchased in the state; and
 - (ii) engage in targeted marketing in accordance with Section 4-41a-604 for advertising a particular medical cannabis product, medical cannabis device, or medical cannabis brand.
- (4)(a) Notwithstanding any municipal or county ordinance prohibiting signage, a cannabis production establishment may use signage on the outside of the cannabis production establishment that:
- (i) includes only:
 - (A) in accordance with Subsection (4)(b), the cannabis production establishment's name, logo, and hours of operation; and
 - (B) a green cross; and
 - (ii) complies with local ordinances regulating signage.
- (b) The department shall define standards for a cannabis production establishment's name and logo to ensure a medical rather than recreational disposition.
- (5)(a) A cannabis production establishment may hold an educational event for the public or medical providers in accordance with this Subsection (5) and the rules described in Subsection (5)(c).

- (b) A cannabis production establishment may not include in an educational event described in Subsection (5)(a):
- (i) any topic that conflicts with this chapter or Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis;
 - (ii) any gift items or merchandise other than educational materials, as those terms are defined by the department;
 - (iii) any marketing for a specific product from the cannabis production establishment or any other statement, claim, or information that would violate the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301, et seq.; or
 - (iv) a presenter other than the following:
 - (A) a cannabis production establishment agent;
 - (B) a pharmacist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;
 - (C) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;
 - (D) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;
 - (E) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act; or
 - (F) a state employee.
- (c) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to define the elements of and restrictions on the educational event described in Subsection (5)(a), including a minimum age of 21 years old for attendees.

Section 9. Section **4-41a-501** is amended to read:

4-41a-501 . Cannabis cultivation facility -- Operating requirements.

- (1) A cannabis cultivation facility shall ensure that any cannabis growing at the cannabis cultivation facility is not visible from the ground level of the cannabis cultivation facility perimeter.
- (2) A cannabis cultivation facility shall use a unique identifier that is connected to the facility's inventory control system to identify:
 - (a) beginning at the time a cannabis plant is eight inches tall and has a root ball, each cannabis plant;
 - (b) each unique harvest of cannabis plants;
 - (c) each batch of cannabis the facility transfers to a medical cannabis pharmacy, a

cannabis processing facility, or an independent cannabis testing laboratory; and

(d) any excess, contaminated, or deteriorated cannabis of which the cannabis cultivation facility disposes.

(3) A cannabis cultivation facility shall identify cannabis biomass as cannabis byproduct or cannabis plant product before transferring the cannabis biomass from the facility.

(4) A cannabis cultivation facility shall either:

(a) ensure that a cannabis processing facility chemically or physically processes cannabis cultivation byproduct to produce a cannabis concentrate for incorporation into cannabis derivative products; or

(b) destroy cannabis cultivation byproduct in accordance with Section 4-41a-405.

(5) A cannabis cultivation facility may utilize radiation-based methods and equipment for quality assurance or remediation purposes.

(6) The department shall make rules establishing:

(a) the records a cannabis cultivation facility must keep regarding each batch, amount of product treated, and the methods used; and

(b) disclosure requirements to a cannabis processor receiving the material subject to the radiation including the methods and equipment used.

Section 10. Section **4-41a-701** is amended to read:

4-41a-701 . Cannabis and cannabis product testing.

(1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department may make rules to:

(a) determine required adulterant tests for a cannabis plant product, cannabis concentrate, or cannabis product;

(b) determine the amount of any adulterant that is safe for human consumption;

(c) immediately ban or limit the presence of any ingredient in a medical cannabis product after receiving a recommendation to do so from a public health authority under Section 26B-1-102;

(d) establish protocols for a recall of [~~cannabis or a cannabis product~~] medical cannabis by a cannabis production establishment; or

(e) allow the propagation of testing results forward to derived product if the processing steps the cannabis production establishment uses to produce the product are unlikely to change the results of the test.

(2)(a) The department may require testing for a toxin if:

[(a)] (i) the department receives information indicating the potential presence of a

- 641 toxin; or
- 642 [(b)] (ii) the department's inspector has reason to believe a toxin may be present based
- 643 on the inspection of a facility.
- 644 (b) The department may not require a cannabis processor to test a cannabis batch or a
- 645 cannabis product batch a third time if the cannabis batch or cannabis product has
- 646 previously met all testing requirements after being tested by:
- 647 (i) an independent cannabis testing laboratory that is not the department; and
- 648 (ii) the department.
- 649 (3)(a) A cannabis production establishment may not:
- 650 (i) incorporate cannabis concentrate into a cannabis derivative product until an
- 651 independent cannabis testing laboratory tests the cannabis concentrate in
- 652 accordance with department rule; or
- 653 (ii) transfer cannabis or a cannabis product to a medical cannabis pharmacy until an
- 654 independent cannabis testing laboratory tests a representative sample of the
- 655 cannabis or cannabis product in accordance with department rule.
- 656 (b) A medical cannabis pharmacy may not offer any cannabis or cannabis product for
- 657 sale unless an independent cannabis testing laboratory has tested a representative
- 658 sample of the cannabis or cannabis product in accordance with department rule.
- 659 (4) Before the sale of a medical cannabis product, an independent cannabis testing
- 660 laboratory shall:
- 661 (a) identify and quantify any cannabinoid known to be present in [a] the medical
- 662 cannabis product; and
- 663 (b) test terpene profiles for the following products:
- 664 (i) raw cannabis; or
- 665 (ii) a cannabis product:
- 666 (A) contained in a vaporizer cartridge; or
- 667 (B) in concentrate form; and
- 668 (c) record the five highest terpene profiles tested under Subsection (4)(b).
- 669 (5) The department shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
- 670 Administrative Rulemaking Act, the standards, methods, practices, and procedures for
- 671 the testing of cannabis and cannabis products by independent cannabis testing
- 672 laboratories.
- 673 (6) The department may require an independent cannabis testing laboratory to participate in
- 674 a proficiency evaluation that the department conducts or that an organization that the

department approves conducts.

Section 11. Section **4-41a-801** is amended to read:

4-41a-801 . Enforcement -- Fine -- Citation.

- (1) If a person that is a cannabis production establishment or a cannabis production establishment agent violates this chapter, the department may:
- (a) revoke the person's license or cannabis production establishment agent registration card;
 - (b) decline to renew the person's license or cannabis production establishment agent registration card; or
 - (c) assess the person an administrative penalty that the department establishes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (2) The department shall deposit an administrative penalty imposed under this section into the General Fund.
- (3)(a) The department may take an action described in Subsection (3)(b) if the department concludes, upon investigation, that, for a person that is a cannabis production establishment or a cannabis production establishment agent:
- (i) the person has violated the provisions of this chapter, a rule made under this chapter, or an order issued under this chapter; or
 - (ii) the person produced cannabis or a cannabis product batch that contains a substance, other than cannabis, that poses a significant threat to human health.
- (b) If the department makes the determination about a person described in Subsection (3)(a), the department shall:
- (i) issue the person a written administrative citation;
 - (ii) attempt to negotiate a stipulated settlement;
 - ~~[(iii) seize, embargo, or destroy the cannabis or cannabis product batch;]~~
 - ~~[(iv)]~~ (iii) order the person to cease and desist from the action that creates a violation; [and] or
 - ~~[(v)]~~ (iv) direct the person to appear before an adjudicative proceeding conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- (c) If the department concludes, upon investigation, that a cannabis production establishment or a cannabis production establishment agent has produced a cannabis batch or a cannabis product batch that contains a substance that poses a significant threat to human health, the department shall seize, embargo, or destroy the cannabis batch or cannabis product batch.

- (4) The department may, for a person subject to an uncontested citation, a stipulated settlement, or a finding of a violation in an adjudicative proceeding under this section, for a fine amount not already specified in law, assess the person, who is not an individual, a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation, in accordance with a fine schedule that the department establishes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (5) The department may not revoke a [~~cannabis production establishment's~~] license without first directing the [~~cannabis production establishment~~] licensee to appear before an adjudicative proceeding conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- (6) If within [20] 30 calendar days after the day on which a department serves a citation for a violation of this chapter, the person that is the subject of the citation fails to request a hearing to contest the citation, the citation becomes the department's final order.
- (7) The department may, for a person who fails to comply with a citation under this section:
- (a) refuse to issue or renew the person's license or cannabis production establishment agent registration card; or
 - (b) suspend, revoke, or place on probation the person's license or cannabis production establishment registration card.
- (8)(a) Except where a criminal penalty is expressly provided for a specific violation of this chapter, if an individual:
- (i) violates a provision of this chapter, the individual is:
 - (A) guilty of an infraction; and
 - (B) subject to a \$100 fine; or
 - (ii) intentionally or knowingly violates a provision of this chapter or violates this chapter three or more times, the individual is:
 - (A) guilty of a class B misdemeanor; and
 - (B) subject to a \$1,000 fine.
- (b) An individual who is guilty of a violation described in Subsection (8)(a) is not guilty of a violation of Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, for the conduct underlying the violation described in Subsection (8)(a).
- (9) Nothing in this section prohibits the department from referring potential criminal activity to law enforcement.
- (10) An appeal of administrative action taken under this chapter shall be heard by an administrative law judge as an informal proceeding in accordance with Title 63G,

Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

Section 12. Section **4-41a-802** is amended to read:

4-41a-802 . Report.

(1) At or before the November interim meeting each year, the department shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee on:

- (a) the number of applications and renewal applications that the department receives under this chapter;
- (b) the number of each type of cannabis production facility that the department licenses in each county;
- (c) the amount of cannabis that licensees grow;
- (d) the amount of cannabis that licensees manufacture into cannabis products;
- (e) the number of licenses the department revokes under this chapter;
- (f) the department's operation of an independent cannabis testing laboratory under Section 4-41a-201, including:
 - (i) the cannabis and cannabis products the department tested; and
 - (ii) the results of the tests the department performed;
- (g) the expenses incurred and revenues generated under this chapter; and
- (h) an analysis of product availability in medical cannabis pharmacies in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services.

(2) The department may not include personally identifying information in the report described in this section.

(3) The department shall report to the working group described in Section 36-12-8.2 as requested by the working group.

(4)(a) Before August 1, of each year, the department shall provide a report to the working group described in Section 36-12-8.2 that provides the following for each fine issued by the department under this chapter:

- (i) the date of the fine;
- (ii) the reference to the statute or rule that was violated for each fine issued; and
- (iii) a short description explaining why the fine was issued.

(b) The report described in Subsection (4)(a) may not include identifying information of the person that was subject to the fine.

Section 13. Section **4-41a-1001** is amended to read:

4-41a-1001 . Medical cannabis pharmacy -- License -- Eligibility.

(1) A person may not:

- (a) operate as a medical cannabis pharmacy without a license that the department issues under this part;
- (b) obtain a medical cannabis pharmacy license if obtaining the license would cause the person to exceed the pharmacy ownership limit;
- (c) obtain a partial ownership share of a medical cannabis pharmacy if obtaining the partial ownership share would cause the person to exceed the pharmacy ownership limit; or
- (d) enter into any contract or agreement that allows the person to directly or indirectly control the operations of a medical cannabis pharmacy if the person's control of the medical cannabis pharmacy would cause the person to effectively exceed the pharmacy ownership limit.

(2)(a)(i) Subject to Subsections (4) and (5) and to Section 4-41a-1005, the department shall issue a license to operate a medical cannabis pharmacy through the licensing board created under Section 4-41a-201.1.

- (ii) The department may not issue a license to operate a medical cannabis pharmacy to an applicant who is not eligible for a license under this section.

