

Evan J. Vickers proposes the following substitute bill:

**Cannabis Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to cannabis.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends provisions related to hazardous waste and cannabinoid (hemp) disposal;
- ▶ requires industrial hemp retailers to check an individual's identification to ensure a purchaser is at least 21 years old;
- ▶ repeals video surveillance requirements for industrial hemp retailers;
- ▶ amends provisions related to unlawful acts concerning hemp products;
- ▶ exempts medical cannabis processors from obtaining an additional license to process hemp products;
- ▶ creates a fee on medical cannabis purchases for use in enforcement of various laws;
- ▶ renames the Cannabis Production Establishment and Pharmacy Licensing Advisory Board to the Specialized Product Authority Licensing Board (licensing board);
- ▶ reconstitutes the licensing board's membership;
- ▶ amends provisions related to labeling and packaging;
- ▶ modifies the licensing board's duties;
- ▶ moves control of the Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF);
- ▶ moves all Department of Health and Human Services duties related to the medical cannabis program to UDAF;
- ▶ allows medical cannabis processors to make cannabis products with a THC content below .3% (low THC products);
- ▶ allows medical cannabis pharmacies to sell low THC products;
- ▶ includes a coordination clause to address a cross-reference in S.B. 121, Medical Cannabis

29 Program Amendments; and

30       ▸ includes a coordination clause with H.B. 385, Specialized Product Sales Amendments, to  
31 address the movement of the Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund.

32 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

33 None

34 **Other Special Clauses:**

35 This bill provides coordination clauses.

36 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

37 AMENDS:

38 **4-41-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 114

39 **4-41-103.2**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 114

40 **4-41-103.3**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 114

41 **4-41-103.4**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 35

42 **4-41-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 114

43 **4-41a-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9

44 **4-41a-104**, as last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307

45 and enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session, Chapter 1

46 **4-41a-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 414

47 **4-41a-201.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 414

48 **4-41a-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 16

49 **4-41a-602**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 392

50 **4-41a-801**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 114, 414

51 **4-41a-1102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 414

52 **26B-4-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 392

53 **26B-4-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 392

54 **26B-4-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 392

55 **26B-4-213**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 392

56 **26B-4-214**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 392

57 **26B-4-219**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 414

58 **26B-4-222**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9

59 **26B-4-245**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 392

60 **52-4-205**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 391

61 ENACTS:

62 **26B-4-201.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63 RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

64 **4-41a-104.1**, (Renumbered from 26B-1-310, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
65 First Special Session, Chapter 9)

66 **4-41a-111**, (Renumbered from 26B-1-435, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
67 First Special Session, Chapter 9)

68 **4-41a-112**, (Renumbered from 26B-1-421, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025,  
69 Chapter 494)

70 **Utah Code Sections affected by Coordination Clause:**

71 **4-41a-201 (05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 414

72 **26B-1-310 (05/06/26)**, (Renumbered from 26B-1-310, as last amended by Laws of  
73 Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9)

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

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

77 **4-41-102 . Definitions.**

78 As used in this chapter:

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

81 (a) pesticides;

82 (b) heavy metals;

83 (c) solvents;

84 (d) microbial life;

85 (e) artificially derived cannabinoids;

86 (f) toxins; or

87 (g) foreign matter.

88 (2)(a) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" means a chemical substance that is created by a  
89 chemical reaction that changes the molecular structure of any chemical substances  
90 derived from the cannabis plant.

91 (b) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" does not include:

92 (i) a naturally occurring chemical substance that is separated from the cannabis plant  
93 by a chemical or mechanical extraction process; or

94 (ii) cannabinoids that are produced by decarboxylation from a naturally occurring  
95 cannabinoid acid without the use of a chemical catalyst.

96 (3) "Cannabidiol" or "CBD" means the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 13956-29-1.

- 97 (4) "Cannabidiolic acid" or "CBDA" means the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 1244-58-2.
- 98 (5) "Cannabinoid processor license" means a license that the department issues to a person  
99 for the purpose of processing a cannabinoid product.
- 100 (6) "Cannabinoid product" means a product that:
- 101 (a) contains or is represented to contain one or more naturally occurring cannabinoids;
- 102 (b) contains less than the cannabinoid product THC level, by dry weight;
- 103 (c) contains a combined amount of total THC and any THC analog that does not exceed  
104 10% of the total cannabinoid content;
- 105 (d) does not exceed a total of THC and any THC analog that is greater than:
- 106 (i) 5 milligrams per serving; and
- 107 (ii) 150 milligrams per package; and
- 108 (e) unless the product is in an oil based suspension, has a serving size that:
- 109 (i) is an integer; and
- 110 (ii) is a discrete unit of the cannabinoid product.
- 111 (7) "Cannabinoid product class" means a group of cannabinoid products that:
- 112 (a) have all ingredients in common; and
- 113 (b) are produced by or for the same company.
- 114 (8) "Cannabinoid product THC level" means a combined concentration of total THC and  
115 any THC analog of less than 0.3% on a dry weight basis if laboratory testing confirms a  
116 result within a measurement of uncertainty that includes the combined concentration of  
117 0.3%[-] .
- 118 (9) "Cannabis" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.
- 119 (10) "Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol" or "delta-9-THC" means the cannabinoid identified as  
120 CAS# 1972-08-3, the primary psychotropic cannabinoid in cannabis.
- 121 (11) "Hazardous waste laws" means:
- 122 (a) federal and state laws, rules, and regulations related to hazardous waste;
- 123 (b) the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 6991 et seq.; and
- 124 (c) Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 5, Solid Waste Management Act.
- 125 ~~(11)~~ (12) "Industrial hemp" means any part of a cannabis plant, whether growing or not,  
126 with a concentration of less than 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol by dry weight.
- 127 ~~(12)~~ (13) "Industrial hemp producer registration" means a registration that the department  
128 issues to a person for the purpose of processing industrial hemp or an industrial hemp  
129 product.
- 130 ~~(13)~~ (14)(a) "Industrial hemp product" means a product made by processing industrial

131 hemp plants or industrial hemp parts.

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

134 [(14)] (15) "Industrial hemp retailer permit" means a permit that the department issues to a  
135 retailer who sells any viable industrial hemp seed or cannabinoid product.

136 [(15)] (16) "Key participant" means any of the following:

137 (a) a licensee;

138 (b) an operation manager;

139 (c) a site manager; or

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

142 [(16)] (17) "Licensee" means a person possessing a cannabinoid processor license that the  
143 department issues under this chapter.

144 [(17)] (18) "Newly identified cannabinoid" means a cannabinoid that:

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

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

147 [(18)] (19) "Non-compliant material" means:

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

150 (b) a cannabinoid product, chemical, or compound with a concentration that exceeds the  
151 cannabinoid product THC level; and

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

153 (i) delta-9-tetrahydrocannabiphorol (THCP), the cannabinoid identified as CAS#  
154 54763-99-4;

155 (ii) delta-8-tetrahydrocannabiphorol (THCP), the cannabinoid identified as CAS#  
156 51768-60-6;

157 (iii) delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) acetate, the cannabinoid identified as CAS#  
158 23132-17-4;

159 (iv) delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) acetate, the cannabinoid identified as CAS#  
160 23050-54-6;

161 (v) 9(s)-hexahydrocannabinol (HHC), the cannabinoid identified as CAS#  
162 36403-91-5; or

163 (vi) 9(r)-hexahydrocannabinol (HHC), the cannabinoid identified as CAS#  
164 36403-90-4.

165 ~~[(19)]~~ (20) "Permittee" means a person possessing a permit that the department issues under  
166 this chapter.

167 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) "Person" means:

168 (a) an individual, partnership, association, firm, trust, limited liability company, or  
169 corporation; and

170 (b) an agent or employee of an individual, partnership, association, firm, trust, limited  
171 liability company, or corporation.

172 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) "Retailer permittee" means a person possessing an industrial hemp retailer permit  
173 that the department issues under this chapter.

174 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, the  
175 cannabinoid identified as CAS# 1972-08-3.

176 ~~[(23)]~~ (24)(a) "THC analog" means a substance that is structurally or pharmacologically  
177 substantially similar to, or is represented as being similar to, delta-9-THC.

178 (b) "THC analog" does not include the following substances or the naturally occurring  
179 acid forms of the following substances:

180 (i) cannabichromene (CBC), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 20675-51-8;

181 (ii) cannabicyclol (CBL), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 21366-63-2;

182 (iii) cannabidiol (CBD), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 13956-29-1;

183 (iv) cannabidivaryl (CBDV), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 24274-48-4;

184 (v) cannabielsoin (CBE), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 52025-76-0;

185 (vi) cannabigerol (CBG), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 25654-31-3;

186 (vii) cannabigerovarin (CBGV), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 55824-11-8;

187 (viii) cannabiol (CBN), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 521-35-7;

188 (ix) cannabivarin (CBV), the cannabinoid identified as CAS# 33745-21-0; or

189 (x) delta-9-tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCV), the cannabinoid identified as CAS#  
190 31262-37-0.

191 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) "Total cannabidiol" or "total CBD" means the combined amounts of cannabidiol  
192 and cannabidiolic acid, calculated as "total CBD = CBD + (CBDA x 0.877)".

193 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) "Total tetrahydrocannabinol" or "total THC" means the sum of the determined  
194 amounts of delta-9-THC, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, calculated as "total THC =  
195 delta-9-THC + (THCA x 0.877)".

196 ~~[(26)]~~ (27) "Transportable industrial hemp concentrate" means any amount of a natural  
197 cannabinoid in a purified state that:

198 (a) is the product of any chemical or physical process applied to naturally occurring

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

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

208 **4-41-103.2 . Cannabinoid processor license.**

- 209 (1) The department or a licensee of the department may process a cannabinoid product.  
 210 (2) A person seeking a cannabinoid processor license shall provide to the department:  
 211 (a) the legal description and global positioning coordinates sufficient for locating the  
 212 facility the person uses to process industrial hemp; and  
 213 (b) written consent allowing a representative of the department and local law  
 214 enforcement to enter all premises where the person processes or stores industrial  
 215 hemp for the purpose of:  
 216 (i) conducting a physical inspection; or  
 217 (ii) ensuring compliance with the requirements of this chapter.  
 218 (3) The department may set a fee in accordance with Subsection 4-2-103(2) for the  
 219 application for a cannabinoid processor license.  
 220 (4) A licensee:  
 221 (a) may only market a cannabinoid product that the licensee processes[-] ; and  
 222 (b) shall dispose of waste and unused material from the production of a cannabinoid  
 223 product in accordance with hazardous waste laws.  
 224 (5)(a) An applicant for a cannabinoid processor license shall:  
 225 (i) be at least 18 years old; and  
 226 (ii) submit a nationwide criminal history from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to  
 227 the department.  
 228 (b) The department shall reject an individual's application for a cannabinoid processor  
 229 license if the criminal history described in Subsection (5)(a)(ii) was not completed in  
 230 the previous 90 days before the day the applicant submits the license application to  
 231 the department.  
 232 (6) An applicant is not eligible to receive a cannabinoid processor license if the applicant

233 has:

234 (a) been convicted of a felony; or

235 (b) been convicted of a drug-related misdemeanor within the previous 10 years.

236 (7) A person licensed under Section 4-41a-201 as a cannabis processing facility as defined  
237 in Section 4-41a-102 may produce a cannabinoid product that complies with the  
238 requirements of this chapter without obtaining a license under this section

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

240 **4-41-103.3 . Industrial hemp retailer permit.**

241 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a retailer permittee of the department may market  
242 or sell a cannabinoid product or a viable industrial hemp seed.

243 (2) A person seeking an industrial hemp retailer permit shall provide to the department:

244 (a) the name of the person that is seeking to market or sell a cannabinoid product or a  
245 viable industrial hemp seed;

246 (b) the address of each location where a cannabinoid product or a viable industrial hemp  
247 seed will be sold; and

248 (c) written consent allowing a representative of the department to enter all premises  
249 where the person is selling a cannabinoid product or a viable industrial hemp seed for  
250 the purpose of:

251 (i) conducting a physical inspection; or

252 (ii) ensuring compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

253 [~~(3) Beginning January 1, 2026, an industrial hemp retailer permittee shall:]~~

254 [~~(a) maintain a video surveillance system that:]~~

255 [~~(i) is able to monitor who purchases a cannabinoid product from the permittee;]~~

256 [~~(ii) is tamper proof; and]~~

257 [~~(iii) stores a video record for at least 45 days; and]~~

258 [~~(b) provide the department access to the video surveillance system upon request.]~~

259 (3) An industrial hemp retailer permittee shall:

260 (a) check the identification of any individual purchasing a cannabinoid product that  
261 contains THC or a THC analog to ensure the individual is at least 21 years old; and

262 (b) dispose of waste and unused material related to a cannabinoid product in accordance  
263 with hazardous waste laws.

264 (4) The department may set a fee in accordance with Subsection 4-2-103(2) for the  
265 application for an industrial hemp retailer permit.

266 (5) Any marketing for a cannabinoid product or a viable industrial hemp seed shall include

267 a notice to consumers that the product is hemp and is not cannabis or medical cannabis,  
 268 as those terms are defined in Section 26B-4-201.

269 Section 4. Section **4-41-103.4** is amended to read:

270 **4-41-103.4 . Industrial hemp laboratory testing.**

271 [~~(1) The department or a laboratory contracted with the department may test industrial  
 272 hemp and cannabinoid products.~~]

273 [(2)] The department or a laboratory contracted with the department:

274 (1) may test industrial hemp and cannabinoid products;

275 (2) may dispose of non-compliant material[-] ; and

276 (3) shall dispose of waste and unused material related to a cannabinoid product in  
 277 accordance with hazardous waste laws.