(b) An applicant is eligible for a license under this section if the applicant submits to the department:

- (i) subject to Subsection (2)(c), a proposed name and address where the applicant will operate the medical cannabis pharmacy;

- (ii) the name and address of an individual who:

- (A) for a publicly traded company, has a financial or voting interest of 10% or greater in the proposed medical cannabis pharmacy;

- (B) for a privately held company, a financial or voting interest in the proposed medical cannabis pharmacy; or

- (C) has the power to direct or cause the management or control of a proposed medical cannabis pharmacy;

- (iii) for each application that the applicant submits to the department, a statement from the applicant that the applicant will obtain and maintain:

- (A) a performance bond in the amount of \$100,000 issued by a surety authorized to transact surety business in the state; or

- (B) a liquid cash account in the amount of \$100,000 with a financial institution;

- (iv) an operating plan that:

- (A) complies with Section 4-41a-1004;

- 811 (B) includes operating procedures to comply with the operating requirements for a
812 medical cannabis pharmacy described in this part and with a relevant municipal
813 or county law that is consistent with Section 4-41a-1106; and
- 814 (C) the department approves;
- 815 (v) an application fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection 4-41a-104(5), the
816 department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and
- 817 (vi) a description of any investigation or adverse action taken by any licensing
818 jurisdiction, government agency, law enforcement agency, or court in any state for
819 any violation or detrimental conduct in relation to any of the applicant's
820 cannabis-related operations or businesses.
- 821 (c)(i) A person may not locate a medical cannabis pharmacy:
- 822 (A) within 200 feet of a community location; or
- 823 (B) in or within 600 feet of a district that the relevant municipality or county has
824 zoned as primarily residential.
- 825 (ii) The proximity requirements described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) shall be measured
826 from the nearest entrance to the medical cannabis pharmacy establishment by
827 following the shortest route of ordinary pedestrian travel to the property boundary
828 of the community location or residential area.
- 829 (iii) The department may grant a waiver to reduce the proximity requirements in
830 Subsection (2)(c)(i) by up to 20% if the department determines that it is not
831 reasonably feasible for the applicant to cite the proposed medical cannabis
832 pharmacy without the waiver.
- 833 (iv) An applicant for a license under this section shall provide evidence of
834 compliance with the proximity requirements described in Subsection (2)(c)(i).
- 835 (d) The department may not issue a license to an eligible applicant that the department
836 has selected to receive a license until the selected eligible applicant complies with the
837 bond or liquid cash requirement described in Subsection (2)(b)(iii).
- 838 (e) If the department receives more than one application for a medical cannabis
839 pharmacy within the same city or town, the department shall consult with the local
840 land use authority before approving any of the applications pertaining to that city or
841 town.
- 842 (f) In considering the issuance of a medical cannabis pharmacy license under this
843 section, the department may consider the extent to which the pharmacy can increase
844 efficiency and reduce cost to patients of medical cannabis.

- 845 ~~[(3) If the department selects an applicant.]~~
846 (3)(a) After an entity has been selected for a medical cannabis pharmacy license under
847 this section, the department shall:
848 [(a)] (i) charge the applicant an initial license fee in an amount that, subject to
849 Subsection 4-41a-104(5), the department sets in accordance with Section
850 63J-1-504;
851 [(b)] (ii) notify the Department of Public Safety of the license approval and the names
852 of each individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii); and
853 [(c)] (iii) charge the licensee a fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection 4-41a-104
854 (5), the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, for any change in
855 location, ownership, or company structure.
856 (b) For a fee described in Subsection (3)(a)(i), a license fee for a medical cannabis
857 pharmacy located in a medically underserved area as determined by the federal
858 Health Resources and Services Administration shall be 50% less than what is charged
859 for other medical cannabis pharmacies.
860 (4) The department may not issue a license to operate a medical cannabis pharmacy to an
861 applicant if an individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii):
862 (a) has been convicted under state or federal law of:
863 (i) a felony in the preceding 10 years; or
864 (ii) after December 3, 2018, a misdemeanor for drug distribution;
865 (b) is younger than 21 years old; or
866 (c) after September 23, 2019, until January 1, 2023, is actively serving as a legislator.
867 (5)~~[(a)]~~ If an applicant for a medical cannabis pharmacy license under this section holds
868 another license under this chapter, the department may not give preference to the
869 applicant based on the applicant's status as a holder of the license.
870 ~~[(b) If an applicant for a medical cannabis pharmacy license under this section holds a~~
871 ~~license to operate a cannabis cultivation facility under this section, the department~~
872 ~~may give consideration to the applicant's status as a holder of the license if:]~~
873 ~~[(i) the applicant demonstrates that a decrease in costs to patients is more likely to~~
874 ~~result from the applicant's vertical integration than from a more competitive~~
875 ~~marketplace; and]~~
876 ~~[(ii) the department finds multiple other factors, in addition to the existing license,~~
877 ~~that support granting the new license.]~~
878 (6) The licensing board may revoke a license under this part:

- 879 (a) if the medical cannabis pharmacy does not begin operations within one year after the
880 day on which the department issues an announcement of the department's intent to
881 award a license to the medical cannabis pharmacy;
- 882 (b) after the third the same violation of this chapter in any of the licensee's licensed
883 cannabis production establishments or medical cannabis pharmacies;
- 884 (c) if an individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii) is convicted, while the license is
885 active, under state or federal law of:
886 (i) a felony; or
887 (ii) after December 3, 2018, a misdemeanor for drug distribution;
- 888 (d) if the licensee fails to provide the information described in Subsection (2)(b)(vi) at
889 the time of application, or fails to supplement the information described in
890 Subsection (2)(b)(vi) with any investigation or adverse action that occurs after the
891 submission of the application within 14 calendar days after the licensee receives
892 notice of the investigation or adverse action;
- 893 (e) if the medical cannabis pharmacy demonstrates a willful or reckless disregard for the
894 requirements of this chapter or the rules the department makes in accordance with
895 this chapter;
- 896 (f) if, after a change of ownership described in Subsection (11)(c), the department
897 determines that the medical cannabis pharmacy no longer meets the minimum
898 standards for licensure and operation of the medical cannabis pharmacy described in
899 this chapter; or
- 900 (g) if through an investigation conducted under Subsection 4-41a-201.1(11) and in
901 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, the board
902 finds that the licensee has participated in anticompetitive business practices.
- 903 (7)(a) A person who receives a medical cannabis pharmacy license under this chapter, if
904 the municipality or county where the licensed medical cannabis pharmacy will be
905 located requires a local land use permit, shall submit to the department a copy of the
906 licensee's approved application for the land use permit within 120 days after the day
907 on which the department issues the license.
- 908 (b) If a licensee fails to submit to the department a copy the licensee's approved land use
909 permit application in accordance with Subsection (7)(a), the department may revoke
910 the licensee's license.
- 911 (8) The department shall deposit the proceeds of a fee imposed by this section into the
912 Qualified Production Enterprise Fund.

- 913 (9) The department shall begin accepting applications under this part on or before March 1,
914 2020.
- 915 (10)(a) The department's authority to issue a license under this section is plenary and is
916 not subject to review.
- 917 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the decision of the department to award a license to
918 an applicant is not subject to:
- 919 (i) Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Part 16, Protests; or
920 (ii) Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Part 17, Procurement Appeals Board.
- 921 (11)(a) A medical cannabis pharmacy license is not transferrable or assignable.
- 922 (b) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall report in writing to the department no later than
923 10 business days before the date of any change of ownership of the medical cannabis
924 pharmacy.
- 925 (c) If the ownership of a medical cannabis pharmacy changes by 50% or more:
- 926 (i) concurrent with the report described in Subsection (11)(b), the medical cannabis
927 pharmacy shall submit a new application described in Subsection (2)(b), subject to
928 Subsection (2)(c);
- 929 (ii) within 30 days of the submission of the application, the department shall:
- 930 (A) conduct an application review; and
931 (B) award a license to the medical cannabis pharmacy for the remainder of the
932 term of the medical cannabis pharmacy's license before the ownership change
933 if the medical cannabis pharmacy meets the minimum standards for licensure
934 and operation of the medical cannabis pharmacy described in this chapter; and
- 935 (iii) if the department approves the license application, notwithstanding Subsection
936 (3), the medical cannabis pharmacy shall pay a license fee that the department sets
937 in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 in an amount that covers the department's
938 cost of conducting the application review.
- 939 Section 14. Section **4-41a-1003** is amended to read:
- 940 **4-41a-1003 . Renewal - Notice of available license.**
- 941 (1)(a) The department shall renew a license [~~under Sections 4-41a-1001 through~~
942 ~~4-41a-1005~~] issued under this part every year if, at the time of renewal:
- 943 [(a)] (i) the licensee meets the requirements of Section 4-41a-1001;
- 944 [(b)] (ii) the licensee pays the department a license renewal fee in an amount that,
945 subject to Subsection 4-41a-1004(5), the department sets in accordance with
946 Section 63J-1-504; and

[~~(e)~~] (iii) if the medical cannabis pharmacy changes the operating plan described in Section 4-41a-1004 that the department approved under Subsection 4-41a-1001(2)(b)(iv), the department approves the new operating plan.

(b) A license fee for a medical cannabis pharmacy located in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class shall be 50% less than what is charged for other medical cannabis pharmacies.

(2)(a) If a licensed medical cannabis pharmacy abandons the medical cannabis pharmacy's license, the department shall publish notice of an available license[-], for the geographic area in which the medical cannabis pharmacy license is available, as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102, for at least seven days.

(b) The department may establish criteria, in collaboration with the Division of Professional Licensing and the Board of Pharmacy and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to identify the medical cannabis pharmacy actions that constitute abandonment of a medical cannabis pharmacy license.

(3) If the department has not completed the necessary processes to make a determination on a license renewal under Subsections (1)(a) and (c) before the expiration of a license, the department may issue a conditional medical cannabis pharmacy license to a licensed medical cannabis pharmacy that has applied for license renewal under this section and paid the fee described in Subsection (1)(b).

Section 15. Section **4-41a-1005** is amended to read:

4-41a-1005 . Maximum number of licenses.

~~(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b) or (d), if a sufficient number of applicants apply, the department]~~ The licensing board shall issue up to [15] 17 medical cannabis pharmacy licenses in accordance with this section including the two medical cannabis pharmacy licenses in accordance with Section 4-41a-1006.

~~[(b) If an insufficient number of qualified applicants apply for the available number of medical cannabis pharmacy licenses, the department shall issue a medical cannabis pharmacy license to each qualified applicant.]~~

~~[(c) The department may issue the licenses described in Subsection (1)(a) in accordance with this Subsection (1)(c).]~~

~~[(i) Using one procurement process, the department may issue eight licenses to an initial group of medical cannabis pharmacies and six licenses to a second group of medical cannabis pharmacies.]~~

981 [(ii) The department shall:]

982 [(A) divide the state into no less than four geographic regions, set by the
983 department in rule;]

984 [(B) issue at least one license in each geographic region during each phase of
985 issuing licenses; and]

986 [(C) complete the process of issuing medical cannabis pharmacy licenses no later
987 than July 1, 2020.]

988 [(iii) In issuing a 15th license under Subsection (1), the department shall ensure that
989 the license recipient will locate the medical cannabis pharmacy within Dagget,
990 Duchesne, Uintah, Carbon, Sevier, Emery, Grand, or San Juan County.]

991 [(d)(i) The department may issue licenses to operate a medical cannabis pharmacy in
992 addition to the licenses described in Subsection (1)(a) if the department
993 determines, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services
994 and after an annual or more frequent analysis of the current and anticipated market
995 for medical cannabis, that each additional license is necessary to provide an
996 adequate supply, quality, or variety of medical cannabis to medical cannabis
997 cardholders.]

998 [(ii) The department shall:]

999 [(A) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking
1000 Act, make rules to establish criteria and processes for the consultation,
1001 analysis, and application for a license described in Subsection (1)(d)(i); and]

1002 [(B) report to the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature before
1003 each time the department issues an additional license under Subsection
1004 (1)(d)(i) regarding the results of the consultation and analysis described in
1005 Subsection (1)(d)(i) and the application of the criteria described in Subsection
1006 (1)(d)(ii)(A).]

1007 (2)(a) [~~If there are more qualified applicants than there are available licenses for medical~~
1008 ~~cannabis pharmacies, the department~~] The licensing board shall:

1009 (i) evaluate each applicant and award the license to the applicant that best
1010 demonstrates:

1011 (A) experience with establishing and successfully operating a business that
1012 involves complying with a regulatory environment, tracking inventory, and
1013 training, evaluating, and monitoring employees;

1014 (B) an operating plan that will best ensure the safety and security of patrons and

- the community;
- (C) positive connections to the local community;
- (D) the suitability of the proposed location and the location's accessibility for qualifying patients;
- (E) the extent to which the applicant can increase efficiency and reduce the cost of medical cannabis for patients; and
- (F) a strategic plan described in Subsection 4-41a-1004(7) that has a comparatively high likelihood of success; and
- (ii) ensure a geographic dispersal among licensees that is sufficient to reasonably maximize access to the largest number of medical cannabis cardholders.
- (b) In making the evaluation described in Subsection (2)(a), the licensing board may give increased consideration to applicants who indicate a willingness to:
- (i) site a medical cannabis pharmacy in an area or population center designated as a medically underserved area or population as determined by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration; and
- (ii) operate as a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy that accepts electronic medical cannabis orders.
- ~~[(b) In making the evaluation described in Subsection (2)(a), the department may give increased consideration to applicants who indicate a willingness to:]~~
- ~~[(i) operate as a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy that accepts electronic medical cannabis orders that the state central patient portal facilitates; and]~~
- ~~[(ii) accept payments through:]~~
- ~~[(A) a payment provider that the Division of Finance approves, in consultation with the state treasurer, in accordance with Section 4-41a-108; or]~~
- ~~[(B) a financial institution in accordance with Subsection 4-41a-108(4).]~~
- (3) The ~~[department]~~ licensing board may conduct a face-to-face interview with an applicant for a license that the ~~[department]~~ licensing board evaluates under Subsection (2).
- Section 16. Section **4-41a-1006** is enacted to read:
- 4-41a-1006 . Independent medical cannabis licenses.**
- (1)(a) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (3) and the criteria established for obtaining a medical cannabis pharmacy license under this chapter, the licensing board shall:
- (i) before January 1, 2026, select one entity to receive a medical cannabis pharmacy license; and

- 1049 (ii) before January 1, 2027, but not before January 1, 2026, select one entity to
1050 receive a medical cannabis pharmacy license.
- 1051 (b) When selecting entities under this section, if there is a conflict between the criteria
1052 established for obtaining a medical cannabis pharmacy license under the other
1053 sections of this chapter and this section, this section controls.
- 1054 (2) For the license described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), the licensing board may not select an
1055 entity:
- 1056 (a) that owns any interest in or operates a medical cannabis production establishment; or
1057 (b) that is owned, partially or entirely, or operated by a medical cannabis production
1058 establishment.
- 1059 (3) The licensing board:
- 1060 (a) may not select an entity to receive a license under this section if the entity owns a
1061 financial interest in a medical cannabis pharmacy or is owned by an entity that owns
1062 a financial interest in a medical cannabis pharmacy; and
- 1063 (b) shall select an entity that will site a medical cannabis pharmacy license issued under
1064 this section in an area:
- 1065 (i) designated as a medically underserved area as determined by the federal Health
1066 Resources and Services Administration; and
- 1067 (ii) located in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class.
- 1068 (4) A license described in this section may not be transferred to another entity unless that
1069 entity meets the requirements of Subsections (2) and (3) that the transferring entity met
1070 when obtaining the license.
- 1071 (5) Notwithstanding Subsection (4), for a license described in Subsection (1)(a)(i), an
1072 applicant shall commit to not alienating or otherwise transferring control of the license
1073 or of the entity that holds the license to another person for at least 15 years from the day
1074 the license is issued under this chapter.
- 1075 (6) The department shall provide regular updates to the Medical Cannabis Governance
1076 Structure Working Group created in Section 36-12-8.2 regarding the application and
1077 selection process for licenses issued under this section.
- 1078 Section 17. Section **4-41a-1101** is amended to read:
- 1079 **4-41a-1101 . Operating requirements -- General.**
- 1080 (1)(a) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall operate:
- 1081 (i) at the physical address provided to the department under Section 4-41a-1001; and
- 1082 (ii) in accordance with the operating plan provided to the department under Section

- 1083 4-41a-1001 and, if applicable, Section 4-41a-1004.
- 1084 (b) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall notify the department before a change in the
1085 medical cannabis pharmacy's physical address or operating plan.
- 1086 (2) An individual may not enter a medical cannabis pharmacy unless the individual:
- 1087 (a) is at least 18 years old or is an emancipated minor under Section 80-7-105; and
- 1088 (b) except as provided in Subsection (4):
- 1089 (i) possesses a valid:
- 1090 (A) medical cannabis pharmacy agent registration card;
- 1091 (B) pharmacy medical provider registration card; or
- 1092 (C) medical cannabis card;
- 1093 (ii) is an employee of the department performing an inspection under Section
- 1094 4-41a-1103; or
- 1095 (iii) is another individual as the department provides.
- 1096 (3) A medical cannabis pharmacy may not employ an individual who is younger than 21
1097 years old.
- 1098 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), a medical cannabis pharmacy may authorize an
1099 individual who is not a medical cannabis pharmacy agent or pharmacy medical provider
1100 to access the medical cannabis pharmacy if the medical cannabis pharmacy tracks and
1101 monitors the individual at all times while the individual is at the medical cannabis
1102 pharmacy and maintains a record of the individual's access.
- 1103 (5) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall operate in a facility that has:
- 1104 (a) a single, secure public entrance;
- 1105 (b) a security system with a backup power source that:
- 1106 (i) detects and records entry into the medical cannabis pharmacy; and
- 1107 (ii) provides notice of an unauthorized entry to law enforcement when the medical
1108 cannabis pharmacy is closed; and
- 1109 (c) a lock on each area where the medical cannabis pharmacy stores [~~cannabis or a~~
1110 ~~cannabis product~~] medical cannabis.
- 1111 (6) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall post, both clearly and conspicuously in the medical
1112 cannabis pharmacy, the limit on the purchase of cannabis described in Subsection
1113 4-41a-1102(2).
- 1114 (7) Except for an emergency situation described in Subsection 26B-4-213(3)(c), a medical
1115 cannabis pharmacy may not allow any individual to consume cannabis on the property
1116 or premises of the medical cannabis pharmacy.

- 1117 (8) A medical cannabis pharmacy may not sell [~~cannabis or a cannabis product~~] medical
1118 cannabis without first indicating on the [~~cannabis or cannabis product~~] medical cannabis
1119 label the name of the medical cannabis pharmacy.
- 1120 (9)(a) Each medical cannabis pharmacy shall retain in the pharmacy's records the
1121 following information regarding each recommendation underlying a transaction:
- 1122 (i) the recommending medical provider's name, address, and telephone number;
 - 1123 (ii) the patient's name and address;
 - 1124 (iii) the date of issuance;
 - 1125 (iv) directions of use and dosing guidelines or an indication that the recommending
1126 medical provider did not recommend specific directions of use or dosing
1127 guidelines; and
 - 1128 (v) if the patient did not complete the transaction, the name of the medical cannabis
1129 cardholder who completed the transaction.
- 1130 (b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (9)(b)(iii), a medical cannabis pharmacy may
1131 not sell medical cannabis unless the medical cannabis has a label securely affixed
1132 to the container indicating the following minimum information:
- 1133 (A) the name, address, and telephone number of the medical cannabis pharmacy;
 - 1134 (B) the unique identification number that the medical cannabis pharmacy assigns;
 - 1135 (C) the date of the sale;
 - 1136 (D) the name of the patient;
 - 1137 (E) the name of the recommending medical provider who recommended the
1138 medical cannabis treatment;
 - 1139 (F) directions for use and cautionary statements, if any;
 - 1140 (G) the amount dispensed and the cannabinoid content;
 - 1141 (H) the suggested use date;
 - 1142 (I) for unprocessed cannabis flower, the legal use termination date; and
 - 1143 (J) any other requirements that the department determines, in consultation with the
1144 Division of Professional Licensing and the Board of Pharmacy.
- 1145 (ii) A medical cannabis pharmacy is exempt from the requirement to provide the
1146 following information under Subsection (9)(b)(i) if the information is already
1147 provided on the product label that a cannabis production establishment affixes:
- 1148 (A) a unique identification number;
 - 1149 (B) directions for use and cautionary statements;
 - 1150 (C) amount and cannabinoid content; and

- 1151 (D) a suggested use date.
- 1152 (iii) If the size of a medical cannabis container does not allow sufficient space to
1153 include the labeling requirements described in Subsection (9)(b)(i), the medical
1154 cannabis pharmacy may provide the following information described in
1155 Subsection (9)(b)(i) on a supplemental label attached to the container or an
1156 informational enclosure that accompanies the container:
- 1157 (A) the cannabinoid content;
- 1158 (B) the suggested use date; and
- 1159 (C) any other requirements that the department determines.
- 1160 (iv) A medical cannabis pharmacy may sell medical cannabis to another medical
1161 cannabis pharmacy without a label described in Subsection (9)(b)(i).
- 1162 (10) A pharmacy medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy agent shall:
- 1163 (a) upon receipt of an order from a limited medical provider in accordance with
1164 Subsections 26B-4-204(1)(b) through (d):
- 1165 (i) for a written order or an electronic order under circumstances that the department
1166 determines, contact the limited medical provider or the limited medical provider's
1167 office to verify the validity of the recommendation; and
- 1168 (ii) for an order that the pharmacy medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy
1169 agent verifies under Subsection (10)(a)(i) or an electronic order that is not subject
1170 to verification under Subsection (10)(a)(i), enter the limited medical provider's
1171 recommendation or renewal, including any associated directions of use, dosing
1172 guidelines, or caregiver indication, in the state electronic verification system;
- 1173 (b) in processing an order for a holder of a conditional medical cannabis card described
1174 in Subsection 26B-4-213(1)(b) that appears irregular or suspicious in the judgment of
1175 the pharmacy medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy agent, contact the
1176 recommending medical provider or the recommending medical provider's office to
1177 verify the validity of the recommendation before processing the cardholder's order;
- 1178 (c) unless the medical cannabis cardholder has had a consultation under Subsection
1179 26B-4-231(5), verbally offer to a medical cannabis cardholder at the time of a
1180 purchase of [~~cannabis, a cannabis product,~~] medical cannabis or a medical cannabis
1181 device, personal counseling with the pharmacy medical provider; and
- 1182 (d) provide a telephone number or website by which the cardholder may contact a
1183 pharmacy medical provider for counseling.
- 1184 (11)(a) A medical cannabis pharmacy may create a medical cannabis disposal program

that allows an individual to deposit unused or excess medical cannabis or cannabis residue from a medical cannabis device in a locked box or other secure receptacle within the medical cannabis pharmacy.

(b) A medical cannabis pharmacy with a disposal program described in Subsection (11)(a) shall ensure that only a medical cannabis pharmacy agent or pharmacy medical provider can access deposited medical cannabis.

(c) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall dispose of any deposited medical cannabis by:

- (i) rendering the deposited medical cannabis unusable and unrecognizable before transporting deposited medical cannabis from the medical cannabis pharmacy; and
- (ii) disposing of the deposited medical cannabis in accordance with:

(A) federal and state law, rules, and regulations related to hazardous waste;

(B) the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 6991 et seq.;

(C) Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 5, Solid Waste Management Act; and

(D) other regulations that the department makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(12) A medical cannabis pharmacy:

(a) shall employ a pharmacist who is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act, as a pharmacy medical provider;

(b) may employ a physician who has the authority to write a prescription and is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, as a pharmacy medical provider;

(c) shall ensure that a pharmacy medical provider described in Subsection (12)(a) works onsite during all business hours;

(d) shall designate one pharmacy medical provider described in Subsection (12)(a) as the pharmacist-in-charge to oversee the operation of and generally supervise the medical cannabis pharmacy;[-and]

(e) shall allow the pharmacist-in-charge to determine which [~~cannabis and cannabis products~~] medical cannabis products the medical cannabis pharmacy maintains in the medical cannabis pharmacy's inventory[:]; and

(f) for each medical cannabis product sold by the medical cannabis pharmacy, shall:

(i) allow a medical cannabis cardholder located in the pharmacy to view the back panel of the product when requested; and

(ii) beginning July 1, 2025, include a picture of the back panel of the product on the medical cannabis pharmacy's website.

1219 (13) The department shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
1220 Administrative Rulemaking Act, protocols for a recall of cannabis and cannabis products
1221 by a medical cannabis pharmacy.

1222 Section 18. Section **4-41a-1201** is amended to read:

1223 **4-41a-1201 . Medical cannabis home delivery designation.**

1224 (1) The department may designate a medical cannabis pharmacy as a home delivery
1225 medical cannabis pharmacy if the department determines that the medical cannabis
1226 pharmacy's operating plan demonstrates the functional and technical ability to:

1227 (a) safely conduct transactions for medical cannabis shipments;

1228 (b) accept electronic medical cannabis orders~~[-that the state central patient portal~~
1229 ~~facilitates];~~ and

1230 (c) accept payments through:

1231 (i) a payment provider that the Division of Finance approves, in consultation with the
1232 state treasurer, in accordance with Section 26-61a-603; or

1233 (ii) a financial institution in accordance with Subsection 26-61a-603(4).

1234 (2) An applicant seeking a designation as a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy shall
1235 identify in the applicant's operating plan any information relevant to the department's
1236 evaluation described in Subsection (1), including:

1237 (a) the name and contact information of the payment provider;

1238 (b) the nature of the relationship between the prospective licensee and the payment
1239 provider;

1240 (c) the processes of the following to safely and reliably conduct transactions for medical
1241 cannabis shipments:

1242 (i) the prospective licensee; and

1243 (ii) the electronic payment provider or the financial institution described in
1244 Subsection (1)(c); and

1245 (d) the ability of the licensee to comply with the department's rules regarding the secure
1246 transportation and delivery of medical cannabis ~~[or medical cannabis product]~~ to a
1247 medical cannabis cardholder.