278 Section 5. Section **4-41-105** is amended to read:

279 **4-41-105 . Unlawful acts.**

280 (1) It is unlawful for a person to handle, process, or market living industrial hemp plants,  
 281 viable hemp seeds, leaf materials, or floral materials derived from industrial hemp  
 282 without the appropriate license or permit issued by the department under this chapter.

283 (2)(a) It is unlawful for any person to:

284 (i) distribute, sell, or market a cannabinoid product that is:

285 (A) not registered with the department under Section 4-41-104; or

286 (B) noncompliant material;

287 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), transport into or out of the state extracted  
 288 material or final product that contains 0.3% or more of total THC and any THC  
 289 analog;

290 (iii) sell or use a cannabinoid product that is:

291 (A) added to a conventional food or beverage, as the department further defines in  
 292 rules described in Section 4-41-403;

293 (B) marketed or manufactured to be enticing to children, as further defined in  
 294 rules described in Section 4-41-403; or

295 (C) smokable flower;[-~~or~~]

296 (iv) knowingly or intentionally sell or give a cannabinoid product that contains THC  
 297 or a THC analog in the course of business to an individual who is not at least 21  
 298 years old[-] ; or

299 (v) delay or deny an inspection authorized under this chapter.

300 (b) A person may transport transportable industrial hemp concentrate if the person:

- 301 (i) complies with rules created by the department under Section 4-41-103.1 related to  
302 transportable industrial hemp concentrate; and  
303 (ii)(A) has a cannabinoid processor license; or  
304 (B) the equivalent to a cannabinoid processor license from another state.  
305 (3) The department may seize and destroy non-compliant material.  
306 (4) Nothing in this chapter authorizes any person to violate federal law, regulation, or any  
307 provision of this title.

308 Section 6. Section **4-41a-102** is amended to read:

309 **4-41a-102 . Definitions.**

310 As used in this chapter:

- 311 (1) "Adulterant" means any poisonous or deleterious substance in a quantity that may be  
312 injurious to health, including:  
313 (a) pesticides;  
314 (b) heavy metals;  
315 (c) solvents;  
316 (d) microbial life;  
317 (e) artificially derived cannabinoid;  
318 (f) toxins; or  
319 (g) foreign matter.  
320 (2) "Advertise" or "advertising" means information provided by a person in any medium:  
321 (a) to the public; and  
322 (b) that is not age restricted to an individual who is at least 21 years old.  
323 (3) "Advisory board" means the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board created in  
324 Section [~~26B-1-435~~] 4-41a-111.  
325 (4)(a) "Anticompetitive business practice" means any practice that is an illegal  
326 anticompetitive activity under Section 76-16-510.  
327 (b) "Anticompetitive business practice" may include:  
328 (i) agreements that may be considered unreasonable when competitors interact to the  
329 extent that they are:  
330 (A) no longer acting independently; or  
331 (B) when collaborating are able to wield market power together;  
332 (ii) monopolizing or attempting to monopolize trade by:  
333 (A) acting to maintain or acquire a dominant position in the market; or  
334 (B) preventing new entry into the market; or

- 335 (iii) other conduct outlined in rule.
- 336 (5)(a) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" means a chemical substance that is created by a  
337 chemical reaction that changes the molecular structure of any chemical substance  
338 derived from the cannabis plant.
- 339 (b) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" does not include:
- 340 (i) a naturally occurring chemical substance that is separated from the cannabis plant  
341 by a chemical or mechanical extraction process; or
- 342 (ii) a cannabinoid that is produced by decarboxylation from a naturally occurring  
343 cannabinoid acid without the use of a chemical catalyst.
- 344 (6) "Batch" means a quantity of:
- 345 (a) cannabis extract produced on a particular date and time and produced between  
346 completion of equipment and facility sanitation protocols until the next required  
347 sanitation cycle during which lots of cannabis are used;
- 348 (b) cannabis product produced on a particular date and time and produced between  
349 completion of equipment and facility sanitation protocols until the next required  
350 sanitation cycle during which cannabis extract is used; or
- 351 (c) cannabis flower packaged on a particular date and time and produced between  
352 completion of equipment and facility sanitation protocols until the next required  
353 sanitation cycle during which lots of cannabis are being used.
- 354 (7) "Cannabis Research Review Board" means the Cannabis Research Review Board  
355 created in Section 26B-1-420.
- 356 (8) "Cannabis" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.
- 357 (9) "Cannabis concentrate" means:
- 358 (a) the product of any chemical or physical process applied to naturally occurring  
359 biomass that concentrates or isolates the cannabinoids contained in the biomass; and
- 360 (b) any amount of a natural cannabinoid or artificially derived cannabinoid in an  
361 artificially derived cannabinoid's purified state.
- 362 (10) "Cannabis cultivation byproduct" means any portion of a cannabis plant that is not  
363 intended to be sold as a cannabis plant product.
- 364 (11) "Cannabis cultivation facility" means a person that:
- 365 (a) possesses cannabis;
- 366 (b) grows or intends to grow cannabis; and
- 367 (c) sells or intends to sell cannabis to a cannabis cultivation facility, a cannabis  
368 processing facility, or a medical cannabis research licensee.

- 369 (12) "Cannabis cultivation facility agent" means an individual who  
370 holds a valid cannabis production establishment agent registration card with a cannabis  
371 cultivation facility designation.
- 372 (13) "Cannabis derivative product" means a product made using cannabis concentrate.
- 373 (14) "Cannabis plant product" means any portion of a cannabis plant intended to be sold in  
374 a form that is recognizable as a portion of a cannabis plant.
- 375 (15) "Cannabis processing facility" means a person that:
- 376 (a) acquires or intends to acquire cannabis from a cannabis production establishment;
- 377 (b) possesses cannabis with the intent to manufacture a cannabis product;
- 378 (c) manufactures or intends to manufacture a cannabis product from unprocessed  
379 cannabis or a cannabis extract; and
- 380 (d) sells or intends to sell a cannabis product to a medical cannabis pharmacy or a  
381 medical cannabis research licensee.
- 382 (16) "Cannabis processing facility agent" means an individual who  
383 holds a valid cannabis production establishment agent registration card with a cannabis  
384 processing facility designation.
- 385 (17) "Cannabis product" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.
- 386 (18) "Cannabis production establishment" means a cannabis cultivation facility, a cannabis  
387 processing facility, or an independent cannabis testing laboratory.
- 388 (19) "Cannabis production establishment agent" means a cannabis cultivation facility agent,  
389 a cannabis processing facility agent, or an independent cannabis testing laboratory agent.
- 390 (20) "Cannabis production establishment agent registration card" means a registration card  
391 that the department issues that:
- 392 (a) authorizes an individual to act as a cannabis production establishment agent; and
- 393 (b) designates the type of cannabis production establishment for which an individual is  
394 authorized to act as an agent.
- 395 (21) "Closed-door medical cannabis pharmacy" means a facility operated by a home  
396 delivery medical cannabis pharmacy for delivering medical cannabis.
- 397 (22) "Community location" means a public or private elementary or secondary school, a  
398 church, a public library, a public playground, or a public park.
- 399 (23) "Cultivation space" means, quantified in square feet, the horizontal area in which a  
400 cannabis cultivation facility cultivates cannabis, including each level of horizontal area  
401 if the cannabis cultivation facility hangs, suspends, stacks, or otherwise positions plants  
402 above other plants in multiple levels.

- 403 (24) "Delivery address" means:
- 404 (a) for a medical cannabis cardholder who is not a facility:
- 405 (i) the medical cannabis cardholder's home address; or
- 406 (ii) an address designated by the medical cannabis cardholder that:
- 407 (A) is the medical cannabis cardholder's workplace; and
- 408 (B) is not a community location; or
- 409 (b) for a medical cannabis cardholder that is a facility, the facility's address.
- 410 (25) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Food.
- 411 (26) "Family member" means a parent, step-parent, spouse, child, sibling, step-sibling,
- 412 uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law,
- 413 sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild.
- 414 (27) "Government issued photo identification" means the same as that term is defined in
- 415 Section 26B-4-201, including expired identification in accordance with Section
- 416 26B-4-244.
- 417 (28) "Home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy" means a medical cannabis pharmacy that
- 418 the department authorizes, as part of the pharmacy's license, to deliver medical cannabis
- 419 shipments to a delivery address to fulfill electronic orders.
- 420 (29)(a) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory" means a person that:
- 421 (i) conducts a chemical or other analysis of cannabis or a cannabis product; or
- 422 (ii) acquires, possesses, and transports cannabis or a cannabis product with the intent
- 423 to conduct a chemical or other analysis of the cannabis or cannabis product.
- 424 (b) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory" includes a laboratory that the department
- 425 or a research university operates in accordance with Subsection 4-41a-201(14).
- 426 (30) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory agent" means an individual who
- 427 holds a valid cannabis production establishment agent registration card with an independent
- 428 cannabis testing laboratory designation.
- 429 (31) "Inventory control system" means a system described in Section 4-41a-103.
- 430 (32) "Licensing board" or "board" means the [~~Cannabis Production Establishment and~~
- 431 ~~Pharmacy Licensing Advisory~~] Specialized Product Authority Licensing Board created
- 432 in Section 4-41a-201.1.
- 433 (33) "Medical cannabis" or "medical cannabis product" means the same as that term is
- 434 defined in Section 26B-4-201.
- 435 (34) "Medical cannabis card" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.
- 436 (35) "Medical cannabis courier" means a courier that:

- 437 (a) the department licenses in accordance with Section 4-41a-1201; and  
438 (b) contracts with a home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy to deliver medical  
439 cannabis shipments to fulfill electronic orders.
- 440 (36) "Medical cannabis courier agent" means an individual who:  
441 (a) is an employee of a medical cannabis courier; and  
442 (b) who holds a valid medical cannabis courier agent registration card.
- 443 (37) "Medical cannabis pharmacy" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
444 26B-4-201.
- 445 (38) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
446 26B-4-201.
- 447 (39) "Medical cannabis research license" means a license that the department issues to a  
448 research university for the purpose of obtaining and possessing medical cannabis for  
449 academic research.
- 450 (40) "Medical cannabis research licensee" means a research university that the department  
451 licenses to obtain and possess medical cannabis for academic research, in accordance  
452 with Section 4-41a-901.
- 453 (41) "Medical cannabis shipment" means a shipment of medical cannabis that a home  
454 delivery medical cannabis pharmacy or a medical cannabis courier delivers to a delivery  
455 address to fulfill an electronic medical cannabis order.
- 456 (42) "Medical cannabis treatment" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
457 26B-4-201.
- 458 (43) "Medicinal dosage form" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201.
- 459 (44) "Patient product information insert" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
460 26B-4-201.
- 461 (45) "Pharmacy ownership limit" means an amount equal to 30% of the total number of  
462 medical cannabis pharmacy licenses issued by the department rounded down to the  
463 nearest whole number.
- 464 (46) "Pharmacy medical provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
465 26B-4-201.
- 466 (47) "Qualified Production Enterprise Fund" means the fund created in Section 4-41a-104.
- 467 (48) "Recommending medical provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
468 26B-4-201.
- 469 (49) "Research university" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53H-8-202  
470 and a private, nonprofit college or university in the state that:

- 471 (a) is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities;  
472 (b) grants doctoral degrees; and  
473 (c) has a laboratory containing or a program researching a schedule I controlled  
474 substance described in Section 58-37-4.
- 475 (50) "State electronic verification system" means the system described in Section 26B-4-202.
- 476 (51) "Targeted marketing" means the promotion of medical cannabis, a medical cannabis  
477 brand, or a medical cannabis device using any of the following methods:  
478 (a) electronic communication to an individual who is at least 21 years old and has  
479 requested to receive promotional information;  
480 (b) an in-person marketing event that is:  
481 (i) held inside a medical cannabis pharmacy; and  
482 (ii) in an area where only a medical cannabis cardholder may access the event;  
483 (c) other marketing material that is physically available or digitally displayed in a  
484 medical cannabis pharmacy; or  
485 (d) a leaflet a medical cannabis pharmacy places in the opaque package or box that is  
486 provided to an individual when obtaining medical cannabis:  
487 (i) in the medical cannabis pharmacy;  
488 (ii) at the medical cannabis pharmacy's drive-through pick up window; or  
489 (iii) in a medical cannabis shipment.
- 490 (52) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
491 4-41-102.
- 492 (53) "Tier one cannabis processing facility" means a cannabis processing facility that is  
493 able to:  
494 (a) create cannabis concentrate;  
495 (b) create cannabis derivative product; and  
496 (c) package and label medical cannabis.
- 497 (54) "Tier two cannabis processing facility" means a cannabis processing facility that is  
498 able to package and label medical cannabis only if the medical cannabis is a cannabis  
499 plant product.
- 500 (55) "THC analog" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41-102.
- 501 (56) "Total composite tetrahydrocannabinol" means all detectable forms of  
502 tetrahydrocannabinol.
- 503 (57) "Total tetrahydrocannabinol" or "total THC" means the same as that term is defined in  
504 Section 4-41-102.