1248 (3) Notwithstanding any county or municipal ordinance, a medical cannabis pharmacy that
1249 the department designates as a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy may deliver
1250 medical cannabis shipments in accordance with this part.

1251 Section 19. Section **4-41a-1202** is amended to read:

1252 **4-41a-1202 . Home delivery of medical cannabis shipments -- Medical cannabis**

1253 **couriers -- License.**

- 1254 (1) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
1255 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to ensure the safety, security, and efficiency of a home
1256 delivery medical cannabis pharmacy's fulfillment of electronic medical cannabis orders[
1257 ~~that the state central patient portal facilitates~~], including rules regarding the safe and
1258 controlled delivery of medical cannabis shipments.
- 1259 (2) A person may not operate as a medical cannabis courier without a license that the
1260 department issues under this section.
- 1261 (3)(a) Subject to Subsections (5) and (6), the department shall issue a license to operate
1262 as a medical cannabis courier to an applicant who is eligible for a license under this
1263 section.
- 1264 (b) An applicant is eligible for a license under this section if the applicant submits to the
1265 department:
- 1266 (i) the name and address of an individual who:
- 1267 (A) has a financial or voting interest of 10% or greater in the proposed medical
1268 cannabis courier; or
- 1269 (B) has the power to direct or cause the management or control of a proposed
1270 cannabis production establishment;
- 1271 (ii) an operating plan that includes operating procedures to comply with the operating
1272 requirements for a medical cannabis courier described in this chapter; and
- 1273 (iii) an application fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection 4-41a-104(5), the
1274 department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.
- 1275 (4) If the department determines that an applicant is eligible for a license under this section,
1276 the department shall:
- 1277 (a) charge the applicant an initial license fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection
1278 4-41a-104(5), the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and
- 1279 (b) notify the Department of Public Safety of the license approval and the names of each
1280 individual described in Subsection (3)(b)(i).
- 1281 (5) The department may not issue a license to operate as a medical cannabis courier to an
1282 applicant if an individual described in Subsection (3)(b)(i):
- 1283 (a) has been convicted under state or federal law of:
- 1284 (i) a felony in the preceding 10 years; or
- 1285 (ii) after September 23, 2019, a misdemeanor for drug distribution; or
- 1286 (b) is younger than 21 years old.

- 1287 (6) The department may revoke a license under this part if:
- 1288 (a) the medical cannabis courier does not begin operations within one year after the day
- 1289 on which the department issues the initial license;
- 1290 (b) the medical cannabis courier makes the same violation of this chapter three times;
- 1291 (c) an individual described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) is convicted, while the license is
- 1292 active, under state or federal law of:
- 1293 (i) a felony; or
- 1294 (ii) after September 23, 2019, a misdemeanor for drug distribution; or
- 1295 (d) after a change of ownership described in Subsection (14)(c), the department
- 1296 determines that the medical cannabis courier no longer meets the minimum standards
- 1297 for licensure and operation of the medical cannabis courier described in this chapter.
- 1298 (7) The department shall deposit the proceeds of a fee imposed by this section in the
- 1299 Qualified Production Enterprise Fund.
- 1300 (8) The department's authority to issue a license under this section is plenary and is not
- 1301 subject to review.
- 1302 (9) Each applicant for a license as a medical cannabis courier shall submit, at the time of
- 1303 application, from each individual who has a financial or voting interest of 10% or
- 1304 greater in the applicant or who has the power to direct or cause the management or
- 1305 control of the applicant:
- 1306 (a) a fingerprint card in a form acceptable to the Department of Public Safety;
- 1307 (b) a signed waiver in accordance with Subsection 53-10-108(4) acknowledging the
- 1308 registration of the individual's fingerprints in the Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 1309 Next Generation Identification System's Rap Back Service; and
- 1310 (c) consent to a fingerprint background check by:
- 1311 (i) the Bureau of Criminal Identification; and
- 1312 (ii) the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 1313 (10) The Bureau of Criminal Identification shall:
- 1314 (a) check the fingerprints the applicant submits under Subsection (9) against the
- 1315 applicable state, regional, and national criminal records databases, including the
- 1316 Federal Bureau of Investigation Next Generation Identification System;
- 1317 (b) report the results of the background check to the department;
- 1318 (c) maintain a separate file of fingerprints that applicants submit under Subsection (9)
- 1319 for search by future submissions to the local and regional criminal records databases,
- 1320 including latent prints;

- 1321 (d) request that the fingerprints be retained in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Next
1322 Generation Identification System's Rap Back Service for search by future
1323 submissions to national criminal records databases, including the Next Generation
1324 Identification System and latent prints; and
- 1325 (e) establish a privacy risk mitigation strategy to ensure that the department only
1326 receives notifications for an individual with whom the department maintains an
1327 authorizing relationship.
- 1328 (11) The department shall:
- 1329 (a) assess an individual who submits fingerprints under Subsection (9) a fee in an
1330 amount that the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 for the
1331 services that the Bureau of Criminal Identification or another authorized agency
1332 provides under this section; and
- 1333 (b) remit the fee described in Subsection (11)(a) to the Bureau of Criminal Identification.
- 1334 (12) The department shall renew a license under this section every year if, at the time of
1335 renewal:
- 1336 (a) the licensee meets the requirements of this section; and
- 1337 (b) the licensee pays the department a license renewal fee in an amount that, subject to
1338 Subsection 4-41a-104(5), the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.
- 1339 (13) A person applying for a medical cannabis courier license shall submit to the
1340 department a proposed operating plan that complies with this section and that includes:
- 1341 (a) a description of the physical characteristics of any proposed facilities, including a
1342 floor plan and an architectural elevation, and delivery vehicles;
- 1343 (b) a description of the credentials and experience of each officer, director, or owner of
1344 the proposed medical cannabis courier;
- 1345 (c) the medical cannabis courier's employee training standards;
- 1346 (d) a security plan; and
- 1347 (e) storage and delivery protocols, both short and long term, to ensure that medical
1348 cannabis shipments are stored and delivered in a manner that is sanitary and
1349 preserves the integrity of the cannabis.
- 1350 (14)(a) A medical cannabis courier license is not transferable or assignable.
- 1351 (b) A medical cannabis courier shall report in writing to the department no later than 10
1352 business days before the date of any change of ownership of the medical cannabis
1353 courier.
- 1354 (c) If the ownership of a medical cannabis courier changes by 50% or more:

- 1355 (i) concurrent with the report described in Subsection (14)(b), the medical cannabis
1356 courier shall submit a new application described in Subsection (3)(b);
1357 (ii) within 30 days of the submission of the application, the department shall:
1358 (A) conduct an application review; and
1359 (B) award a license to the medical cannabis courier for the remainder of the term
1360 of the medical cannabis courier's license before the ownership change if the
1361 medical cannabis courier meets the minimum standards for licensure and
1362 operation of the medical cannabis courier described in this chapter; and
1363 (iii) if the department approves the license application, notwithstanding Subsection
1364 (4), the medical cannabis courier shall pay a license fee that the department sets in
1365 accordance with Section 63J-1-504 in an amount that covers the board's cost of
1366 conducting the application review.

1367 (15)(a) Except as provided in Subsection(15)(b), a person may not advertise regarding
1368 the transportation of medical cannabis.

1369 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (14)(a) and subject to Section 4-41a-109, a licensed
1370 home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy or a licensed medical cannabis courier
1371 may advertise:

- 1372 (i) a green cross;
1373 (ii) the pharmacy's or courier's name and logo; and
1374 (iii) that the pharmacy or courier is licensed to transport medical cannabis shipments.

1375 Section 20. Section **4-41a-1203** is amended to read:

1376 **4-41a-1203 . Medical cannabis shipment transportation.**

1377 (1) The department shall ensure that each home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy is
1378 capable of delivering, directly or through a medical cannabis courier, medical cannabis
1379 shipments in a secure manner.

1380 (2)(a) A home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy may contract with a licensed
1381 medical cannabis courier to deliver medical cannabis shipments to fulfill electronic
1382 medical cannabis orders~~[-that the state central patient portal facilitates].~~

1383 (b) If a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy enters into a contract described in
1384 Subsection (2)(a), the pharmacy shall:

- 1385 (i) impose security and personnel requirements on the medical cannabis courier
1386 sufficient to ensure the security and safety of medical cannabis shipments; and
1387 (ii) provide regular oversight of the medical cannabis courier.

1388 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection 4-41a-404(1), an individual may transport a medical

- 1389 cannabis shipment if the individual is:
- 1390 (a) a registered pharmacy medical provider;
- 1391 (b) a registered medical cannabis pharmacy agent; or
- 1392 (c) a registered agent of the medical cannabis courier described in Subsection (2).
- 1393 (4) An individual transporting a medical cannabis shipment under Subsection (3) shall
- 1394 comply with the requirements of Subsection 4-41a-404(3).
- 1395 (5) In addition to the requirements in Subsections (3) and (4), the department may establish
- 1396 by rule, in collaboration with the Division of Professional Licensing and the Board of
- 1397 Pharmacy and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
- 1398 Rulemaking Act, requirements for transporting medical cannabis shipments that are
- 1399 related to safety for human consumption of [~~cannabis or a cannabis product~~] medical
- 1400 cannabis.
- 1401 (6)(a) It is unlawful for an individual to transport a medical cannabis shipment with a
- 1402 manifest that does not meet the requirements of Subsection (4).
- 1403 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(d), an individual who violates Subsection (6)(a)
- 1404 is:
- 1405 (i) guilty of an infraction; and
- 1406 (ii) subject to a \$100 fine.
- 1407 (c) An individual who is guilty of a violation described in Subsection (6)(b) is not guilty
- 1408 of a violation of Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, for the
- 1409 conduct underlying the violation described in Subsection (6)(b).
- 1410 (d) If the individual described in Subsection (6)(a) is transporting more cannabis,
- 1411 cannabis product, or medical cannabis devices than the manifest identifies, except for
- 1412 a de minimis administrative error:
- 1413 (i) this chapter does not apply; and
- 1414 (ii) the individual is subject to penalties under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled
- 1415 Substances Act.
- 1416 Section 21. Section **4-41a-1206** is amended to read:
- 1417 **4-41a-1206 . Closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy.**
- 1418 (1)(a) Subject to Subsections (1)(b) and (c), a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy
- 1419 may open a single closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy.
- 1420 (b) A home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy may not open a closed-door medical
- 1421 cannabis pharmacy unless the home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy:
- 1422 (i) has an operating plan that includes a closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy; and

- 1423 (ii) obtains a license issued by the department for a closed-door medical cannabis
1424 pharmacy.
- 1425 (c) An entity that owns multiple home delivery medical cannabis pharmacies may open
1426 only one closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy.
- 1427 (d) The department may institute a fee in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 to
1428 administer this section.
- 1429 (2) A home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy that opens a closed-door medical cannabis
1430 pharmacy under Subsection (1) shall ensure:
- 1431 (a) that a pharmacy medical provider who is a licensed pharmacist:
- 1432 (i) is directly supervising the packaging of an order; and
1433 (ii) is present in the closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy when an order is
1434 packaged for delivery; and
- 1435 (b) all record keeping requirements, labeling requirements, and patient counseling
1436 requirements described in this chapter and Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid
1437 Research and Medical Cannabis, are satisfied before sending out an order.
- 1438 (3) An individual who prepares an order at a closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy under
1439 this section shall be registered as:
- 1440 (a) a pharmacy medical provider; or
1441 (b) a medical cannabis pharmacy agent.
- 1442 (4)(a) A closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy shall operate:
- 1443 (i) except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), in a facility that is accessible only by an
1444 individual who is a pharmacy medical provider or a medical cannabis pharmacy
1445 agent; and
- 1446 (ii) at a physical address in accordance with Subsection (6).
- 1447 (b) A closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy may authorize an individual who is at
1448 least 18 years old and is not a pharmacy medical provider or a cannabis pharmacy
1449 agent to access the closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy if the closed-door
1450 medical cannabis pharmacy:
- 1451 (i) tracks and monitors the individual at all times while the individual is at the
1452 closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy; and
- 1453 (ii) maintains a record of the individual's access, including arrival and departure.
- 1454 (c) A closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy shall operate in a facility that has:
- 1455 (i) a single, secure public entrance; and
1456 (ii) a security system with a backup power source that:

- 1457 (A) detects and records entry into the closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy;
1458 (B) provides notice of an unauthorized entry to law enforcement when the
1459 closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy is closed; and
1460 (C) a lock or equivalent restrictive security feature on any area where the
1461 closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy stores a cannabis product.
- 1462 (d) A closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy shall ensure that any cannabis or cannabis
1463 products in the closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy that are intended for home
1464 delivery are separated in a manner that is readily distinguishable from any other
1465 cannabis or cannabis product in the facility.
- 1466 (5) A closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy may only provide cannabis or a cannabis
1467 product to an individual through a delivery that complies with this part.
- 1468 (6)(a) A person may not locate a closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy:
1469 (i) within 1,000 feet of a community location; or
1470 (ii) in or within 600 feet of a district that the relevant municipality or county has
1471 zoned as primarily residential.
- 1472 (b) The proximity requirements described in Subsection (6)(a) shall be measured from
1473 the nearest entrance to the closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy by following the
1474 shortest route of ordinary pedestrian travel to the property boundary of the
1475 community location or residential area.
- 1476 (c) The licensing board may grant a waiver to reduce the proximity requirements in
1477 Subsection (6)(a) by up to 20% if the licensing board determines that it is not
1478 reasonably feasible for the applicant to site the proposed closed-door medical
1479 cannabis pharmacy without the waiver.
- 1480 (d) An applicant for a license under this section shall provide evidence of compliance
1481 with the proximity requirements described in Subsection (6)(a).
- 1482 (7) When determining where a closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy may open, the
1483 licensing board:
1484 (a) shall utilize geographic regions created by the department through rule;
1485 (b) shall prioritize allowing entities that do not have a medical cannabis pharmacy in a
1486 region to open a closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy in the region;
1487 (c) of the total amount of closed-door medical cannabis pharmacies, may allow only
1488 three closed-door medical cannabis pharmacies to operate in counties of the first and
1489 second class as described in Section 17-50-501; and
1490 (d) for determining the three closed-door medical cannabis pharmacies described in

Subsection (7)(c), consider the following:

- (i) the history of compliance with state law and rules for all licenses issued under this chapter;
- (ii) the medical cannabis pharmacy's willingness to offer a variety of brands and products;
- (iii) the ability of the operating plan to ensure the safety and security of the community;
- (iv) the suitability of the proposed location and the location's ability to serve the local community; and
- (v) any other relevant information determined through rule.

(8) A closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy may not account for more than:

- (a) for an entity that holds a single medical cannabis pharmacy license, the greater of:
 - (i) 35% of the medical cannabis pharmacy's total revenue; or
 - (ii) \$2,000,000 in total revenue; or
- (b) for an entity that holds more than one medical cannabis pharmacy license, the greater of:
 - (i) 35% of the total revenue of the entity's medical cannabis pharmacy that generates the most revenue; or
 - (ii) \$2,000,000 in total revenue.

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the [department] licensing board may issue only [~~three~~] one closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy [~~licenses~~] license before July 1, 2027.

(10) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department shall make rules to implement this section.

Section 22. Section **26B-1-435** is amended to read:

26B-1-435 . Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board creation -- Membership -- Duties.

(1) There is created within the department the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board.

(2)(a) The advisory board shall consist of the following members:

- (i) appointed by the executive director:
 - (A) a qualified medical provider who has recommended medical cannabis to at least 100 patients before being appointed;
 - ~~[(B) a medical research professional;]~~
 - ~~[(C)]~~ (B) a mental health specialist;

- 1525 ~~[(D)]~~ (C) an individual who represents an organization that advocates for medical
1526 cannabis patients;
- 1527 ~~[(E)]~~ (D) ~~[an individual]~~ a member of the general public who holds a medical
1528 cannabis patient card; and
- 1529 ~~[(F)]~~ (E) a member of the general public who does not hold a medical cannabis
1530 card;~~[-and]~~
- 1531 (ii) appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food:
- 1532 (A) an individual who owns or operates a licensed cannabis cultivation facility, as
1533 defined in Section 4-41a-102;
- 1534 (B) an individual who owns or operates a licensed medical cannabis pharmacy;
1535 and
- 1536 (C) a law enforcement officer~~[-]~~ ; and
- 1537 (iii) a representative from the Center for Medical Cannabis Research created in
1538 Section 53B-14-1402, appointed by the Center for Medical Cannabis Research.
- 1539 (b) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food shall ensure that at
1540 least one individual appointed under Subsection (2)(a)(ii)(A) or (B) also owns or
1541 operates a licensed cannabis processing facility.
- 1542 (3)(a) Subject to Subsection (3)(b), a member of the advisory board shall serve for a four
1543 year term.
- 1544 (b) When appointing the initial membership of the advisory board, the executive director
1545 and the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food shall coordinate to
1546 appoint four advisory board members to serve a term of two years to ensure that
1547 approximately half of the board is appointed every two years.
- 1548 (4)(a) If an advisory board member is no longer able to serve as a member, a new
1549 member shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment.
- 1550 (b) A member appointed in accordance with Subsection (4)(a) shall serve for the
1551 remainder of the unexpired term of the original appointment.
- 1552 (5)(a) A majority of the advisory board members constitutes a quorum.
- 1553 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the advisory board.
- 1554 (c) For a term lasting one year, the advisory board shall annually designate members of
1555 the advisory board to serve as chair and vice-chair.
- 1556 (d) When designating the chair and vice-chair, the advisory board shall ensure that at
1557 least one individual described Subsection (2)(a)(i) is appointed as chair or vice-chair.
- 1558 (6) An advisory board member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's

- 1559 service on the advisory board but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel
1560 expenses incurred as an advisory board member in accordance with:
- 1561 (a) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and
1562 (b) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
1563 63A-3-107.
- 1564 (7) The department shall:
- 1565 (a) provide staff support for the advisory board; and
1566 (b) assist the advisory board in conducting meetings.
- 1567 (8) The advisory board may recommend:
- 1568 (a) to the department or the Department of Agriculture and Food changes to current or
1569 proposed medical cannabis rules or statutes; and
1570 (b) to the appropriate legislative committee whether the advisory board supports a
1571 change to medical cannabis statutes.
- 1572 (9) The advisory board shall:
- 1573 (a) review any draft rule that is authorized under [~~this chapter~~] Chapter 4, Part 2,
1574 Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis, or Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis
1575 Production Establishments and Pharmacies;
1576 (b) consult with the Department of Agriculture and Food regarding the issuance of an
1577 additional:
1578 (i) cultivation facility license under Section 4-41a-205; or
1579 (ii) pharmacy license under Section 4-41a-1005;
1580 (c) consult with the department regarding cannabis patient education;
1581 (d) consult regarding the reasonableness of any fees set by the department or the
1582 Department of Agriculture and Food that pertain to the medical cannabis program;
1583 and
1584 (e) consult regarding any issue pertaining to medical cannabis when asked by the
1585 department or the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.
- 1586 Section 23. Section **26B-4-201** is amended to read:
- 1587 **26B-4-201 . Definitions.**
- 1588 As used in this part:
- 1589 (1) "Active tetrahydrocannabinol" means THC, any THC analog, and
1590 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.
1591 (2) "Administration of criminal justice" means the performance of detection, apprehension,
1592 detention, pretrial release, post-trial release, prosecution, and adjudication.

- 1593 (3) "Advertise" means information provided by a person in any medium:
1594 (a) to the public; and
1595 (b) that is not age restricted to an individual who is at least 21 years old.
- 1596 (4) "Advisory board" means the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board created in
1597 Section 26B-1-435.
- 1598 (5) "Cannabis Research Review Board" means the Cannabis Research Review Board
1599 created in Section 26B-1-420.
- 1600 (6) "Cannabis" means marijuana.
- 1601 (7) "Cannabis processing facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1602 4-41a-102.
- 1603 (8) "Cannabis product" means a product that:
1604 (a) is intended for human use; and
1605 (b) contains cannabis or any tetrahydrocannabinol or THC analog in a total
1606 concentration of 0.3% or greater on a dry weight basis.
- 1607 (9) "Cannabis production establishment" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1608 4-41a-102.
- 1609 (10) "Cannabis production establishment agent" means the same as that term is defined in
1610 Section 4-41a-102.
- 1611 (11) "Cannabis production establishment agent registration card" means the same as that
1612 term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
- 1613 (12) "Conditional medical cannabis card" means an electronic medical cannabis card that
1614 the department issues in accordance with Subsection 26B-4-213(1)(b) to allow an
1615 applicant for a medical cannabis card to access medical cannabis during the department's
1616 review of the application.
- 1617 (13) "Controlled substance database" means the controlled substance database created in
1618 Section 58-37f-201.
- 1619 (14) "Delivery address" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
- 1620 (15) "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 1621 (16) "Designated caregiver" means:
1622 (a) an individual:
1623 (i) whom an individual with a medical cannabis patient card or a medical cannabis
1624 guardian card designates as the patient's caregiver; and
1625 (ii) who registers with the department under Section 26B-4-214; or
1626 (b)(i) a facility that an individual designates as a designated caregiver in accordance

- 1627 with Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(b); or
- 1628 (ii) an assigned employee of the facility described in Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(b)(ii).
- 1629 (17) "Directions of use" means recommended routes of administration for a medical
- 1630 cannabis treatment and suggested usage guidelines.
- 1631 (18) "Dosing guidelines" means a quantity range and frequency of administration for a
- 1632 recommended treatment of medical cannabis.
- 1633 (19) "Government issued photo identification" means any of the following forms of
- 1634 identification:
- 1635 (a) a valid state-issued driver license or identification card;
- 1636 (b) a valid United States federal-issued photo identification, including:
- 1637 (i) a United States passport;
- 1638 (ii) a United States passport card;
- 1639 (iii) a United States military identification card; or
- 1640 (iv) a permanent resident card or alien registration receipt card; or
- 1641 (c) a foreign passport.
- 1642 (20) "Home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy" means a medical cannabis pharmacy that
- 1643 the department authorizes, as part of the pharmacy's license, to deliver medical cannabis
- 1644 shipments to a delivery address to fulfill electronic orders~~[that the state central patient~~
- 1645 ~~portal facilitates]~~.
- 1646 (21) "Inventory control system" means the system described in Section 4-41a-103.
- 1647 (22) "Legal dosage limit" means an amount that:
- 1648 (a) is sufficient to provide 30 days of treatment based on the dosing guidelines that the
- 1649 relevant recommending medical provider or ~~[the state central patient portal or]~~
- 1650 pharmacy medical provider, in accordance with Subsection 26B-4-230(5),
- 1651 recommends; and
- 1652 (b) may not exceed:
- 1653 (i) for unprocessed cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, 113 grams by weight; and
- 1654 (ii) for a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, a quantity that contains, in
- 1655 total, greater than 20 grams of active tetrahydrocannabinol.
- 1656 (23) "Legal use termination date" means a date on the label of a container of unprocessed
- 1657 cannabis flower:
- 1658 (a) that is 60 days after the date of purchase of the cannabis; and
- 1659 (b) after which, the cannabis is no longer in a medicinal dosage form outside of the
- 1660 primary residence of the relevant medical cannabis patient cardholder.