505 Section 7. Section **4-41a-104** is amended to read:

506 **4-41a-104 . Qualified Production Enterprise Fund -- Creation -- Revenue**  
507 **neutrality.**

- 508 (1) There is created an enterprise fund known as the "Qualified Production Enterprise  
509 Fund."
- 510 (2) The fund created in this section is funded from:
- 511 (a) money the department deposits into the fund under this chapter;
- 512 (b) appropriations the Legislature makes to the fund; ~~and~~
- 513 (c) the interest described in Subsection (3) ~~;~~ and
- 514 (d) the fee described in Subsection (6).
- 515 (3) Interest earned on the Qualified Production Enterprise Fund shall be deposited into the  
516 fund.
- 517 (4) The department may ~~only~~ use money in the fund to fund the department's  
518 implementation of ~~[this chapter.]~~ :
- 519 (a) this chapter;
- 520 (b) Chapter 41, Hemp and Cannabinoid Act; or
- 521 (c) Chapter 45, Kratom Consumer Protection Act.
- 522 (5) The department shall set fees authorized under this chapter in amounts that the  
523 department anticipates are necessary, in total, to cover the department's cost to  
524 implement this chapter.
- 525 (6) The department may impose a uniform fee on each medical cannabis transaction in a  
526 medical cannabis pharmacy in an amount that the department sets in accordance with  
527 Section 63J-1-504.

528 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

529 Section 8. Section **4-41a-104.1**, which is renumbered from Section 26B-1-310 is renumbered  
530 and amended to read:

531 ~~[26B-1-310]~~ **4-41a-104.1 . Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund -- Creation --**  
532 **Revenue neutrality -- Uniform fee.**

- 533 (1) There is created an enterprise fund known as the "Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund."
- 534 (2) The fund created in this section is funded from:
- 535 (a) money the department deposits into the fund under ~~[Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid~~  
536 ~~Research and Medical Cannabis]~~ Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research  
537 and Medical Cannabis;
- 538 (b) appropriations the Legislature makes to the fund; and

- 539 (c) the interest described in Subsection (3).
- 540 (3) Interest earned on the fund shall be deposited into the fund.
- 541 (4) Money deposited into the fund may only be used by:
- 542 (a) the department to accomplish the department's responsibilities described in [~~Chapter~~  
543 ~~4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis~~] Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2,  
544 Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis;
- 545 (b) the Center for Medical Cannabis Research created in Section 53H-4-206 to  
546 accomplish the Center for Medical Cannabis Research's responsibilities; and
- 547 (c) [~~the Department of Agriculture and Food for the one-time purchase of equipment to~~  
548 ~~meet the requirements described in Section 4-41a-204.1.~~] the department for  
549 employing the licensing board; and
- 550 (d) the Center for Medical Cannabis Research created in Section 53H-4-206 in an  
551 amount of \$1,250,000 that:
- 552 (i) may be withdrawn each July 1 ending on July 1, 2030, subject to the department's  
553 determination that there are sufficient funds in the account to provide the amount  
554 described in this Subsection (4)(d); and
- 555 (ii) may be used for additional research conducted by the Center for Medical  
556 Cannabis Research.
- 557 (5) The department shall set fees authorized under [~~Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid~~  
558 ~~Research and Medical Cannabis~~] Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and  
559 Medical Cannabis, in amounts that the department anticipates are necessary, in total, to  
560 cover the department's cost to implement [~~Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and~~  
561 ~~Medical Cannabis~~] Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical  
562 Cannabis.
- 563 (6) The department may impose a uniform fee on each medical cannabis transaction in a  
564 medical cannabis pharmacy in an amount that, subject to Subsection (5), the department  
565 sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.

566 Section 9. Section ~~4-41a-111~~, which is renumbered from Section 26B-1-435 is renumbered  
567 and amended to read:

568 **[26B-1-435] 4-41a-111 . Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board creation --**  
569 **Membership -- Duties.**

- 570 (1) There is created within the department the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board.
- 571 (2)(a) The advisory board shall consist of the following members:
- 572 (i) appointed by the executive director;

- 573           ~~[(A) a recommending medical provider who has recommended medical cannabis~~  
574           ~~to at least 100 patients before being appointed;]~~
- 575           ~~[(B) a mental health specialist;]~~
- 576           ~~[(C) an individual who represents an organization that advocates for medical~~  
577           ~~cannabis patients;]~~
- 578           ~~[(D) a member of the general public who holds a medical cannabis patient card;~~  
579           ~~and]~~
- 580           ~~[(E) a member of the general public who does not hold a medical cannabis card;]~~
- 581       ~~[(ii)]~~ (i) appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food:
- 582           (A) an individual who owns or operates a licensed cannabis cultivation facility, as  
583           defined in Section 4-41a-102;
- 584           (B) an individual who owns or operates a licensed medical cannabis pharmacy;[  
585           and]
- 586           (C) a law enforcement officer;[~~and]~~
- 587           (D) a recommending medical provider who has recommended medical cannabis to  
588           at least 100 patients before being appointed;
- 589           (E) a mental health specialist;
- 590           (F) an individual who represents an organization that advocates for medical  
591           cannabis patients;
- 592           (G) a member of the general public who holds a medical cannabis patient card; and
- 593           (H) a member of the general public who does not hold a medical cannabis card;  
594           and
- 595       ~~[(iii)]~~ (ii) a representative from the Center for Medical Cannabis Research created in  
596           Section 53H-4-206, appointed by the Center for Medical Cannabis Research.
- 597       (b) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food shall ensure that at  
598           least one individual appointed under Subsection ~~[(2)(a)(ii)(A)]~~ (2)(a)(i)(A) or (B) also  
599           owns or operates a licensed cannabis processing facility.
- 600       (3)(a) Subject to Subsection (3)(b), a member of the advisory board shall serve for a four  
601           year term.
- 602       (b) When appointing the initial membership of the advisory board, the executive director  
603           and the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food shall coordinate to  
604           appoint four advisory board members to serve a term of two years to ensure that  
605           approximately half of the board is appointed every two years.
- 606       (4)(a) If an advisory board member is no longer able to serve as a member, a new

- 607 member shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment.
- 608 (b) A member appointed in accordance with Subsection (4)(a) shall serve for the  
609 remainder of the unexpired term of the original appointment.
- 610 (5)(a) A majority of the advisory board members constitutes a quorum.
- 611 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the advisory board.
- 612 (c) For a term lasting one year, the advisory board shall annually designate members of  
613 the advisory board to serve as chair and vice-chair.
- 614 (d) When designating the chair and vice-chair, the advisory board shall ensure that at  
615 least one individual described [~~Subsection~~] [~~-(2)(a)(i)~~] in Subsections (2)(a)(i)(D)  
616 through (H) is appointed as chair or vice-chair.
- 617 (6) An advisory board member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's  
618 service on the advisory board but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel  
619 expenses incurred as an advisory board member in accordance with:
- 620 (a) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and
- 621 (b) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
622 63A-3-107.
- 623 (7) The [~~department~~] licensing board shall:
- 624 (a) provide staff support for the advisory board; and
- 625 (b) assist the advisory board in conducting meetings.
- 626 (8) The advisory board may recommend:
- 627 (a) to the department [~~or the Department of Agriculture and Food~~] changes to current or  
628 proposed medical cannabis rules or statutes; and
- 629 (b) to the appropriate legislative committee whether the advisory board supports a  
630 change to medical cannabis statutes.
- 631 (9) The advisory board shall:
- 632 (a) review any draft rule that is authorized under Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2,  
633 Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis, or [~~Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis~~  
634 ~~Production Establishments and Pharmacies~~] this chapter;
- 635 (b) consult with the [~~Department of Agriculture and Food~~] department regarding the  
636 issuance of an additional:
- 637 (i) cultivation facility license under Section 4-41a-205; or
- 638 (ii) pharmacy license under Section 4-41a-1005;
- 639 (c) consult with the department regarding cannabis patient education;
- 640 (d) consult regarding the reasonableness of any fees set by the department [~~or the~~

641 ~~Department of Agriculture and Food]~~that pertain to the medical cannabis program;  
642 and

643 (e) consult regarding any issue pertaining to medical cannabis when asked by the  
644 department~~[- or the Department of Agriculture and Food]~~.

645 Section 10. Section ~~4-41a-112~~, which is renumbered from Section 26B-1-421 is renumbered  
646 and amended to read:

647 ~~[26B-1-421]~~ **4-41a-112 . Compassionate Use Board.**

648 ~~[(1) The definitions in Section 26B-4-201 apply to this section.]~~

649 ~~[(2)]~~ (1)(a) The ~~[department]~~ licensing board shall establish a Compassionate Use Board  
650 consisting of:

651 (i) seven qualified medical providers that the ~~[executive director]~~ commissioner  
652 appoints with the advice and consent of the Senate:

653 (A) who are knowledgeable about the medicinal use of cannabis;

654 (B) who are physicians licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice  
655 Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; and

656 (C) who are board certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties or an  
657 American Osteopathic Association Specialty Certifying Board in the specialty  
658 of neurology, pain medicine and pain management, medical oncology,  
659 psychiatry, infectious disease, internal medicine, pediatrics, family medicine,  
660 or gastroenterology; and

661 (ii) as a nonvoting member and the chair of the Compassionate Use Board, the [  
662 ~~executive director]~~ commissioner or the director's designee.

663 (b) In appointing the seven qualified medical providers described in Subsection ~~[(2)(a)]~~  
664 ~~(1)(a)~~, the ~~[executive director]~~ commissioner shall ensure that at least two have a  
665 board certification in pediatrics.

666 ~~[(3)]~~ (2)(a) Of the members of the Compassionate Use Board that the ~~[executive director]~~  
667 commissioner first appoints:

668 (i) three shall serve an initial term of two years; and

669 (ii) the remaining members shall serve an initial term of four years.

670 (b) After an initial term described in Subsection ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (2)(a) expires:

671 (i) each term is four years; and

672 (ii) each ~~[board]~~ member is eligible for reappointment.

673 (c) A member of the Compassionate Use Board may serve until a successor is appointed.

674 (d) Four members constitute a quorum of the Compassionate Use Board.

- 675 [(4)] (3) A member of the Compassionate Use Board may receive:
- 676 (a) notwithstanding Section 63A-3-106, compensation or benefits for the member's  
677 service; and
- 678 (b) travel expenses in accordance with Section 63A-3-107 and rules made by the  
679 Division of Finance in accordance with Section 63A-3-107.
- 680 [(5)] (4) The Compassionate Use Board shall:
- 681 (a) review and recommend for [~~department~~] licensing board approval a petition to the [  
682 ~~board~~] Compassionate Use Board regarding an individual described in Subsection  
683 26B-4-213(2)(a), a minor described in Subsection 26B-4-213(2)(c), or an individual  
684 who is not otherwise qualified to receive a medical cannabis card to obtain a medical  
685 cannabis card for compassionate use, for the standard or a reduced period of validity,  
686 if:
- 687 (i) for an individual who is not otherwise qualified to receive a medical cannabis  
688 card, the individual's recommending medical provider is actively treating the  
689 individual for an intractable condition that:
- 690 (A) substantially impairs the individual's quality of life; and  
691 (B) has not, in the recommending medical provider's professional opinion,  
692 adequately responded to conventional treatments;
- 693 (ii) the recommending medical provider:
- 694 (A) recommends that the individual or minor be allowed to use medical cannabis;  
695 and  
696 (B) provides a letter, relevant treatment history, and notes or copies of progress  
697 notes describing relevant treatment history including rationale for considering  
698 the use of medical cannabis; and
- 699 (iii) the Compassionate Use Board determines that:
- 700 (A) the recommendation of the individual's recommending medical provider is  
701 justified; and  
702 (B) based on available information, it may be in the best interests of the individual  
703 to allow the use of medical cannabis;
- 704 (b) when a recommending medical provider recommends that an individual described in  
705 Subsection 26B-4-213(2)(a)(i)(B) or a minor described in Subsection 26B-4-213(2)(c)  
706 be allowed to use a medical cannabis device or medical cannabis to vaporize a  
707 medical cannabis treatment, review and approve or deny the use of the medical  
708 cannabis device or medical cannabis;

- 709 (c) unless no petitions are pending:
- 710 (i) meet to receive or review compassionate use petitions at least quarterly; and
- 711 (ii) if there are more petitions than the ~~[board]~~ Compassionate Use Board can receive
- 712 or review during the ~~[board's]~~ Compassionate Use Board's regular schedule, meet
- 713 as often as necessary;
- 714 (d) except as provided in Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (5), complete a review of each petition and
- 715 recommend to the ~~[department]~~ licensing board approval or denial of the applicant for
- 716 qualification for a medical cannabis card within 90 days after the day on which the [~~board]~~
- 717 Compassionate Use Board received the petition; and
- 718 (e) consult with the ~~[department]~~ licensing board regarding the criteria described in
- 719 Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (5).
- 720 ~~[(6)]~~ (5) The ~~[department]~~ licensing board shall make rules, in consultation with the
- 721 Compassionate Use Board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
- 722 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish a process and criteria for a petition to the [~~board]~~
- 723 Compassionate Use Board to automatically qualify for expedited final review and
- 724 approval or denial by the ~~[department]~~ licensing board in cases where, in the
- 725 determination of the ~~[department]~~ licensing board and the ~~[board]~~ Compassionate Use
- 726 Board:
- 727 (a) time is of the essence;
- 728 (b) engaging the full review process would be unreasonable in light of the petitioner's
- 729 physical condition; and
- 730 (c) sufficient factors are present regarding the petitioner's safety.
- 731 ~~[(7)]~~ (6)(a)(i) The ~~[department]~~ licensing board shall review:
- 732 (A) any compassionate use for which the Compassionate Use Board recommends
- 733 approval under Subsection ~~[(5)(d)]~~ (4)(d) to determine whether the ~~[board]~~
- 734 Compassionate Use Board properly exercised the ~~[board's-]~~discretion under
- 735 this section; and
- 736 (B) any expedited petitions the ~~[department]~~ licensing board receives under the
- 737 process described in Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (5).
- 738 (ii) If the ~~[department]~~ licensing board determines that the Compassionate Use Board
- 739 properly exercised the ~~[board's]~~ Compassionate Use Board's discretion in
- 740 recommending approval under Subsection ~~[(5)(d)]~~ (4)(d) or that the expedited
- 741 petition merits approval based on the criteria established in accordance with
- 742 Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (5), the ~~[department]~~ licensing board shall:

- 743 (A) issue the relevant medical cannabis card; and
- 744 (B) provide for the renewal of the medical cannabis card in accordance with the
- 745 recommendation of the recommending medical provider described in
- 746 Subsection ~~[(5)(a)] (4)(a).~~
- 747 (b) If the Compassionate Use Board recommends denial under Subsection ~~[(5)(d)] (4)(d),~~
- 748 the individual seeking to obtain a medical cannabis card may petition the [department]
- 749 licensing board to review the [board's] Compassionate Use Board's decision.
- 750 (c) In reviewing the Compassionate Use Board's recommendation for approval or denial
- 751 under Subsection ~~[(5)(d)] (4)(d)~~ in accordance with this Subsection ~~[(7)] (6),~~ the [
- 752 department] licensing board shall presume the [board] Compassionate Use Board
- 753 properly exercised the [board's] Compassionate Use Board's discretion unless the [
- 754 department] licensing board determines that the [board's]-recommendation was
- 755 arbitrary or capricious.