- 1661 (24) "Limited medical provider" means an individual who:
- 1662 (a) meets the recommending qualifications; and
- 1663 (b) has no more than 15 patients with a valid medical cannabis patient card as a result of
- 1664 the individual's recommendation, in accordance with Subsection 26B-4-204(1)(b).
- 1665 (25) "Marijuana" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-37-2.
- 1666 (26) "Medical cannabis" or "medical cannabis product" means cannabis in a medicinal
- 1667 dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form.
- 1668 (27) "Medical cannabis card" means a medical cannabis patient card, a medical cannabis
- 1669 guardian card, a medical cannabis caregiver card, or a conditional medical cannabis card.
- 1670 (28) "Medical cannabis cardholder" means:
- 1671 (a) a holder of a medical cannabis card; or
- 1672 (b) a facility or assigned employee, described in Subsection (16)(b), only:
- 1673 (i) within the scope of the facility's or assigned employee's performance of the role of
- 1674 a medical cannabis patient cardholder's caregiver designation under Subsection
- 1675 26B-4-214(1)(b); and
- 1676 (ii) while in possession of documentation that establishes:
- 1677 (A) a caregiver designation described in Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(b);
- 1678 (B) the identity of the individual presenting the documentation; and
- 1679 (C) the relation of the individual presenting the documentation to the caregiver
- 1680 designation.
- 1681 (29) "Medical cannabis caregiver card" means an electronic document that a cardholder
- 1682 may print or store on an electronic device or a physical card or document that:
- 1683 (a) the department issues to an individual whom a medical cannabis patient cardholder
- 1684 or a medical cannabis guardian cardholder designates as a designated caregiver; and
- 1685 (b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
- 1686 (30) "Medical cannabis courier" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 1687 4-41a-102.
- 1688 (31)(a) "Medical cannabis device" means a device that an individual uses to ingest or
- 1689 inhale [~~cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal~~
- 1690 ~~dosage form~~] medical cannabis.
- 1691 (b) "Medical cannabis device" does not include a device that:
- 1692 (i) facilitates cannabis combustion; or
- 1693 (ii) an individual uses to ingest substances other than cannabis.
- 1694 (32) "Medical cannabis guardian card" means an electronic document that a cardholder may

- 1695 print or store on an electronic device or a physical card or document that:
- 1696 (a) the department issues to the parent or legal guardian of a minor with a qualifying
- 1697 condition; and
- 1698 (b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
- 1699 (33) "Medical cannabis patient card" means an electronic document that a cardholder may
- 1700 print or store on an electronic device or a physical card or document that:
- 1701 (a) the department issues to an individual with a qualifying condition; and
- 1702 (b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
- 1703 (34) "Medical cannabis pharmacy" means a person that:
- 1704 (a)(i) acquires or intends to acquire medical cannabis [~~or a cannabis product in a~~
- 1705 ~~medicinal dosage form~~] from a cannabis processing facility or another medical
- 1706 cannabis pharmacy or a medical cannabis device; or
- 1707 (ii) possesses medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device; and
- 1708 (b) sells or intends to sell medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device to a medical
- 1709 cannabis cardholder.
- 1710 (35) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent" means an individual who holds a valid medical
- 1711 cannabis pharmacy agent registration card issued by the department.
- 1712 (36) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent registration card" means a registration card issued
- 1713 by the department that authorizes an individual to act as a medical cannabis pharmacy
- 1714 agent.
- 1715 (37) "Medical cannabis shipment" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 1716 4-41a-102.
- 1717 (38) "Medical cannabis treatment" means [~~cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis~~
- 1718 ~~product in a medicinal dosage form, or~~] medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device.
- 1719 (39)(a) "Medicinal dosage form" means:
- 1720 (i) for processed medical cannabis, the following with a specific and consistent
- 1721 cannabinoid content:
- 1722 (A) a tablet;
- 1723 (B) a capsule;
- 1724 (C) a concentrated liquid or viscous oil;
- 1725 (D) a liquid suspension that does not exceed 30 milliliters;
- 1726 (E) a topical preparation;
- 1727 (F) a transdermal preparation;
- 1728 (G) a sublingual preparation;

- 1729 (H) a gelatinous cube, gelatinous rectangular cuboid, or lozenge in a cube or
1730 rectangular cuboid shape;
- 1731 (I) a resin or wax;
- 1732 (J) an aerosol;
- 1733 (K) a suppository preparation; or
- 1734 (L) a soft or hard confection that is a uniform rectangular cuboid or uniform
1735 spherical shape, is homogeneous in color and texture, and each piece is a single
1736 serving; or
- 1737 (ii) for unprocessed cannabis flower, a container described in Section 4-41a-602 that:
- 1738 (A) contains cannabis flower in a quantity that varies by no more than 10% from
1739 the stated weight at the time of packaging;
- 1740 (B) at any time the medical cannabis cardholder transports or possesses the
1741 container in public, is contained within an opaque bag or box that the medical
1742 cannabis pharmacy provides; and
- 1743 (C) is labeled with the container's content and weight, the date of purchase, the
1744 legal use termination date, and a barcode that provides information connected
1745 to an inventory control system.
- 1746 (b) "Medicinal dosage form" includes a portion of unprocessed cannabis flower that:
- 1747 (i) the medical cannabis cardholder has recently removed from the container
1748 described in Subsection (39)(a)(ii) for use; and
- 1749 (ii) does not exceed the quantity described in Subsection (39)(a)(ii).
- 1750 (c) "Medicinal dosage form" does not include:
- 1751 (i) any unprocessed cannabis flower outside of the container described in Subsection
1752 (39)(a)(ii), except as provided in Subsection (39)(b);
- 1753 (ii) any unprocessed cannabis flower in a container described in Subsection
1754 (39)(a)(ii) after the legal use termination date;
- 1755 (iii) a process of vaporizing and inhaling concentrated cannabis by placing the
1756 cannabis on a nail or other metal object that is heated by a flame, including a
1757 blowtorch;
- 1758 (iv) a liquid suspension that is branded as a beverage;
- 1759 (v) a substance described in Subsection (39)(a)(i) or (ii) if the substance is not
1760 measured in grams, milligrams, or milliliters; or
- 1761 (vi) a substance that contains or is covered to any degree with chocolate.
- 1762 (40) "Nonresident patient" means an individual who:

- 1763 (a) is not a resident of Utah or has been a resident of Utah for less than 45 days;
1764 (b) has a currently valid medical cannabis card or the equivalent of a medical cannabis
1765 card under the laws of another state, district, territory, commonwealth, or insular
1766 possession of the United States; and
1767 (c) has been diagnosed with a qualifying condition as described in Section 26B-4-203.
- 1768 (41) "Pharmacy medical provider" means the medical provider required to be on site at a
1769 medical cannabis pharmacy under Section 26B-4-219.
- 1770 (42) "Provisional patient card" means a card that:
1771 (a) the department issues to a minor with a qualifying condition for whom:
1772 (i) a recommending medical provider has recommended a medical cannabis
1773 treatment; and
1774 (ii) the department issues a medical cannabis guardian card to the minor's parent or
1775 legal guardian; and
1776 (b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
- 1777 (43) "Qualified medical provider" means an individual:
1778 (a) who meets the recommending qualifications; and
1779 (b) whom the department registers to recommend treatment with cannabis in a medicinal
1780 dosage form under Section 26B-4-204.
- 1781 (44) "Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund" means the enterprise fund created in Section
1782 26B-1-310.
- 1783 (45) "Qualifying condition" means a condition described in Section 26B-4-203.
- 1784 (46) "Recommend" or "recommendation" means, for a recommending medical provider, the
1785 act of suggesting the use of medical cannabis treatment, which:
1786 (a) certifies the patient's eligibility for a medical cannabis card; and
1787 (b) may include, at the recommending medical provider's discretion, directions of use,
1788 with or without dosing guidelines.
- 1789 (47) "Recommending medical provider" means a qualified medical provider or a limited
1790 medical provider.
- 1791 (48) "Recommending qualifications" means that an individual:
1792 (a)(i) has the authority to write a prescription;
1793 (ii) is licensed to prescribe a controlled substance under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah
1794 Controlled Substances Act; and
1795 (iii) possesses the authority, in accordance with the individual's scope of practice, to
1796 prescribe a Schedule II controlled substance; and

- 1797 (b) is licensed as:
- 1798 (i) a podiatrist under Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing Act;
- 1799 (ii) an advanced practice registered nurse under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice
- 1800 Act;
- 1801 (iii) a physician under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58,
- 1802 Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or
- 1803 (iv) a physician assistant under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act.
- 1804 ~~[(49) "State central patient portal" means the website the department creates, in accordance~~
- 1805 ~~with Section 26B-4-236, to facilitate patient safety, education, and an electronic medical~~
- 1806 ~~cannabis order.]~~
- 1807 ~~[(50)]~~ (49) "State electronic verification system" means the system described in Section
- 1808 26B-4-202.
- 1809 ~~[(51)]~~ (50) "Targeted marketing" means the promotion by a qualified medical provider,
- 1810 medical clinic, or medical office that employs a qualified medical provider of a medical
- 1811 cannabis recommendation service using any of the following methods:
- 1812 (a) electronic communication to an individual who is at least 21 years old and has
- 1813 requested to receive promotional information;
- 1814 (b) an in-person marketing event that is held in an area where only an individual who is
- 1815 at least 21 years old may access the event;
- 1816 (c) other marketing material that is physically or digitally displayed in the office of the
- 1817 medical clinic or office that employs a qualified medical provider; or
- 1818 (d) a leaflet that a qualified medical provider, medical clinic, or medical office that
- 1819 employs a qualified medical provider shares with an individual who is at least 21
- 1820 years old.
- 1821 ~~[(52)]~~ (51) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means a substance derived from cannabis or a
- 1822 synthetic equivalent as described in Subsection 58-37-4(2)(a)(iii)(AA).
- 1823 ~~[(53)]~~ (52) "THC analog" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41-102.
- 1824 Section 24. Section **26B-4-202** is amended to read:
- 1825 **26B-4-202 . Electronic verification system.**
- 1826 (1) The Department of Agriculture and Food, the department, the Department of Public
- 1827 Safety, and the Division of Technology Services shall:
- 1828 (a) enter into a memorandum of understanding in order to determine the function and
- 1829 operation of the state electronic verification system in accordance with Subsection
- 1830 (2);

- (b) coordinate with the Division of Purchasing, under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, to develop a request for proposals for a third-party provider to develop and maintain the state electronic verification system in coordination with the Division of Technology Services; and
- (c) select a third-party provider who:
- (i) meets the requirements contained in the request for proposals issued under Subsection (1)(b); and
 - (ii) may not have any commercial or ownership interest in a cannabis production establishment or a medical cannabis pharmacy.
- (2) The Department of Agriculture and Food, the department, the Department of Public Safety, and the Division of Technology Services shall ensure that the state electronic verification system described in Subsection (1):
- (a) allows an individual to apply for a medical cannabis patient card or, if applicable, a medical cannabis guardian card, provided that the card may not become active until:
 - (i) the relevant qualified medical provider completes the associated medical cannabis recommendation; or
 - (ii) for a medical cannabis card related to a limited medical provider's recommendation, the medical cannabis pharmacy completes the recording described in Subsection (2)(d);
 - (b) allows an individual to apply to renew a medical cannabis patient card or a medical cannabis guardian card in accordance with Section 26B-4-213;
 - (c) allows a qualified medical provider, or an employee described in Subsection (3) acting on behalf of the qualified medical provider, to:
 - (i) access dispensing and card status information regarding a patient:
 - (A) with whom the qualified medical provider has a provider-patient relationship; and
 - (B) for whom the qualified medical provider has recommended or is considering recommending a medical cannabis card;
 - (ii) electronically recommend treatment with ~~[cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form]~~ medical cannabis and optionally recommend dosing guidelines;
 - (iii) electronically renew a recommendation to a medical cannabis patient cardholder or medical cannabis guardian cardholder:
 - (A) using telehealth services, for the qualified medical provider who originally

1865 recommended a medical cannabis treatment during a face-to-face visit with the
1866 patient; or
1867 (B) during a face-to-face visit with the patient, for a qualified medical provider
1868 who did not originally recommend the medical cannabis treatment during a
1869 face-to-face visit; and
1870 (iv) submit an initial application, renewal application, or application payment on
1871 behalf of an individual applying for any of the following:
1872 (A) a medical cannabis patient card;
1873 (B) a medical cannabis guardian card; or
1874 (C) a medical cannabis caregiver card;
1875 (d) allows a medical cannabis pharmacy medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy
1876 agent, in accordance with Subsection 4-41a-1101(10)(a), to:
1877 (i) access the electronic verification system to review the history within the system of
1878 a patient with whom the provider or agent is interacting, limited to read-only
1879 access for medical cannabis pharmacy agents unless the medical cannabis
1880 pharmacy's pharmacist in charge authorizes add and edit access;
1881 (ii) record a patient's recommendation from a limited medical provider, including any
1882 directions of use, dosing guidelines, or caregiver indications from the limited
1883 medical provider;
1884 (iii) record a limited medical provider's renewal of the provider's previous
1885 recommendation; and
1886 (iv) submit an initial application, renewal application, or application payment on
1887 behalf of an individual applying for any of the following:
1888 (A) a medical cannabis patient card;
1889 (B) a medical cannabis guardian card; or
1890 (C) a medical cannabis caregiver card;
1891 (e) connects with:
1892 (i) an inventory control system that a medical cannabis pharmacy uses to track in real
1893 time and archive purchases of any [~~cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, cannabis~~
1894 ~~product in a medicinal dosage form,~~] medical cannabis or a medical cannabis
1895 device, including:
1896 (A) the time and date of each purchase;
1897 (B) the quantity and type of [~~cannabis, cannabis product,~~] medical cannabis or
1898 medical cannabis device purchased;