756 ~~[(8)] (7)~~ Any individually identifiable health information contained in a petition that the

757 Compassionate Use Board or [department] licensing board receives under this section is

758 a protected record in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records

759 Access and Management Act.

760 ~~[(9)] (8)~~ The Compassionate Use Board shall annually report ~~[the board's]-~~activity to the

761 advisory board.

762 *The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.*

763 Section 11. Section **4-41a-201** is amended to read:

764 **4-41a-201 . Cannabis production establishment -- License.**

765 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (14), a person may not operate a cannabis production

766 establishment without a license that the department issues under this chapter.

767 (2)(a)(i) Subject to Subsections (6), (7), (8), and (13) and to Section 4-41a-205, for a

768 licensing process that the department initiates after March 17, 2021, the

769 department, through the licensing board, shall issue licenses in accordance with

770 Section 4-41a-201.1.

771 (ii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,

772 the department shall make rules to specify a transparent and efficient process to:

- 773 (A) solicit applications for a license under this section;
- 774 (B) allow for comments and questions in the development of applications;
- 775 (C) timely and objectively evaluate applications;
- 776 (D) hold public hearings that the department deems appropriate; and

- 777 (E) select applicants to receive a license.
- 778 (iii) The department may not issue a license to operate a cannabis production  
779 establishment to an applicant who is not eligible for a license under this section.
- 780 (b) An applicant is eligible for a license under this section if the applicant submits to the  
781 licensing board:
- 782 (i) subject to Subsection (2)(c), a proposed name and each address, located in a zone  
783 described in Subsection 4-41a-406(2)(a) or (b), where the applicant will operate  
784 the cannabis production establishment;
- 785 (ii) the name and address of any individual who has:
- 786 (A) for a publicly traded company, a financial or voting interest of 10% or greater  
787 in the proposed cannabis production establishment;
- 788 (B) for a privately held company, a financial or voting interest in the proposed  
789 cannabis production establishment; or
- 790 (C) the power to direct or cause the management or control of a proposed cannabis  
791 production establishment;
- 792 (iii) an operating plan that:
- 793 (A) complies with Section 4-41a-204;
- 794 (B) includes operating procedures that comply with this chapter and any law the  
795 municipality or county in which the person is located adopts that is consistent  
796 with Section 4-41a-406; and
- 797 (C) the department or licensing board approves;
- 798 (iv) a statement that the applicant will obtain and maintain a liquid cash account with  
799 a financial institution or a performance bond that a surety authorized to transact  
800 surety business in the state issues in an amount of at least:
- 801 (A) \$100,000 for each cannabis cultivation facility for which the applicant applies;  
802 or
- 803 (B) \$50,000 for each cannabis processing facility or independent cannabis testing  
804 laboratory for which the applicant applies;
- 805 (v) an application fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection 4-41a-104(5), the  
806 department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and
- 807 (vi) a description of any investigation or adverse action taken by any licensing  
808 jurisdiction, government agency, law enforcement agency, or court in any state for  
809 any violation or detrimental conduct in relation to any of the applicant's  
810 cannabis-related operations or businesses.

- 811 (c)(i) A person may not locate a cannabis production establishment:
- 812 (A) within 1,000 feet of a community location; or
- 813 (B) in or within 600 feet of a district that the relevant municipality or county has
- 814 zoned as primarily residential.
- 815 (ii) The proximity requirements described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) shall be measured
- 816 from the nearest entrance to the cannabis production establishment by following
- 817 the shortest route of ordinary pedestrian travel to the property boundary of the
- 818 community location or residential area.
- 819 (iii) The licensing board may grant a waiver to reduce the proximity requirements in
- 820 Subsection (2)(c)(i) by up to 20% if the licensing board determines that it is not
- 821 reasonably feasible for the applicant to site the proposed cannabis production
- 822 establishment without the waiver.
- 823 (iv) An applicant for a license under this section shall provide evidence of
- 824 compliance with the proximity requirements described in Subsection (2)(c)(i).
- 825 (3) If the licensing board approves an application for a license under this section and
- 826 Section 4-41a-201.1:
- 827 (a) the applicant shall pay the department an initial license fee in an amount that, subject
- 828 to Subsection 4-41a-104(5), the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- 829 and
- 830 (b) the department shall notify the Department of Public Safety of the license approval
- 831 and the names of each individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii).
- 832 (4)(a) Except as provided in this Subsection (4), a cannabis production establishment
- 833 shall obtain a separate license for each type of cannabis production establishment and
- 834 each location of a cannabis production establishment.
- 835 (b) The licensing board may issue a cannabis cultivation facility license and a cannabis
- 836 processing facility license to a person to operate at the same physical location or at
- 837 separate physical locations.
- 838 (c) A cannabis cultivation facility may operate at [~~two~~] three addresses under a single
- 839 license.
- 840 (d) A tier one cannabis processing facility may operate at a second address under the
- 841 same tier one license if:
- 842 (i) the second address is co-located at a cannabis cultivation facility operated by the
- 843 same licensee; and
- 844 (ii) the licensee pays a fee of \$70,000 for the second location.

- 845 (e) An applicant for a tier two cannabis processing facility license that has a cannabis  
846 cultivation facility license and intends to process cannabis at the cannabis cultivation  
847 facility shall pay a fee of \$25,000 for the tier two cannabis processing facility license.
- 848 (5) If the licensing board receives more than one application for a cannabis production  
849 establishment within the same city or town, the licensing board shall consult with the  
850 local land use authority before approving any of the applications pertaining to that city  
851 or town.
- 852 (6) The licensing board may not issue a license to operate an independent cannabis testing  
853 laboratory to a person who:
- 854 (a) holds a license or has an ownership interest in a medical cannabis pharmacy, a  
855 cannabis processing facility, or a cannabis cultivation facility;
- 856 (b) has an owner, officer, director, or employee whose family member holds a license or  
857 has an ownership interest in a medical cannabis pharmacy, a cannabis processing  
858 facility, or a cannabis cultivation facility; or
- 859 (c) proposes to operate the independent cannabis testing laboratory at the same physical  
860 location as a medical cannabis pharmacy, a cannabis processing facility, or a  
861 cannabis cultivation facility.
- 862 (7) The licensing board may not issue a license to operate a cannabis production  
863 establishment to an applicant if any individual described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii):
- 864 (a) has been convicted under state or federal law of:
- 865 (i) a felony in the preceding 10 years; or
- 866 (ii) after December 3, 2018, a misdemeanor for drug distribution;
- 867 (b) is younger than 21 years old; or
- 868 (c) after September 23, 2019, until January 1, 2023, is actively serving as a legislator.
- 869 (8)(a) If an applicant for a cannabis production establishment license under this section  
870 holds a license under~~[Title 4,]~~ Chapter 41, Hemp and Cannabinoid Act, the  
871 licensing board may not give preference to the applicant based on the applicant's  
872 status as a holder of the license.
- 873 (b) If an applicant for a license to operate a cannabis cultivation facility under this  
874 section holds a license to operate a medical cannabis pharmacy under this title, the  
875 licensing board may give consideration to the applicant based on the applicant's  
876 status as a holder of a medical cannabis pharmacy license if:
- 877 (i) the applicant demonstrates that a decrease in costs to patients is more likely to  
878 result from the applicant's vertical integration than from a more competitive

- 879 marketplace; and
- 880 (ii) the licensing board finds multiple other factors, in addition to the existing license,
- 881 that support granting the new license.
- 882 (9) The licensing board may revoke a license under this part:
- 883 (a) if the cannabis production establishment does not begin cannabis production
- 884 operations within one year after the day on which the licensing board issues the
- 885 initial license;
- 886 (b) after the third of the same violation of this chapter in any of the licensee's licensed
- 887 cannabis production establishments or medical cannabis pharmacies;
- 888 (c) if any individual described in Subsection (2)(b) is convicted, while the license is
- 889 active, under state or federal law of:
- 890 (i) a felony; or
- 891 (ii) after December 3, 2018, a misdemeanor for drug distribution;
- 892 (d) if the licensee fails to provide the information described in Subsection (2)(b)(vi) at
- 893 the time of application, or fails to supplement the information described in
- 894 Subsection (2)(b)(vi) with any investigation or adverse action that occurs after the
- 895 submission of the application within 14 calendar days after the licensee receives
- 896 notice of the investigation or adverse action;
- 897 (e) if the cannabis production establishment demonstrates a willful or reckless disregard
- 898 for the requirements of this chapter or the rules the department makes in accordance
- 899 with this chapter;
- 900 (f) if, after a change of ownership described in Subsection (15)(b), the board determines
- 901 that the cannabis production establishment no longer meets the minimum standards
- 902 for licensure and operation of the cannabis production establishment described in this
- 903 chapter;
- 904 (g) for an independent cannabis testing laboratory, if the independent cannabis testing
- 905 laboratory fails to substantially meet the performance standards described in
- 906 Subsection (14)(b); or
- 907 (h) if, following an investigation conducted pursuant to Subsection 4-41a-201.1(11), the
- 908 board finds that the licensee has participated in an anticompetitive business practice.
- 909 (10)(a) A person who receives a cannabis production establishment license under this
- 910 chapter, if the municipality or county where the licensed cannabis production
- 911 establishment will be located requires a local land use permit, shall submit to the
- 912 licensing board a copy of the licensee's approved application for the land use permit

- 913 within 120 days after the day on which the licensing board issues the license.
- 914 (b) If a licensee fails to submit to the licensing board a copy of the licensee's approved  
915 land use permit application in accordance with Subsection (10)(a), the licensing  
916 board may revoke the licensee's license.
- 917 (11) The department shall deposit the proceeds of a fee that the department imposes under  
918 this section into the Qualified Production Enterprise Fund.
- 919 (12) The department shall begin accepting applications under this part on or before January  
920 1, 2020.
- 921 (13)(a) The department's authority, and consequently the licensing board's authority, to  
922 issue a license under this section is plenary and is not subject to review.
- 923 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection [~~(2)(a)(ii)(A)~~] (2)(a)(ii), the decision of the department  
924 to award a license to an applicant is not subject to:
- 925 (i) Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Part 16, Protests; or  
926 (ii) Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Part 17, Procurement Appeals Board.
- 927 (14)(a) Notwithstanding this section, the department:
- 928 (i) may operate or partner with a research university to operate an independent  
929 cannabis testing laboratory;
- 930 (ii) if the department operates or partners with a research university to operate an  
931 independent cannabis testing laboratory, may not cease operating or partnering  
932 with a research university to operate the independent cannabis testing laboratory  
933 unless:
- 934 (A) the department issues at least two licenses to independent cannabis testing  
935 laboratories; and
- 936 (B) the department has ensured that the licensed independent cannabis testing  
937 laboratories have sufficient capacity to provide the testing necessary to support  
938 the state's medical cannabis market; and
- 939 (iii) after ceasing department or research university operations under Subsection  
940 (14)(a)(ii) shall resume independent cannabis testing laboratory operations at any  
941 time if:
- 942 (A) fewer than two licensed independent cannabis testing laboratories are  
943 operating; or
- 944 (B) the licensed independent cannabis testing laboratories become, in the  
945 department's determination, unable to fully meet the market demand for testing.
- 946 (b)(i) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,

- 947 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish performance standards for the  
 948 operation of an independent cannabis testing laboratory, including deadlines for  
 949 testing completion.
- 950 (ii) A license that the department issues to an independent cannabis testing laboratory  
 951 is contingent upon substantial satisfaction of the performance standards described  
 952 in Subsection (14)(b)(i), as determined by the board.
- 953 (15)(a) A cannabis production establishment license is not transferrable or assignable.
- 954 (b) If the ownership of a cannabis production establishment changes by 50% or more:
- 955 (i) the cannabis production establishment shall submit a new application described in  
 956 Subsection (2)(b), subject to Subsection (2)(c);
- 957 (ii) within 30 days of the submission of the application, the board shall:
- 958 (A) conduct the application review described in Section 4-41a-201.1; and
- 959 (B) award a license to the cannabis production establishment for the remainder of  
 960 the term of the cannabis production establishment's license before the  
 961 ownership change if the cannabis production establishment meets the minimum  
 962 standards for licensure and operation of the cannabis production establishment  
 963 described in this chapter; and
- 964 (iii) if the board approves the license application, notwithstanding Subsection (3), the  
 965 cannabis production establishment shall pay a license fee that the department sets  
 966 in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 in an amount that covers the board's cost of  
 967 conducting the application review.

968 Section 12. Section **4-41a-201.1** is amended to read:

969 **4-41a-201.1 . Specialized Product Authority Licensing Board -- Composition --**

970 **Duties.**

- 971 (1) There is created within the department the [~~Cannabis Production Establishment and~~  
 972 ~~Pharmacy Licensing Advisory~~] Specialized Product Authority Licensing Board.
- 973 (2) The commissioner shall[;]
- 974 [~~(a) appoint the members of~~] hire three directors as employees of the department to be on  
 975 the licensing board[;] .
- 976 [~~(b) submit the name of each individual that the commissioner appoints under~~  
 977 ~~Subsection (2)(a) to the governor for confirmation or rejection; and~~]
- 978 [~~(c) if the governor rejects an appointee that the commissioner submits under Subsection~~  
 979 ~~(2)(b), appoint another individual in accordance with this Subsection (2).]~~
- 980 (3)(a) [~~Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the~~] The licensing board shall consist of [

981 the following eight members:] three directors.

982 [(i) the following seven voting members whom the commissioner appoints:]

983 [(A) one member of the public;]

984 [(B) one member with knowledge and experience in the pharmaceutical or  
985 nutraceutical manufacturing industry;]

986 [(C) one member representing law enforcement;]

987 [(D) one member whom an organization representing medical cannabis patients  
988 recommends;]

989 [(E) a chemist who has experience with cannabis and who is associated with a  
990 research university;]

991 [(F) a pharmacist who is not associated with the medical cannabis industry; and]

992 [(G) an accountant; and]

993 [(ii) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee as a non-voting member,  
994 except to cast a deciding vote in the event of a tie.]

995 [(b) The commissioner may appoint a ninth member to the licensing board who has a  
996 background in the cannabis cultivation and processing industry.]

997 [(c) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall serve as the chair of the  
998 licensing board.]

999 [(d)] (b) An individual is not eligible [~~for appointment to be a member~~] as a director of  
1000 the licensing board if the individual:

1001 (i) has any commercial or ownership interest in a cannabis production establishment,  
1002 medical cannabis pharmacy, or medical cannabis courier;

1003 (ii) has an owner, officer, director, or employee whose family member holds a license  
1004 or has an ownership interest in a cannabis production establishment, medical  
1005 cannabis pharmacy, or medical cannabis courier; or

1006 (iii) is employed or contracted to lobby on behalf of any cannabis production  
1007 establishment, medical cannabis pharmacy, or medical cannabis courier.

1008 (c) At least one member of the licensing board shall have experience related to public  
1009 health or medicine.

1010 [(4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), a voting licensing board member shall  
1011 serve a term of four years, beginning July 1 and ending June 30.]

1012 [(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), for the initial appointments to the licensing  
1013 board, the commissioner shall stagger the length of the terms of licensing board  
1014 members to ensure that the commissioner appoints two or three licensing board

- 1015 ~~members every two years.]~~
- 1016 ~~[(e) As a licensing board member's term expires:]~~
- 1017 ~~[(i) the licensing board member is eligible for reappointment; and]~~
- 1018 ~~[(ii) the commissioner shall make an appointment, in accordance with Subsection (2),~~
- 1019 ~~for the new term before the end of the member's term.]~~
- 1020 ~~[(d) When a vacancy occurs on the licensing board for any reason other than the~~
- 1021 ~~expiration of a licensing board member's term, the commissioner shall appoint a~~
- 1022 ~~replacement to the vacant position, in accordance with Subsection (2), for the~~
- 1023 ~~unexpired term.]~~
- 1024 ~~[(e) In making appointments, the commissioner shall ensure that no two members of the~~
- 1025 ~~licensing board are employed by or represent the same company or nonprofit~~
- 1026 ~~organization.]~~
- 1027 ~~[(f) The commissioner may remove a licensing board member for cause, neglect of duty,~~
- 1028 ~~inefficiency, or malfeasance]~~
- 1029 ~~(4) A director serves at the pleasure of the commissioner.~~
- 1030 ~~(5)(a)[(i) Five] Two members of the licensing board constitute a quorum of the~~
- 1031 ~~licensing board.~~
- 1032 ~~[(ii)] (b) An action of the majority of the licensing board members when a quorum is~~
- 1033 ~~present constitutes an action of the licensing board.~~
- 1034 ~~[(b) The department shall provide staff support to the licensing board.]~~
- 1035 ~~[(e) A member of the licensing board may not receive compensation or benefits for the~~
- 1036 ~~member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:]~~
- 1037 ~~[(i) Section 63A-3-106;]~~
- 1038 ~~[(ii) Section 63A-3-107; and]~~
- 1039 ~~[(iii) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106~~
- 1040 ~~and 63A-3-107.]~~
- 1041 (6) The licensing board shall:
- 1042 (a) ~~[meet as called by the chair to -]~~review cannabis production establishment, medical
- 1043 cannabis pharmacy, and medical cannabis courier license applications;
- 1044 (b) review each license application for compliance with:
- 1045 (i) this chapter; and
- 1046 (ii) department rules;
- 1047 (c) conduct a public hearing to consider the license application;
- 1048 (d) approve the department's license application forms and checklists; and

- 1049 (e) make a determination on each license application.
- 1050 (7) The licensing board shall hold a public hearing to review a cannabis production  
1051 establishment's or medical cannabis pharmacy's license if the establishment:  
1052 (a) changes ownership by an interest of 20% or more;  
1053 (b) changes or adds a location;  
1054 (c) upgrades to a different licensing tier under department rule;  
1055 (d) changes extraction or formulation standard operating procedures;  
1056 (e) adds an industrial hemp processing or cultivation [~~license~~] operation to the same  
1057 location as the cannabis production establishment's processing facility; or  
1058 (f) as necessary based on the recommendation of the department.
- 1059 (8) In a public hearing held under Subsection (7), the licensing board may consider the  
1060 following in determining whether to approve a request to change pharmacy locations:  
1061 (a) medical cannabis availability, quality, and variety;  
1062 (b) whether geographic dispersal among licensees is sufficient to reasonably maximize  
1063 access to the largest number of medical cannabis cardholders;  
1064 (c) the extent to which the pharmacy can increase efficiency and reduce the cost to  
1065 patients of medical cannabis; and  
1066 (d) the factors listed in Subsection 4-41a-1004(7).
- 1067 (9) In a public hearing held [~~pursuant to~~] under Subsection (7), the licensing board may not  
1068 approve a request to change a medical cannabis pharmacy location outside of the  
1069 pharmacy's current region established under Subsection 4-41a-1005(1)(c)(ii)(A).
- 1070 (10)(a) The licensing board shall meet as necessary to consider cannabis production  
1071 establishment, medical cannabis pharmacy, and medical cannabis courier license  
1072 renewal applications.
- 1073 (b) During the public meeting described in Subsection (10)(a):  
1074 (i) a representative from each applicant for renewal shall:  
1075 (A) attend in person or electronically; or  
1076 (B) submit information before the meeting, as the licensing board may require, for  
1077 the licensing board's consideration;  
1078 (ii) the licensing board shall consider, for each cannabis cultivation facility seeking  
1079 renewal, information including:  
1080 (A) the amount of biomass the licensee produced during the current calendar year;  
1081 (B) the amount of biomass the licensee projects to produce during the following  
1082 year;

- 1083 (C) the amount of hemp waste the licensee currently holds;  
 1084 (D) the current square footage or acres of growing area the licensee uses; and  
 1085 (E) the square footage or acres of growing area the licensee projects to use in the  
 1086 following year;
- 1087 (iii) the licensing board shall consider, for each cannabis processing facility seeking  
 1088 renewal, information including:  
 1089 (A) methods and procedures for extraction;  
 1090 (B) standard operating procedures; and  
 1091 (C) a complete listing of the medical dosage forms that the licensee produces; and  
 1092 (iv) the licensing board shall consider, for each cannabis pharmacy seeking renewal,  
 1093 information including:  
 1094 (A) product availability, quality, and variety;  
 1095 (B) the pharmacy's operating procedures and practices; and  
 1096 (C) the factors listed in Subsection 4-41a-1003(1).
- 1097 (c) Following consideration of the information provided under Subsection (10)(b), the  
 1098 licensing board may elect to approve, deny, or issue conditional approval of a  
 1099 cannabis production establishment or pharmacy license renewal application.
- 1100 (d) The information a licensee or license applicant provides to the licensing board for a  
 1101 license determination constitutes a protected record under Subsection 63G-2-305(1)  
 1102 or (2) if the applicant or licensee provides the licensing board with the information  
 1103 regarding business confidentiality required in Section 63G-2-309.
- 1104 (11)(a) In cooperation with the attorney general, the licensing board may investigate  
 1105 information received by the department indicating that a licensee is potentially  
 1106 engaging in anticompetitive business practices.
- 1107 (b) In investigating potential anticompetitive business practices under this section, the  
 1108 attorney general may issue civil investigative demands as set forth in Section  
 1109 76-16-506.
- 1110 ~~[(12) The department shall:]~~  
 1111 ~~[(a) provide staff support for the licensing board;]~~  
 1112 ~~[(b) assist the licensing board in conducting meetings; and]~~  
 1113 ~~[(c) review all submitted applications for completion and accuracy.]~~
- 1114 (12)(a) The licensing board shall hear all appeals related to administrative action taken  
 1115 under this chapter, Chapter 41, Hemp and Cannabinoid Act, and Chapter 45, Kratom  
 1116 Consumer Protection Act, as an informal proceeding under Title 63G, Chapter 4,

- 1117 Administrative Procedures Act.
- 1118 (b) The licensing board shall create rules for hearing appeals in accordance with Title
- 1119 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 1120 (13)(a) The licensing board in consultation with the Compassionate Use Board described
- 1121 in Section 4-41a-112 shall provide recommendations, if any, to the Medical Cannabis
- 1122 Governance Structure Working Group regarding additional conditions to be added to
- 1123 the qualifying conditions list described in Section 26B-4-203.
- 1124 (b) The licensing board shall create a process that allows the public to suggest conditions
- 1125 that should be recommended to the Legislature for inclusion on the qualifying
- 1126 conditions list.
- 1127 (14) For rules made under this chapter, the department shall collaborate with the licensing
- 1128 board when making the rules.
- 1129 (15) The licensing board shall supervise and assist the department in carrying out the duties
- 1130 described in Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis.
- 1131 (16) Except as required by this chapter to hold a public meeting or hearing, the licensing
- 1132 board is not subject to Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.
- 1133 Section 13. Section **4-41a-204** is amended to read:
- 1134 **4-41a-204 . Operating plan.**
- 1135 (1) A person applying for a cannabis production establishment license or license renewal
- 1136 shall submit to the department for the department's review a proposed operating plan
- 1137 that complies with this section and that includes:
- 1138 (a) a description of the physical characteristics of each proposed facility, including a
- 1139 floor plan and an architectural elevation;
- 1140 (b) a description of the credentials and experience of:
- 1141 (i) each officer, director, and owner of the proposed cannabis production
- 1142 establishment; and
- 1143 (ii) any highly skilled or experienced prospective employee;
- 1144 (c) the cannabis production establishment's employee training standards;
- 1145 (d) a security plan;
- 1146 (e) a description of the cannabis production establishment's inventory control system,
- 1147 including a description of how the inventory control system is compatible with the
- 1148 state electronic verification system described in Section 26B-4-202;
- 1149 (f) storage protocols, both short- and long-term, to ensure that cannabis is stored in a
- 1150 manner that is sanitary and preserves the integrity of the cannabis;

- 1151 (g) for a cannabis cultivation facility, the information described in Subsection (2);  
1152 (h) for a cannabis processing facility, the information described in Subsection (3);  
1153 (i) for an independent cannabis testing laboratory, the information described in  
1154 Subsection (4); and  
1155 (j) for a cannabis production establishment located in an industrial zone, a plan to reduce  
1156 odor created by the cannabis production establishment that:  
1157 (i) meets local ordinance nuisance laws; and  
1158 (ii) identifies:  
1159 (A) operations and materials that generate odors; and  
1160 (B) equipment, operations, or materials the cannabis production establishment will  
1161 use to mitigate odor emissions, including plans to maintain equipment.
- 1162 (2)(a) A cannabis cultivation facility shall ensure that the facility's operating plan  
1163 includes the facility's intended:  
1164 (i) cannabis cultivation practices, including the facility's intended pesticide use and  
1165 plant food use; and  
1166 (ii) subject to Subsection (2)(b), acreage or square footage under cultivation and  
1167 anticipated cannabis yield.
- 1168 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c)(i) or (c)(ii), a cannabis cultivation facility  
1169 may not:  
1170 (i) for a facility that cultivates cannabis only indoors, use more than 100,000 total  
1171 square feet of cultivation space;  
1172 (ii) for a facility that cultivates cannabis only outdoors, use more than four acres for  
1173 cultivation; and  
1174 (iii) for a facility that cultivates cannabis through a combination of indoor and  
1175 outdoor cultivation, use more combined indoor square footage and outdoor  
1176 acreage than allowed under the department's formula described in Subsection  
1177 (2)(e).
- 1178 (c)(i) Each licensee may apply to the department for:  
1179 (A) a one-time, permanent increase of up to 20% of the limitation on the cannabis  
1180 cultivation facility's cultivation space; or  
1181 (B) a short-term increase, not to exceed 12 months, of up to 40% of the limitation  
1182 on the cannabis cultivation facility's cultivation space.  
1183 (ii) After conducting a review equivalent to the review described in Subsection  
1184 4-41a-205(2)(a), if the department determines that additional cultivation is