- 1899 (C) any cannabis production establishment, any medical cannabis pharmacy, or
 1900 any medical cannabis courier associated with the [~~cannabis, cannabis product,~~
 1901 medical cannabis or medical cannabis device; and
- 1902 (D) the personally identifiable information of the medical cannabis cardholder
 1903 who made the purchase; and
- 1904 (ii) any commercially available inventory control system that a cannabis production
 1905 establishment utilizes in accordance with Section 4-41a-103 to use data that the
 1906 Department of Agriculture and Food requires by rule, in accordance with Title
 1907 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, from the inventory
 1908 tracking system that a licensee uses to track and confirm compliance;
- 1909 (f) provides access to:
- 1910 (i) the department to the extent necessary to carry out the department's functions and
 1911 responsibilities under this part;
- 1912 (ii) the Department of Agriculture and Food to the extent necessary to carry out the
 1913 functions and responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture and Food under
 1914 Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis Production Establishments and Pharmacies; and
- 1915 (iii) the Division of Professional Licensing to the extent necessary to carry out the
 1916 functions and responsibilities related to the participation of the following in the
 1917 recommendation and dispensing of medical cannabis:
- 1918 (A) a podiatrist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing
 1919 Act;
- 1920 (B) a pharmacist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;
- 1921 (C) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b,
 1922 Nurse Practice Act;
- 1923 (D) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or
 1924 Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or
- 1925 (E) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician
 1926 Assistant Act;
- 1927 [~~(g) provides access to and interaction with the state central patient portal;~~]
- 1928 [~~(h)~~] (g) communicates dispensing information from a record that a medical cannabis
 1929 pharmacy submits to the state electronic verification system under Subsection
 1930 4-41a-1102(3)(a)(ii) to the controlled substance database;
- 1931 [~~(i)~~] (h) provides access to state or local law enforcement only to verify the validity of an
 1932 individual's medical cannabis card for the administration of criminal justice and

- 1933 through a database used by law enforcement; and
- 1934 [(f)] (i) creates a record each time a person accesses the system that identifies the person
- 1935 who accesses the system and the individual whose records the person accesses.
- 1936 (3)(a) An employee of a qualified medical provider may access the electronic
- 1937 verification system for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(c) on behalf of the
- 1938 qualified medical provider if:
- 1939 (i) the qualified medical provider has designated the employee as an individual
- 1940 authorized to access the electronic verification system on behalf of the qualified
- 1941 medical provider;
- 1942 (ii) the qualified medical provider provides written notice to the department of the
- 1943 employee's identity and the designation described in Subsection (3)(a)(i); and
- 1944 (iii) the department grants to the employee access to the electronic verification
- 1945 system.
- 1946 (b) An employee of a business that employs a qualified medical provider may access the
- 1947 electronic verification system for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(c) on behalf
- 1948 of the qualified medical provider if:
- 1949 (i) the qualified medical provider has designated the employee as an individual
- 1950 authorized to access the electronic verification system on behalf of the qualified
- 1951 medical provider;
- 1952 (ii) the qualified medical provider and the employing business jointly provide written
- 1953 notice to the department of the employee's identity and the designation described
- 1954 in Subsection (3)(b)(i); and
- 1955 (iii) the department grants to the employee access to the electronic verification
- 1956 system.
- 1957 (4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "prescribing provider" means:
- 1958 (i) a podiatrist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing Act;
- 1959 (ii) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse
- 1960 Practice Act;
- 1961 (iii) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or
- 1962 Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or
- 1963 (iv) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician
- 1964 Assistant Act.
- 1965 (b) A prescribing provider may access information in the electronic verification system
- 1966 regarding a patient the prescribing provider treats.

- 1967 (5) The department may release limited data that the system collects for the purpose of:
1968 (a) conducting medical and other department approved research;
1969 (b) providing the report required by Section 26B-4-222; and
1970 (c) other official department purposes.
- 1971 (6) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
1972 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish:
1973 (a) the limitations on access to the data in the state electronic verification system as
1974 described in this section; and
1975 (b) standards and procedures to ensure accurate identification of an individual requesting
1976 information or receiving information in this section.
- 1977 (7) Any person who negligently or recklessly releases any information in the state
1978 electronic verification system in violation of this section is guilty of a class C
1979 misdemeanor.
- 1980 (8) Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain information from the state electronic
1981 verification system by misrepresentation or fraud is guilty of a third degree felony.
- 1982 (9)(a) Except as provided in Subsections (9)(c) and (9)(e), a person may not knowingly
1983 and intentionally use, release, publish, or otherwise make available to any other
1984 person information obtained from the state electronic verification system for any
1985 purpose other than a purpose specified in this section.
- 1986 (b) Each separate violation of this Subsection (9) is:
1987 (i) a third degree felony; and
1988 (ii) subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.
- 1989 (c) A law enforcement officer who uses the database used by law enforcement to access
1990 information in the electronic verification system for a reason that is not the
1991 administration of criminal justice is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.
- 1992 (d) The department shall determine a civil violation of this Subsection (9) in accordance
1993 with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- 1994 (e) Civil penalties assessed under this Subsection (9) shall be deposited into the General
1995 Fund.
- 1996 (f) This Subsection (9) does not prohibit a person who obtains information from the state
1997 electronic verification system under Subsection (2)(a), (c), or (f) from:
1998 (i) including the information in the person's medical chart or file for access by a
1999 person authorized to review the medical chart or file;
2000 (ii) providing the information to a person in accordance with the requirements of the

2001 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; or
2002 (iii) discussing or sharing that information about the patient with the patient.
2003 Section 25. Section **26B-4-214** is amended to read:
2004 **26B-4-214 . Medical cannabis caregiver card -- Registration -- Renewal --**
2005 **Revocation.**
2006 (1)(a) A cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 may designate~~[, through the state~~
2007 ~~central patient portal,]~~ up to two individuals, or an individual and a facility in
2008 accordance with Subsection (1)(b), to serve as a designated caregiver for the
2009 cardholder.
2010 (b)(i) A cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 may designate one of the
2011 following types of facilities as one of the caregivers described in Subsection (1)(a):
2012 (A) for a patient or resident, an assisted living facility, as that term is defined in
2013 Section 26B-2-201;
2014 (B) for a patient or resident, a nursing care facility, as that term is defined in
2015 Section 26B-2-201; or
2016 (C) for a patient, a general acute hospital, as that term is defined in Section
2017 26B-2-201.
2018 (ii) A facility may:
2019 (A) assign one or more employees to assist patients with medical cannabis
2020 treatment under the caregiver designation described in this Subsection (1)(b);
2021 and
2022 (B) receive a medical cannabis shipment from a medical cannabis pharmacy or a
2023 medical cannabis courier on behalf of the medical cannabis cardholder within
2024 the facility who designated the facility as a caregiver.
2025 (iii) The department shall make rules to regulate the practice of facilities and facility
2026 employees serving as designated caregivers under this Subsection (1)(b).
2027 (c) A parent or legal guardian described in Subsection 26B-4-213(2)(d), in consultation
2028 with the minor and the minor's qualified medical provider, may designate~~[, through~~
2029 ~~the state central patient portal,]~~ up to two individuals to serve as a designated
2030 caregiver for the minor, if the department determines that the parent or legal guardian
2031 is not eligible for a medical cannabis guardian card under Section 26B-4-213.
2032 (d)(i) Upon the entry of a caregiver designation under Subsection (1) by a patient
2033 with a terminal illness described in Section 26B-4-203, the department shall issue
2034 to the designated caregiver an electronic conditional medical cannabis caregiver

card, in accordance with this Subsection (1)(d).

(ii) A conditional medical cannabis caregiver card is valid for the lesser of:

(A) 60 days; or

(B) the day on which the department completes the department's review and issues a medical cannabis caregiver card under Subsection (1)(a), denies the patient's medical cannabis caregiver card application, or revokes the conditional medical cannabis caregiver card under Section 26B-4-246.

(iii) The department may issue a conditional medical cannabis card to an individual applying for a medical cannabis patient card for which approval of the Compassionate Use Board is not required.

(iv) An individual described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii) has the rights, restrictions, and obligations under law applicable to a holder of the medical cannabis card for which the individual applies and for which the department issues the conditional medical cannabis card.

(2) An individual that the department registers as a designated caregiver under this section and a facility described in Subsection (1)(b):

(a) for an individual designated caregiver, may carry a valid medical cannabis caregiver card;

(b) in accordance with this part, may purchase, possess, transport, or assist the patient in the use of [~~cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form,~~] medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device on behalf of the designating medical cannabis cardholder;

(c) may not charge a fee to an individual to act as the individual's designated caregiver or for a service that the designated caregiver provides in relation to the role as a designated caregiver; and

(d) may accept reimbursement from the designating medical cannabis cardholder for direct costs the designated caregiver incurs for assisting with the designating cardholder's medicinal use of cannabis.

(3)(a) The department shall:

(i) within 15 days after the day on which an individual submits an application in compliance with this section, issue a medical cannabis card to the applicant if the applicant:

(A) is designated as a caregiver under Subsection (1);

(B) is eligible for a medical cannabis caregiver card under Subsection (4); and

- 2069 (C) complies with this section; and
- 2070 (ii) notify the Department of Public Safety of each individual that the department
- 2071 registers as a designated caregiver.
- 2072 (b) The department shall ensure that a medical cannabis caregiver card contains the
- 2073 information described in Subsections (5)(b) and (3)(c)(i).
- 2074 (c) If a cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 designates an individual as a
- 2075 caregiver who already holds a medical cannabis caregiver card, the individual with
- 2076 the medical cannabis caregiver card:
- 2077 (i) shall report to the department the information required of applicants under
- 2078 Subsection (5)(b) regarding the new designation;
- 2079 (ii) if the individual makes the report described in Subsection (3)(c)(i), is not required
- 2080 to file an application for another medical cannabis caregiver card;
- 2081 (iii) may receive an additional medical cannabis caregiver card in relation to each
- 2082 additional medical cannabis patient who designates the caregiver; and
- 2083 (iv) is not subject to an additional background check.
- 2084 (4) An individual is eligible for a medical cannabis caregiver card if the individual:
- 2085 (a) is at least 21 years old;
- 2086 (b) is a Utah resident;
- 2087 (c) pays to the department a fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection 26B-1-310(5),
- 2088 the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, plus the cost of the
- 2089 criminal background check described in Section 26B-4-215; and
- 2090 (d) signs an acknowledgment stating that the applicant received the information
- 2091 described in Subsection 26B-4-213(9)[-].
- 2092 (5) An eligible applicant for a medical cannabis caregiver card shall:
- 2093 (a) submit an application for a medical cannabis caregiver card to the department
- 2094 through an electronic application connected to the state electronic verification
- 2095 system; and
- 2096 (b) submit the following information in the application described in Subsection (5)(a):
- 2097 (i) the applicant's name, gender, age, and address;
- 2098 (ii) the name, gender, age, and address of the cardholder described in Section
- 2099 26B-4-213 who designated the applicant;
- 2100 (iii) if a medical cannabis guardian cardholder designated the caregiver, the name,
- 2101 gender, and age of the minor receiving a medical cannabis treatment in relation to
- 2102 the medical cannabis guardian cardholder; and

- 2103 (iv) any additional information that the department requests to assist in matching the
2104 application with the designating medical cannabis patient.
- 2105 (6) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a medical cannabis caregiver card that the
2106 department issues under this section is valid for the lesser of:
- 2107 (a) an amount of time that the cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 who
2108 designated the caregiver determines; or
- 2109 (b) the amount of time remaining before the card of the cardholder described in Section
2110 26B-4-213 expires.
- 2111 (7)(a) If a designated caregiver meets the requirements of Subsection (4), the designated
2112 caregiver's medical cannabis caregiver card renews automatically at the time the
2113 cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 who designated the caregiver:
- 2114 (i) renews the cardholder's card; and
- 2115 (ii) renews the caregiver's designation, in accordance with Subsection (7)(b).
- 2116 (b) The department shall provide a method in the card renewal process to allow a
2117 cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 who has designated a caregiver to:
- 2118 (i) signify that the cardholder renews the caregiver's designation;
- 2119 (ii) remove a caregiver's designation; or
- 2120 (iii) designate a new caregiver.
- 2121 (8) The department shall record the issuance or revocation of a medical cannabis card under
2122 this section in the controlled substance database.
- 2123 Section 26. Section **26B-4-222** is amended to read:
- 2124 **26B-4-222 . Report.**
- 2125 (1) By the November interim meeting each year, the department shall report to the Health
2126 and Human Services Interim Committee on:
- 2127 (a) the number of applications and renewal applications filed for medical cannabis cards;
- 2128 (b) the number of qualifying patients and designated caregivers;
- 2129 (c) the nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the qualifying patients;
- 2130 (d) the age and county of residence of cardholders;
- 2131 (e) the number of medical cannabis cards revoked;
- 2132 (f) the number of practitioners providing recommendations for qualifying patients;
- 2133 (g) the number of license applications and renewal license applications received;
- 2134 (h) the number of licenses the department has issued in each county;
- 2135 (i) the number of licenses the department has revoked;
- 2136 (j) the quantity of medical cannabis shipments[~~that the state central patient portal~~