- 1185 needed, the department may:
- 1186 (A) grant the one-time, permanent increase described in Subsection (2)(c)(i)(A); or
- 1187 (B) grant the short-term increase described in Subsection (2)(c)(i)(B).
- 1188 (d) If a licensee describes an intended acreage or square footage under cultivation under
- 1189 Subsection (2)(a)(ii) that is less than the limitation described in Subsection (2)(b), the
- 1190 licensee may not cultivate more than the licensee's identified intended acreage or
- 1191 square footage under cultivation.
- 1192 (e) The department shall, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
- 1193 Rulemaking Act, establish a formula for combined usage of indoor and outdoor
- 1194 cultivation that:
- 1195 (i) does not exceed, in estimated cultivation yield, the aggregate limitations described
- 1196 in Subsection (2)(b)(i) or (ii); and
- 1197 (ii) allows a cannabis cultivation facility to operate both indoors and outdoors.
- 1198 (f)(i) The department may authorize a cannabis cultivation facility to operate at no
- 1199 more than [~~two~~] three separate locations.
- 1200 (ii) If the department authorizes multiple locations under Subsection (2)(f)(i)[~~]~~ :
- 1201 (A) [~~]~~the [~~two~~] multiple cannabis cultivation facility locations combined may not
- 1202 exceed the cultivation limitations described in this Subsection (2)[~~]~~ ; and
- 1203 (B) the cannabis cultivation facility shall pay a \$15,000 fee for each location after
- 1204 the second location.
- 1205 (3) A cannabis processing facility's operating plan shall include the facility's intended
- 1206 cannabis processing practices, including the cannabis processing facility's intended:
- 1207 (a) offered variety of cannabis product;
- 1208 (b) cannabinoid extraction method;
- 1209 (c) cannabinoid extraction equipment;
- 1210 (d) processing equipment;
- 1211 (e) processing techniques; and
- 1212 (f) sanitation and manufacturing safety procedures for items for human consumption.
- 1213 (4) An independent cannabis testing laboratory's operating plan shall include the
- 1214 laboratory's intended:
- 1215 (a) cannabis and cannabis product testing capability;
- 1216 (b) cannabis and cannabis product testing equipment; and
- 1217 (c) testing methods, standards, practices, and procedures for testing cannabis and
- 1218 cannabis products.

1219 (5) Notwithstanding an applicant's proposed operating plan, a cannabis production  
1220 establishment is subject to land use regulations implemented by a local land use  
1221 authority under Title 10, Chapter 20, Municipal Land Use, Development, and  
1222 Management Act, or Title 17, Chapter 79, County Land Use, Development, and  
1223 Management Act, regarding the availability of outdoor cultivation in an industrial zone.

1224 Section 14. Section **4-41a-602** is amended to read:

1225 **4-41a-602 . Cannabis product -- Labeling and child-resistant packaging.**

1226 (1) For any cannabis product that a cannabis processing facility processes or produces and  
1227 for any raw cannabis that the facility packages, the facility shall:

1228 (a) label the cannabis or cannabis product with a label that:

1229 (i) clearly and unambiguously states that the cannabis product or package contains  
1230 cannabis;

1231 (ii) clearly displays the amount of total composite tetrahydrocannabinol, cannabidiol,  
1232 and any known cannabinoid that is greater than 1% of the total cannabinoids  
1233 contained in the cannabis or cannabis product as determined under Subsection  
1234 4-41a-701(4);

1235 (iii) has a unique identification number that:

1236 (A) is connected to the inventory control system; and

1237 (B) identifies the unique cannabis product manufacturing process the cannabis  
1238 processing facility used to manufacture the cannabis product;

1239 (iv) identifies the cannabinoid extraction process that the cannabis processing facility  
1240 used to create the cannabis product;

1241 (v) does not display an image, word, or phrase that the facility knows or should know  
1242 appeals to children; and

1243 (vi) discloses each active or potentially active ingredient, in order of prominence, and  
1244 possible allergen; and

1245 (b) package the raw cannabis or cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form in a  
1246 container that:

1247 (i) is tamper evident and tamper resistant;

1248 (ii) does not appeal to children;

1249 (iii) does not mimic a candy container;

1250 (iv) complies with child-resistant effectiveness standards that the United States  
1251 Consumer Product Safety Commission establishes;

1252 (v) includes a warning label that states:

- 1253 (A) for a container labeled on or after January 1, 2024, "WARNING: Cannabis  
1254 has intoxicating effects, may be addictive, and may increase risk of mental  
1255 illness. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under its influence. KEEP OUT  
1256 OF REACH OF CHILDREN. This product is for medical use only. Use only as  
1257 directed by a recommending medical provider."; or
- 1258 (B) for a container labeled on or after January 1, 2026, "WARNING: Cannabis  
1259 use by pregnant or breastfeeding women, may result in fetal injury, preterm  
1260 birth, or developmental problems for the child. Cannabis may be addictive and  
1261 may increase risk of mental illness. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery  
1262 under its influence. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. This product is  
1263 for medical use only. Use only as directed by a recommending medical  
1264 provider."; and
- 1265 (vi) for raw cannabis or a cannabis product sold in a vaporizer cartridge labeled on or  
1266 after May 3, 2023, includes a warning label that states:
- 1267 (A) "WARNING: Vaping of cannabis-derived products has been associated with  
1268 lung injury."; and
- 1269 (B) "WARNING: Inhalation of cannabis smoke has been associated with lung  
1270 injury."
- 1271 (2) To ensure that a cannabis product that a cannabis processing facility processes or  
1272 produces has a medical rather than recreational disposition, the facility may not produce  
1273 or process a product whose logo, product name, or brand name includes terms related to  
1274 recreational marijuana, including "weed," "pot," "reefer," "grass," "hash," "ganja,"  
1275 "Mary Jane," "high," "haze," "stoned," "joint," "bud," "smoke," "euphoria," "dank,"  
1276 "doobie," "kush," "frost," "cookies," "rec," "bake," "blunt," "combust," "bong,"  
1277 "budtender," "dab," "blaze," "toke," or "420."
- 1278 (3) For any cannabis or cannabis product that the cannabis processing facility processes into  
1279 a gelatinous cube, gelatinous rectangular cuboid, or lozenge in a cube or rectangular  
1280 cuboid shape, the facility shall:
- 1281 (a) ensure that the label described in Subsection (1)(a) does not contain a photograph or  
1282 other image of the content of the container; and
- 1283 (b) include on the label described in Subsection (1)(a) a warning about the risks of  
1284 over-consumption.
- 1285 (4) For any cannabis product that contains an artificially derived cannabinoid, the cannabis  
1286 processing facility shall ensure that the label clearly:

- 1287 (a) identifies each artificially derived cannabinoid; and
- 1288 (b) identifies that each artificially derived cannabinoid is an artificially derived
- 1289 cannabinoid.
- 1290 (5)(a) A cannabis processor may not distribute medical cannabis with a label, logo,
- 1291 brand name, or in packaging if the label, logo, brand name, or packaging has not been
- 1292 pre-approved by the department.
- 1293 (b) If the department has approved a label or packaging, a cannabis processor may
- 1294 change the approved label or packaging and use the changed label or packaging for
- 1295 use with another medical cannabis product without obtaining the department's
- 1296 approval if:
- 1297 (i) the label or packaging complies with the requirements of this chapter and rules
- 1298 made under this chapter;
- 1299 (ii) the only change to the label and packaging are changes to one or more of the
- 1300 following:
- 1301 (A) flavor information;
- 1302 (B) terpene information; or
- 1303 (C) cultivar information; and
- 1304 (iii) no other changes were made to the label or package including graphics, fonts,
- 1305 sizing, or colors.
- 1306 [~~5~~] (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
- 1307 department:
- 1308 (a) shall make rules to establish:
- 1309 (i) a standard labeling format that:
- 1310 (A) complies with the requirements of this section; and
- 1311 (B) ensures inclusion of a pharmacy label; and
- 1312 (ii) additional requirements on packaging for cannabis and cannabis products to
- 1313 ensure safety and product quality; and
- 1314 (b) may make rules to further define standards regarding images, words, phrases, or
- 1315 containers that may appeal to children under Subsection (1)(a)(v) or (1)(b)(ii).
- 1316 Section 15. Section **4-41a-801** is amended to read:
- 1317 **4-41a-801 . Enforcement -- Fine -- Citation.**
- 1318 (1)(a) If a person that is a cannabis production establishment, a cannabis production
- 1319 establishment agent, a medical cannabis pharmacy, a medical cannabis pharmacy
- 1320 agent, or a medical cannabis courier, violates this chapter, the department may:

- 1321 (i) revoke the person's license or agent registration card;
- 1322 (ii) decline to renew the person's license or agent registration card;
- 1323 (iii) assess the person an administrative penalty that the department establishes by
- 1324 rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking
- 1325 Act; or
- 1326 (iv) provide a letter of concern in accordance with Subsection (8).
- 1327 (b) Except for a violation that threatens public health or for the third violation of the
- 1328 same rule or statute in a 24-month period, the department shall issue a letter of
- 1329 concern before taking other administrative action under this section.
- 1330 (2) The department shall deposit an administrative penalty imposed under this section into
- 1331 the General Fund.
- 1332 (3)(a) The department may take an action described in Subsection (3)(b) if the
- 1333 department concludes, upon investigation, that, for a person that is a cannabis
- 1334 production establishment, a cannabis production establishment agent, a medical
- 1335 cannabis pharmacy, a medical cannabis pharmacy agent, or a medical cannabis
- 1336 courier:
- 1337 (i) the person has violated the provisions of this chapter, a rule made under this
- 1338 chapter, or an order issued under this chapter; or.
- 1339 (ii) the person produced cannabis or a cannabis product batch that contains a
- 1340 substance, other than cannabis, that poses a significant threat to human health.
- 1341 (b) If the department makes the determination about a person described in Subsection
- 1342 (3)(a), the department may:
- 1343 (i) issue the person a written administrative citation;
- 1344 (ii) attempt to negotiate a stipulated settlement;
- 1345 (iii) order the person to cease and desist from the action that creates a violation; or
- 1346 (iv) direct the person to appear before an adjudicative proceeding conducted under
- 1347 Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- 1348 (c) If the department concludes, upon investigation, that a cannabis production
- 1349 establishment or a cannabis production establishment agent has produced a cannabis
- 1350 batch or a cannabis product batch that contains a substance that poses a significant
- 1351 threat to human health, the department shall seize, embargo, or destroy the cannabis
- 1352 batch or cannabis product batch.
- 1353 (4) The department may, for a person subject to an uncontested citation, a stipulated
- 1354 settlement, or a finding of a violation in an adjudicative proceeding under this section,

- 1355 for a fine amount not already specified in law, assess the person, who is not an  
1356 individual, a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation, in accordance with a fine schedule that  
1357 the department establishes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
1358 Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 1359 (5) The department may not revoke a license without first directing the licensee to appear  
1360 before an adjudicative proceeding conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative  
1361 Procedures Act.
- 1362 (6) If within 30 calendar days after the day on which a department serves a citation for a  
1363 violation of this chapter, the person that is the subject of the citation fails to request a  
1364 hearing to contest the citation, the citation becomes the department's final order.
- 1365 (7) The department may, for a person who fails to comply with a citation under this section:  
1366 (a) refuse to issue or renew the person's license or agent registration card; or  
1367 (b) suspend, revoke, or place on probation the person's license or registration card.
- 1368 (8)(a) A letter of concern shall describe:  
1369 (i) the violation including the statute or rule being violated;  
1370 (ii) possible options to remedy the issue; and  
1371 (iii) possible consequences for not remedying the violation.
- 1372 (b) Under a letter of concern, the department shall provide the person at least 30 days to  
1373 remedy the violation.
- 1374 (c) If the person fails to remedy the violation described in a letter of concern, the  
1375 department may take other enforcement action as described in this section.
- 1376 (d) If a letter of concern is resolved without an enforcement action being taken under  
1377 Subsection (8)(c), the department may not report that a letter of concern was issued to  
1378 the licensing board.
- 1379 (9)(a) Except where a criminal penalty is expressly provided for a specific violation of  
1380 this chapter, or where civil and criminal penalties are provided for violations of  
1381 Section 76-10-31, if an individual:  
1382 (i) violates a provision of this chapter, the individual is:  
1383 (A) guilty of an infraction; and  
1384 (B) subject to a \$100 fine; or  
1385 (ii) intentionally or knowingly violates a provision of this chapter or violates this  
1386 chapter three or more times, the individual is:  
1387 (A) guilty of a class B misdemeanor; and  
1388 (B) subject to a \$1,000 fine.

1389 (b) An individual who is guilty of a violation described in Subsection (9)(a) is not guilty  
1390 of a violation of Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, for the  
1391 conduct underlying the violation described in Subsection (9)(a).

1392 (10) Nothing in this section prohibits:

1393 (a) the department from referring potential criminal activity to law enforcement; or

1394 (b) the attorney general from investigating or prosecuting individuals or businesses for  
1395 violations of Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 31, Utah Antitrust Act.

1396 [~~(11) An appeal of administrative action taken under this chapter shall be heard by an  
1397 administrative law judge as an informal proceeding in accordance with Title 63G,  
1398 Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.~~]

1399 Section 16. Section ~~4-41a-1102~~ is amended to read:

1400 **4-41a-1102 . Dispensing -- Amount a medical cannabis pharmacy may dispense --**

1401 **Reporting -- Form of cannabis or cannabis product.**

1402 (1)(a) A medical cannabis pharmacy may not sell a product other than:

1403 (i) medical cannabis that the medical cannabis pharmacy acquired from another  
1404 medical cannabis pharmacy or a cannabis processing facility that is licensed under  
1405 Section 4-41a-201;

1406 (ii) a medical cannabis device; or

1407 (iii) educational material related to the medical use of cannabis.

1408 (b) A medical cannabis pharmacy may only sell an item listed in Subsection (1)(a) to an  
1409 individual with:

1410 (i)(A) a medical cannabis card; or

1411 (B) a [~~Department of Health and Human Services~~] registration described in  
1412 Subsection 26B-4-213(10); and

1413 (ii) a corresponding government issued photo identification.

1414 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), a medical cannabis pharmacy may not sell a  
1415 cannabis-based drug that the United States Food and Drug Administration has  
1416 approved.

1417 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b), a medical cannabis pharmacy may not sell a  
1418 medical cannabis device or medical cannabis to an individual described in Subsection  
1419 26B-4-213(2)(a)(i)(B) or to a minor described in Subsection 26B-4-213(2)(c) unless  
1420 the individual or minor has the approval of the Compassionate Use Board in  
1421 accordance with Subsection [~~26B-1-421(5)~~] 4-41a-112(4).

1422 (2) A medical cannabis pharmacy:

- 1423 (a) may dispense to a medical cannabis cardholder, in any one 28-day period, up to the  
1424 legal dosage limit of:
- 1425 (i) unprocessed cannabis that:
- 1426 (A) is in a medicinal dosage form; and
- 1427 (B) carries a label clearly displaying the amount of tetrahydrocannabinol and  
1428 cannabidiol in the cannabis; and
- 1429 (ii) a cannabis product that is in a medicinal dosage form; and
- 1430 (b) may not dispense:
- 1431 (i) except for a medical cannabis cardholder approved under Subsection 26B-4-245(2),  
1432 more medical cannabis than described in Subsection (2)(a); or
- 1433 (ii) any medical cannabis to an individual whose recommending medical provider did  
1434 not recommend directions of use and dosing guidelines, until the individual  
1435 consults with the pharmacy medical provider in accordance with Subsection  
1436 26B-4-231(5).
- 1437 (3)(a) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall:
- 1438 (i)(A) access the state electronic verification system before dispensing medical  
1439 cannabis to a medical cannabis cardholder in order to determine if the  
1440 cardholder or, where applicable, the associated patient has met the maximum  
1441 amount of medical cannabis described in Subsection (2); and
- 1442 (B) if the verification in Subsection (3)(a)(i)(A) indicates that the individual has  
1443 met the maximum amount described in Subsection (2), decline the sale, and  
1444 notify the recommending medical provider who made the underlying  
1445 recommendation;
- 1446 (ii) submit a record to the state electronic verification system each time the medical  
1447 cannabis pharmacy dispenses medical cannabis to a medical cannabis cardholder;
- 1448 (iii) ensure that the pharmacy medical provider who is a licensed pharmacist reviews  
1449 each medical cannabis transaction before dispensing the medical cannabis to the  
1450 cardholder in accordance with pharmacy practice standards;
- 1451 (iv) package any medical cannabis in a container that:
- 1452 (A) complies with Subsection 4-41a-602(1)(b) or, if applicable, provisions related  
1453 to a container for unprocessed cannabis flower in the definition of "medicinal  
1454 dosage form" in Section 26B-4-201; and
- 1455 (B) is tamper-resistant and tamper-evident;
- 1456 (v) for a product that is a cube that is designed for ingestion through chewing or

- 1457 holding in the mouth for slow dissolution, include a separate, off-label warning  
1458 about the risks of over-consumption; and
- 1459 (vi) beginning January 1, 2024, for medical cannabis that is cannabis flower,  
1460 vaporizer cartridges, or concentrate, provide the product's terpene profiles  
1461 collected under Subsection 4-41a-701(4) at or before the point of sale.
- 1462 (b) A medical cannabis cardholder transporting or possessing the container described in  
1463 Subsection (3)(a)(iv) in public shall keep the container within the opaque bag or box  
1464 that the medical cannabis pharmacist provides.
- 1465 (c) A medical cannabis pharmacy shall provide an opaque bag or box for the medical  
1466 cannabis cardholder to use in transporting the medical cannabis in public if the  
1467 medical cannabis cardholder does not provide an opaque bag or box.
- 1468 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), a medical cannabis pharmacy may not  
1469 sell medical cannabis in the form of a cigarette or a medical cannabis device that is  
1470 intentionally designed or constructed to resemble a cigarette.
- 1471 (b) A medical cannabis pharmacy may sell a medical cannabis device that warms  
1472 cannabis material into a vapor without the use of a flame and that delivers cannabis to  
1473 an individual's respiratory system.
- 1474 (5)(a) A medical cannabis pharmacy may not give, at no cost, a product that the medical  
1475 cannabis pharmacy is allowed to sell under Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii).
- 1476 (b) A medical cannabis pharmacy may give, at no cost, educational material related to  
1477 the medical use of cannabis.
- 1478 (6) A medical cannabis pharmacy may purchase and store medical cannabis devices  
1479 regardless of whether the seller has a cannabis-related license under this chapter or Title  
1480 26B, Utah Health and Human Services Code.
- 1481 Section 17. Section **26B-4-201** is amended to read:
- 1482 **26B-4-201 . Definitions.**
- 1483 As used in this part:
- 1484 (1) "Active tetrahydrocannabinol" means THC, any THC analog, and  
1485 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.
- 1486 (2) "Administration of criminal justice" means the performance of detection, apprehension,  
1487 detention, pretrial release, post-trial release, prosecution, and adjudication.
- 1488 (3) "Advertise" means information provided by a person in any medium:
- 1489 (a) to the public; and
- 1490 (b) that is not age restricted to an individual who is at least 21 years old.

- 1491 (4) "Advisory board" means the Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board created in  
 1492 Section ~~[26B-1-435]~~ 4-41a-111.
- 1493 (5) "Cannabis" means marijuana.
- 1494 (6) "Cannabis cultivation facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
 1495 4-41a-102.
- 1496 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) "Cannabis processing facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
 1497 4-41a-102.
- 1498 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) "Cannabis product" means a product that:  
 1499 (a) is intended for human use; and  
 1500 (b) contains cannabis or any tetrahydrocannabinol or THC analog in a total  
 1501 concentration of 0.3% or greater on a dry weight basis.
- 1502 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) "Cannabis production establishment" means the same as that term is defined in  
 1503 Section 4-41a-102.
- 1504 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) "Cannabis production establishment agent" means the same as that term is defined  
 1505 in Section 4-41a-102.
- 1506 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) "Cannabis production establishment agent registration card" means the same as  
 1507 that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
- 1508 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) "Conditional medical cannabis card" means an electronic medical cannabis card  
 1509 that the department issues in accordance with Subsection 26B-4-213(1)(b) to allow an  
 1510 applicant for a medical cannabis card to access medical cannabis during the department's  
 1511 review of the application.
- 1512 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) "Controlled substance database" means the controlled substance database created  
 1513 in Section 58-37f-201.
- 1514 ~~[(13)]~~ (14) "Delivery address" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
- 1515 ~~[(14)]~~ (15) "Department" means the ~~[Department of Health and Human Services]~~  
 1516 Department of Agriculture and Food.
- 1517 ~~[(15)]~~ (16) "Designated caregiver" means:  
 1518 (a) an individual:  
 1519 (i) whom an individual with a medical cannabis patient card or a medical cannabis  
 1520 guardian card designates as the patient's caregiver; and  
 1521 (ii) who registers with the department under Section 26B-4-214; or  
 1522 (b)(i) a facility that an individual designates as a designated caregiver in accordance  
 1523 with Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(b); or  
 1524 (ii) an assigned employee of the facility described in Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(b)(ii).

- 1525 ~~[(16)]~~ (17) "Directions of use" means recommended routes of administration for a medical  
1526 cannabis treatment and suggested usage guidelines.
- 1527 ~~[(17)]~~ (18) "Dosing guidelines" means a quantity range and frequency of administration for  
1528 a recommended treatment of medical cannabis.
- 1529 ~~[(18)]~~ (19) "Government issued photo identification" means any of the following forms of  
1530 identification:
- 1531 (a) a valid state-issued driver license or identification card;
- 1532 (b) a valid United States federal-issued photo identification, including:
- 1533 (i) a United States passport;
- 1534 (ii) a United States passport card;
- 1535 (iii) a United States military identification card; or
- 1536 (iv) a permanent resident card or alien registration receipt card; or
- 1537 (c) a foreign passport.
- 1538 ~~[(19)]~~ (20) "Home delivery medical cannabis pharmacy" means a medical cannabis  
1539 pharmacy that the department authorizes, as part of the pharmacy's license, to deliver  
1540 medical cannabis shipments to a delivery address to fulfill electronic orders.
- 1541 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) "Inventory control system" means the system described in Section 4-41a-103.
- 1542 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) "Legal dosage limit" means an amount that:
- 1543 (a) is sufficient to provide 30 days of treatment based on the dosing guidelines that the  
1544 relevant recommending medical provider or pharmacy medical provider, in  
1545 accordance with Subsection 26B-4-231(5), recommends; and
- 1546 (b) may not exceed:
- 1547 (i) for unprocessed cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, 113 grams by weight; and
- 1548 (ii) for a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, a quantity that contains, in  
1549 total, greater than 20 grams of active tetrahydrocannabinol.
- 1550 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) "Legal use termination date" means a date on the label of a container of  
1551 unprocessed cannabis flower:
- 1552 (a) that is 60 days after the date of purchase of the cannabis; and
- 1553 (b) after which, the cannabis is no longer in a medicinal dosage form outside of the  
1554 primary residence of the relevant medical cannabis patient cardholder.
- 1555 (24) "Licensing board" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
- 1556 (25)(a) "Low THC product" means a product that:
- 1557 (i) is intended for human use;
- 1558 (ii) contains cannabis or any tetrahydrocannabinol or THC analog in a total

- 1559 concentration of less than 0.3% on a dry weight basis; and
- 1560 (iii) is processed by a cannabis processing facility.
- 1561 (b) "Low THC product" does not include a product registered under Chapter 41, Hemp
- 1562 and Cannabinoid Act.
- 1563 [~~(23)~~] (26) "Marijuana" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-37-2.
- 1564 [~~(24)~~] (27) "Medical cannabis" or "medical cannabis product" means:
- 1565 (a) [-]cannabis in a medicinal dosage form[-or] ;
- 1566 (b) a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form[-] ; or
- 1567 (c) a low THC product in a medicinal dosage form.
- 1568 [~~(25)~~] (28) "Medical cannabis card" means a medical cannabis patient card, a medical
- 1569 cannabis guardian card, a medical cannabis caregiver card, or a conditional medical
- 1570 cannabis card.
- 1571 [~~(26)~~] (29) "Medical cannabis cardholder" means:
- 1572 (a) a holder of a medical cannabis card; or
- 1573 (b) a facility or assigned employee, described in Subsection [~~(15)~~(b)] (16)(b), only:
- 1574 (i) within the scope of the facility's or assigned employee's performance of the role of
- 1575 a medical cannabis patient cardholder's caregiver designation under Subsection
- 1576 26B-4-214(1)(b); and
- 1577 (ii) while in possession of documentation that establishes:
- 1578 (A) a caregiver designation described in Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(b);
- 1579 (B) the identity of the individual presenting the documentation; and
- 1580 (C) the relation of the individual presenting the documentation to the caregiver
- 1581 designation.
- 1582 [~~(27)~~] (30) "Medical cannabis caregiver card" means an electronic document that a
- 1583 cardholder may print or store on an electronic device or a physical card or document that:
- 1584 (a) the department issues to an individual whom a medical cannabis patient cardholder
- 1585 or a medical cannabis guardian cardholder designates as a designated caregiver; and
- 1586 (b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
- 1587 [~~(28)~~] (31) "Medical cannabis courier" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 1588 4-41a-102.
- 1589 [~~(29)~~] (32)(a) "Medical cannabis device" means a device that an individual uses to ingest
- 1590 or inhale medical cannabis.
- 1591 (b) "Medical cannabis device" does not include a device that:
- 1592 (i) facilitates cannabis combustion; or