- 2137 facilitates];
- 2138 (k) the number of overall purchases of medical cannabis [~~and medical cannabis products~~]
- 2139 from each medical cannabis pharmacy;
- 2140 (l) the expenses incurred and revenues generated from the medical cannabis program;
- 2141 and
- 2142 (m) an analysis of product availability in medical cannabis pharmacies in consultation
- 2143 with the Department of Agriculture and Food.
- 2144 (2) The report shall include information provided by the Center for Medical Cannabis
- 2145 Research described in Section 53B-17-1402.
- 2146 (3) The department may not include personally identifying information in the report
- 2147 described in this section.
- 2148 (4) The department shall report to the working group described in Section 36-12-8.2 as
- 2149 requested by the working group.
- 2150 Section 27. Section **58-37-3.6** is amended to read:
- 2151 **58-37-3.6 . Exemption for possession or distribution of a cannabinoid product,**
- 2152 **expanded cannabinoid product, or transportable industrial hemp concentrate.**
- 2153 (1) As used in this section:
- 2154 (a) "Cannabinoid product" means a product intended for human ingestion that:
- 2155 (i) contains an extract or concentrate that is obtained from cannabis; and
- 2156 [~~(ii) is prepared in a medicinal dosage form; and~~]
- 2157 [~~(iii)~~] (ii) contains at least 10 units of cannabidiol for every one unit of
- 2158 tetrahydrocannabinol.
- 2159 (b) "Cannabis" means any part of the plant cannabis sativa, whether growing or not.
- 2160 [~~(c) "Drug paraphernalia" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-37a-3.~~]
- 2161 [~~(d)~~] (c) "Expanded cannabinoid product" means a product intended for human ingestion
- 2162 that:
- 2163 (i) contains an extract or concentrate that is obtained from cannabis; and
- 2164 [~~(ii) is prepared in a medicinal dosage form; and~~]
- 2165 [~~(iii)~~] (ii) contains less than 10 units of cannabidiol for every one unit of
- 2166 tetrahydrocannabinol.
- 2167 [~~(e) "Hemp cannabinoid product" means a product that:~~]
- 2168 [~~(i) contains or is represented to contain one or more naturally occurring~~
- 2169 ~~cannabinoids;~~]
- 2170 [~~(ii) contains less than the cannabinoid product THC level, by dry weight;~~]

- 2171 ~~[(iii) contains a combined amount of total THC and any THC analog that does not~~
 2172 ~~exceed 10% of the total cannabinoid content;]~~
- 2173 ~~[(iv) does not exceed a total of THC and any THC analog that is greater than five~~
 2174 ~~milligrams per serving and 150 milligrams per package; and]~~
- 2175 ~~[(v) unless the product is in an oil based suspension, has a serving size that is an~~
 2176 ~~integer.]~~
- 2177 ~~[(f)]~~ (d) "Transportable industrial hemp concentrate" means any amount of a natural
 2178 cannabinoid in a purified state that:
- 2179 (i) is the product of any chemical or physical process applied to naturally occurring
 2180 biomass that concentrates or isolates the cannabinoids contained in the biomass;
- 2181 (ii) is derived from a cannabis plant that, based on sampling that was collected no
 2182 more than 30 days before the day on which the cannabis plant was harvested,
 2183 contains a combined concentration of total THC and any THC analog of less than
 2184 0.3% on a dry weight basis; and
- 2185 (iii) has a THC and THC analog concentration total less than 20% when concentrated
 2186 from the cannabis plant to the purified state.
- 2187 ~~[(g) "Medicinal dosage form" means:]~~
- 2188 ~~[(i) a tablet;]~~
- 2189 ~~[(ii) a capsule;]~~
- 2190 ~~[(iii) a concentrated oil;]~~
- 2191 ~~[(iv) a liquid suspension;]~~
- 2192 ~~[(v) a transdermal preparation; or]~~
- 2193 ~~[(vi) a sublingual preparation.]~~
- 2194 ~~[(h)]~~ (e) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" means a substance derived from cannabis that meets the
 2195 description in Subsection 58-37-4(2)(a)(iii)(AA).
- 2196 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter an individual who possesses or
 2197 distributes a cannabinoid product or an expanded cannabinoid product is not subject to
 2198 the penalties described in this title for the possession or distribution of marijuana or
 2199 tetrahydrocannabinol to the extent that the individual's possession or distribution of the
 2200 cannabinoid product or expanded cannabinoid product complies with [Title 26B,
 2201 Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis] Section 26B-4-212.
- 2202 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a person who possesses and
 2203 distributes transportable industrial hemp concentrate is not subject to the penalties
 2204 described in this chapter for the possession or distribution of transportable industrial

2205 hemp concentrate if the transportable industrial hemp concentrate is handled in
2206 accordance with the rules established under Subsection 4-41-103.1(1)(e) or is destroyed.

2207 Section 28. Section **58-85-102** is amended to read:

2208 **58-85-102 . Definitions.**

2209 As used in this chapter:

2210 (1) "Eligible patient" means an individual who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness
2211 by a physician.

2212 (2) "Insurer" means the same as that term is defined in Section 31A-1-301.

2213 (3) "Investigational device" means a device that:

2214 (a) meets the definition of "investigational device" in 21 C.F.R. Sec. 812.3; and

2215 (b) has successfully completed the United States Food and Drug Administration Phase 1
2216 testing for an investigational device described in 21 C.F.R. Part 812.

2217 (4) "Investigational drug" means a drug that:

2218 (a) meets the definition of "investigational new drug" in 21 C.F.R. Sec. 312.3; and

2219 (b) has successfully completed the United States Food and Drug Administration Phase 1
2220 testing for an investigational new drug described in 21 C.F.R. Part 312.

2221 (5) "Medicinal dosage form" [~~means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-37-3.6.]~~
2222 means:

2223 (a) a tablet;

2224 (b) a capsule;

2225 (c) a concentrated oil;

2226 (d) a liquid suspension;

2227 (e) a transdermal preparation; or

2228 (f) a sublingual preparation.

2229 (6) "Physician" means an individual who is licensed under:

2230 (a) Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act; or

2231 (b) Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

2232 (7) "Terminal illness" means a condition of a patient that:

2233 (a) as determined by a physician:

2234 (i) is likely to pose a greater risk to the patient than the risk posed to the patient by
2235 treatment with an investigational drug or investigational device; and

2236 (ii) will inevitably lead to the patient's death; and

2237 (b) presents the patient, after the patient has explored conventional therapy options, with
2238 no treatment option that is satisfactory or comparable to treatment with an

2239 investigational drug or device.

2240 Section 29. Section **63N-3-1301** is amended to read:

2241 **63N-3-1301 . Definitions.**

2242 As used in this part:

2243 (1) "Cannabinoid processor license" means the same as that term is defined in Section
2244 4-41-102.

2245 (2) "Cannabinoid product" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41-102.

2246 (3) "Industrial hemp product" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41-102.

2247 (4) "Industrial hemp producer registration" means the same as that term is defined in
2248 Section 4-41-102.

2249 Section 30. Section **77-39-101** is amended to read:

2250 **77-39-101 . Investigation of sales of alcohol, tobacco products, electronic**
2251 **cigarette products, nicotine products, and cannabinoid products to underage individuals.**

2252 (1) As used in this section:

2253 (a) "Cannabinoid product" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41-102.

2254 (b) "Electronic cigarette product" means the same as that term is defined in Section
2255 76-10-101.

2256 (c) "Nicotine product" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-10-101.

2257 (d) "Peace officer" means the same as the term is described in Section 53-13-109.

2258 (e) "Tobacco product" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-10-101.

2259 (2)(a) A peace officer may investigate the possible violation of:

2260 (i) Section 32B-4-403 by requesting an individual under 21 years old to enter into
2261 and attempt to purchase or make a purchase of alcohol from a retail establishment;

2262 (ii) Section 76-10-114 by requesting an individual under 21 years old to enter into
2263 and attempt to purchase or make a purchase from a retail establishment of:

2264 (A) a tobacco product;

2265 (B) an electronic cigarette product; or

2266 (C) a nicotine product; or

2267 (iii) Subsection ~~[4-41-105(2)(d)]~~ 4-41-105(2)(a)(iv) by requesting an individual under
2268 21 years old to enter into and attempt to purchase or make a purchase of a
2269 cannabinoid product that contains THC or a THC analog from a retail
2270 establishment.

2271 (b) A peace officer who is present at the site of a proposed purchase shall direct,
2272 supervise, and monitor the individual requested to make the purchase.

- 2273 (c) Immediately following a purchase or attempted purchase or as soon as practical the
2274 supervising peace officer shall inform the cashier and the proprietor or manager of
2275 the retail establishment that the attempted purchaser was under the legal age to
2276 purchase:
- 2277 (i) alcohol;
 - 2278 (ii)(A) a tobacco product;
 - 2279 (B) an electronic cigarette product; or
 - 2280 (C) a nicotine product; or
 - 2281 (iii) a cannabinoid product that contains THC or a THC analog.
- 2282 (d) If a citation or information is issued, the citation or information shall be issued
2283 within seven days after the day on which the purchase occurs.
- 2284 (3)(a) If an individual under 18 years old is requested to attempt a purchase, a written
2285 consent of that individual's parent or guardian shall be obtained before the individual
2286 participates in any attempted purchase.
- 2287 (b) An individual requested by the peace officer to attempt a purchase may:
- 2288 (i) be a trained volunteer; or
 - 2289 (ii) receive payment, but may not be paid based on the number of successful
2290 purchases of alcohol, tobacco products, electronic cigarette products, nicotine
2291 products, or cannabinoid products that contain THC or a THC analog.
- 2292 (4) The individual requested by the peace officer to attempt a purchase and anyone
2293 accompanying the individual attempting a purchase may use false identification in
2294 attempting the purchase if:
- 2295 (a) the Department of Public Safety created in Section 53-1-103 provides the false
2296 identification;
 - 2297 (b) the false identification:
 - 2298 (i) accurately represents the individual's age; and
 - 2299 (ii) displays a current photo of the individual; and
 - 2300 (c) the peace officer maintains possession of the false identification at all times outside
2301 the attempt to purchase.
- 2302 (5) An individual requested to attempt to purchase or make a purchase pursuant to this
2303 section is immune from prosecution, suit, or civil liability for the purchase of, attempted
2304 purchase of, or possession of alcohol, a tobacco product, an electronic cigarette product,
2305 a nicotine product, or a cannabinoid product that contains THC or a THC analog if a
2306 peace officer directs, supervises, and monitors the individual.

- 2307 (6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a purchase attempted under this section
2308 shall be conducted within a 12-month period:
- 2309 (i) on a random basis at any one retail establishment location, not more often than
2310 four times for the attempted purchase of alcohol;
- 2311 (ii) a minimum of two times at a retail establishment that sells tobacco products,
2312 electronic cigarette products, or nicotine products for the attempted purchase of a
2313 tobacco product, an electronic cigarette product, or a nicotine product; and
- 2314 (iii) a minimum of one time at a retail establishment that sells a cannabinoid product
2315 that contains THC or a THC analog.
- 2316 (b) This section does not prohibit an investigation or an attempt to purchase alcohol, a
2317 tobacco product, an electronic cigarette product, or a nicotine product under this
2318 section if:
- 2319 (i) there is reasonable suspicion to believe the retail establishment has sold alcohol, a
2320 tobacco product, an electronic cigarette product, a nicotine product, or a
2321 cannabinoid product that contains THC or a THC analog to an individual under
2322 the age established by Section 32B-4-403, Section 76-10-114, or Subsection
2323 4-41-105(2)(d); and
- 2324 (ii) the supervising peace officer makes a written record of the grounds for the
2325 reasonable suspicion.
- 2326 (7)(a) The peace officer exercising direction, supervision, and monitoring of the
2327 attempted purchase shall make a report of the attempted purchase, whether or not a
2328 purchase was made.
- 2329 (b) The report required by this Subsection (7) shall include:
- 2330 (i) the name of the supervising peace officer;
- 2331 (ii) the name of the individual attempting the purchase;
- 2332 (iii) a photograph of the individual attempting the purchase showing how that
2333 individual appeared at the time of the attempted purchase;
- 2334 (iv) the name and description of the cashier or proprietor from whom the individual
2335 attempted the purchase;
- 2336 (v) the name and address of the retail establishment; and
- 2337 (vi) the date and time of the attempted purchase.

2338 **Section 31. Repealer.**

2339 This bill repeals:

2340 **Section 26B-4-236, State central patient portal -- Department duties.**

2341 Section 32. **Effective Date.**

2342 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.