- 1593 (ii) an individual uses to ingest substances other than cannabis.
- 1594 [~~(30)~~] (33) "Medical cannabis guardian card" means an electronic document that a  
1595 cardholder may print or store on an electronic device or a physical card or document that:  
1596 (a) the department issues to the parent or legal guardian of a minor with a qualifying  
1597 condition; and  
1598 (b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
- 1599 [~~(31)~~] (34) "Medical cannabis patient card" means an electronic document that a cardholder  
1600 may print or store on an electronic device or a physical card or document that:  
1601 (a) the department issues to an individual with a qualifying condition; and  
1602 (b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
- 1603 [~~(32)~~] (35) "Medical cannabis pharmacy" means a person that:  
1604 (a)(i) acquires or intends to acquire medical cannabis from a cannabis processing  
1605 facility or another medical cannabis pharmacy or a medical cannabis device; or  
1606 (ii) possesses medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device; and  
1607 (b) sells or intends to sell medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device to a medical  
1608 cannabis cardholder.
- 1609 [~~(33)~~] (36) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent" means an individual who holds a valid  
1610 medical cannabis pharmacy agent registration card issued by the department.
- 1611 [~~(34)~~] (37) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent registration card" means a registration card  
1612 issued by the department that authorizes an individual to act as a medical cannabis  
1613 pharmacy agent.
- 1614 [~~(35)~~] (38) "Medical cannabis shipment" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
1615 4-41a-102.
- 1616 [~~(36)~~] (39) "Medical cannabis treatment" means medical cannabis or a medical cannabis  
1617 device.
- 1618 [~~(37)~~] (40)(a) "Medicinal dosage form" means:  
1619 (i) for processed medical cannabis, the following with a specific and consistent  
1620 cannabinoid content:  
1621 (A) a tablet;  
1622 (B) a capsule;  
1623 (C) a concentrated liquid or viscous oil;  
1624 (D) a liquid suspension that does not exceed 30 milliliters;  
1625 (E) a topical preparation;  
1626 (F) a transdermal preparation;

- 1627 (G) a sublingual preparation;
- 1628 (H) a gelatinous cube, gelatinous rectangular cuboid, or lozenge in a cube or  
1629 rectangular cuboid shape;
- 1630 (I) a resin or wax;
- 1631 (J) an aerosol;
- 1632 (K) a suppository preparation; or
- 1633 (L) a soft or hard confection that is a uniform rectangular cuboid or uniform  
1634 spherical shape, is homogeneous in color and texture, and each piece is a single  
1635 serving; or
- 1636 (ii) for unprocessed cannabis flower, a container described in Section 4-41a-602 that:
- 1637 (A) contains cannabis flower in a quantity that varies by no more than 10% from  
1638 the stated weight at the time of packaging;
- 1639 (B) at any time the medical cannabis cardholder transports or possesses the  
1640 container in public, is contained within an opaque bag or box that the medical  
1641 cannabis pharmacy provides; and
- 1642 (C) is labeled with the container's content and weight, the date of purchase, the  
1643 legal use termination date, and a barcode that provides information connected  
1644 to an inventory control system.
- 1645 (b) "Medicinal dosage form" includes a portion of unprocessed cannabis flower that:
- 1646 (i) the medical cannabis cardholder has recently removed from the container  
1647 described in Subsection [(37)(a)(ii)] (39)(a)(ii) for use; and
- 1648 (ii) does not exceed the quantity described in Subsection [(37)(a)(ii)] (39)(a)(ii).
- 1649 (c) "Medicinal dosage form" does not include:
- 1650 (i) any unprocessed cannabis flower outside of the container described in Subsection [  
1651 (37)(a)(ii)] (39)(a)(ii), except as provided in Subsection [(37)(b)] (39)(b);
- 1652 (ii) any unprocessed cannabis flower in a container described in Subsection [  
1653 (37)(a)(ii)] (39)(a)(ii) after the legal use termination date;
- 1654 (iii) a process of vaporizing and inhaling concentrated cannabis by placing the  
1655 cannabis on a nail or other metal object that is heated by a flame, including a  
1656 blowtorch;
- 1657 (iv) a liquid suspension that is branded as a beverage;
- 1658 (v) a substance described in Subsection [(37)(a)(i)] (39)(a)(i) or (ii) if the substance is  
1659 not measured in grams, milligrams, or milliliters; or
- 1660 (vi) a substance that contains or is covered to any degree with chocolate.

- 1661 [~~(38)~~] (41) "Nonresident patient" means an individual who:
- 1662 (a) is not a resident of Utah or has been a resident of Utah for less than 45 days;
- 1663 (b) has a currently valid medical cannabis card or the equivalent of a medical cannabis
- 1664 card under the laws of another state, district, territory, commonwealth, or insular
- 1665 possession of the United States; and
- 1666 (c) has been diagnosed with a qualifying condition as described in Section 26B-4-203.
- 1667 [~~(39)~~] (42) "Patient product information insert" means a single page document or webpage
- 1668 that contains information about a medical cannabis product regarding:
- 1669 (a) how to use the product;
- 1670 (b) common side effects;
- 1671 (c) serious side effects;
- 1672 (d) dosage;
- 1673 (e) contraindications;
- 1674 (f) safe storage;
- 1675 (g) information on when a product should not be used; and
- 1676 (h) other information the department deems appropriate in consultation with the
- 1677 cannabis processing facility that created the product.
- 1678 [~~(40)~~] (43) "Pharmacy medical provider" means the medical provider required to be on site
- 1679 at a medical cannabis pharmacy under Section 26B-4-219.
- 1680 [~~(41)~~] (44) "Provisional patient card" means a card that:
- 1681 (a) the department issues to a minor with a qualifying condition for whom:
- 1682 (i) a recommending medical provider has recommended a medical cannabis
- 1683 treatment; and
- 1684 (ii) the department issues a medical cannabis guardian card to the minor's parent or
- 1685 legal guardian; and
- 1686 (b) is connected to the electronic verification system.
- 1687 [~~(42)~~] (45) "Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund" means the enterprise fund created in Section [
- 1688 26B-1-310] 4-41a-104.1.
- 1689 [~~(43)~~] (46) "Qualifying condition" means a condition described in Section 26B-4-203.
- 1690 [~~(44)~~] (47) "Recommend" or "recommendation" means, for a recommending medical
- 1691 provider, the act of suggesting the use of medical cannabis treatment, which:
- 1692 (a) certifies the patient's eligibility for a medical cannabis card; and
- 1693 (b) may include, at the recommending medical provider's discretion, directions of use,
- 1694 with or without dosing guidelines.

- 1695 [~~(45)~~] (48) "Recommending medical provider" means an individual who:
- 1696 (a) meets the recommending qualifications;
- 1697 (b) completes four hours of continuing medical education specific to medical cannabis
- 1698 through formal or informal sources; and
- 1699 (c) every two years, provides an acknowledgment to the department that the individual
- 1700 completed four hours of continuing medical education.
- 1701 [~~(46)~~] (49) "Recommending qualifications" means that an individual:
- 1702 (a)(i) has the authority to write a prescription;
- 1703 (ii) is licensed to prescribe a controlled substance under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah
- 1704 Controlled Substances Act; and
- 1705 (iii) possesses the authority, in accordance with the individual's scope of practice, to
- 1706 prescribe a Schedule II controlled substance; and
- 1707 (b) is licensed as:
- 1708 (i) a podiatrist under Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing Act;
- 1709 (ii) an advanced practice registered nurse under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice
- 1710 Act;
- 1711 (iii) a physician under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58,
- 1712 Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or
- 1713 (iv) a physician assistant under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act.
- 1714 [~~(47)~~] (50) "State electronic verification system" means the system described in Section
- 1715 26B-4-202.
- 1716 [~~(48)~~] (51) "Targeted marketing" means the promotion by a recommending medical
- 1717 provider, medical clinic, or medical office that employs a recommending medical
- 1718 provider of a medical cannabis recommendation service using any of the following
- 1719 methods:
- 1720 (a) electronic communication to an individual who is at least 21 years old and has
- 1721 requested to receive promotional information;
- 1722 (b) an in-person marketing event that is held in an area where only an individual who is
- 1723 at least 21 years old may access the event;
- 1724 (c) other marketing material that is physically or digitally displayed in the office of the
- 1725 medical clinic or office that employs a recommending medical provider; or
- 1726 (d) a leaflet that a recommending medical provider, medical clinic, or medical office that
- 1727 employs a recommending medical provider shares with an individual who is at least
- 1728 21 years old.

1729 [(49)] (52) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" or "THC" means a substance derived from cannabis or a  
 1730 synthetic equivalent as described in Subsection 58-37-4(2)(a)(iii)(AA).

1731 [(50)] (53) "THC analog" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41-102.

1732 Section 18. Section **26B-4-201.1** is enacted to read:

1733 **26B-4-201.1 . Transition of duties.**

1734 (1) As used in this section, "transition period" means the period of time beginning on May  
 1735 6, 2026, and ending on January 1, 2027.

1736 (2) During the transition period:

1737 (a) the department may request:

1738 (i) the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out the duties described in  
 1739 this part; or

1740 (ii) technical assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services related  
 1741 to carrying out the duties described in this part;

1742 (b) the department may terminate or limit the scope of the Department of Health and  
 1743 Human Services's power to carry out duties described in this part; or

1744 (c) if the department requests the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out  
 1745 duties described in this part, the department may make personnel available to the  
 1746 Department of Health and Human Services for carrying out the duties.

1747 (3) Upon the request of the department under this section, the Department of Health and  
 1748 Human Services has the authority to carry out any duties:

1749 (a) within the scope of the request; and

1750 (b) if related to this part.

1751 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Health and Human  
 1752 Services may use funds from the Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund to cover any costs  
 1753 incurred by the Department of Health and Human Services related to carrying out duties  
 1754 requested by the department under this section.

1755 Section 19. Section **26B-4-202** is amended to read:

1756 **26B-4-202 . Electronic verification system.**

1757 (1) The [~~Department of Agriculture and Food, the ]department, the Department of Public  
 1758 Safety, and the Division of Technology Services shall:~~

1759 (a) enter into a memorandum of understanding in order to determine the function and  
 1760 operation of the state electronic verification system in accordance with Subsection (2);

1761 (b) coordinate with the Division of Purchasing, under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah  
 1762 Procurement Code, to develop a request for proposals for a third-party provider to

- 1763 develop and maintain the state electronic verification system in coordination with the  
1764 Division of Technology Services; and
- 1765 (c) select a third-party provider who:
- 1766 (i) meets the requirements contained in the request for proposals issued under  
1767 Subsection (1)(b); and
- 1768 (ii) may not have any commercial or ownership interest in a cannabis production  
1769 establishment or a medical cannabis pharmacy.
- 1770 (2) The [~~Department of Agriculture and Food, the~~]department, the Department of Public  
1771 Safety, and the Division of Technology Services shall ensure that the state electronic  
1772 verification system described in Subsection (1):
- 1773 (a) allows an individual to apply for a medical cannabis patient card or, if applicable, a  
1774 medical cannabis guardian card, provided that the card may not become active until:
- 1775 (i) the relevant recommending medical provider completes the associated medical  
1776 cannabis recommendation; or
- 1777 (ii) the medical cannabis pharmacy completes the recording described in Subsection  
1778 (2)(d);
- 1779 (b) allows an individual to apply to renew a medical cannabis patient card or a medical  
1780 cannabis guardian card in accordance with Section 26B-4-213;
- 1781 (c) allows a recommending medical provider, or an employee described in Subsection (3)  
1782 acting on behalf of the recommending medical provider, to:
- 1783 (i) access dispensing and card status information regarding a patient:
- 1784 (A) with whom the recommending medical provider has a provider-patient  
1785 relationship; and
- 1786 (B) for whom the recommending medical provider has recommended or is  
1787 considering recommending a medical cannabis card;
- 1788 (ii) electronically recommend treatment with medical cannabis and optionally  
1789 recommend dosing guidelines;
- 1790 (iii) electronically renew a recommendation to a medical cannabis patient cardholder  
1791 or medical cannabis guardian cardholder:
- 1792 (A) using telehealth services, for the recommending medical provider who  
1793 originally recommended a medical cannabis treatment during a face-to-face  
1794 visit with the patient; or
- 1795 (B) during a face-to-face visit with the patient, for a recommending medical  
1796 provider who did not originally recommend the medical cannabis treatment

- 1797 during a face-to-face visit; and
- 1798 (iv) submit an initial application, renewal application, or application payment on
- 1799 behalf of an individual applying for any of the following:
- 1800 (A) a medical cannabis patient card;
- 1801 (B) a medical cannabis guardian card; or
- 1802 (C) a medical cannabis caregiver card;
- 1803 (d) allows a medical cannabis pharmacy medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy
- 1804 agent, in accordance with Subsection 4-41a-1101(10)(a), to:
- 1805 (i) access the electronic verification system to review the history within the system of
- 1806 a patient with whom the provider or agent is interacting, limited to read-only
- 1807 access for medical cannabis pharmacy agents unless the medical cannabis
- 1808 pharmacy's pharmacist in charge authorizes add and edit access;
- 1809 (ii) record a patient's recommendation from a recommending medical provider,
- 1810 including any directions of use, dosing guidelines, or caregiver indications from
- 1811 the recommending medical provider;
- 1812 (iii) record a recommending medical provider's renewal of the provider's previous
- 1813 recommendation; and
- 1814 (iv) submit an initial application, renewal application, or application payment on
- 1815 behalf of an individual applying for any of the following:
- 1816 (A) a medical cannabis patient card;
- 1817 (B) a medical cannabis guardian card; or
- 1818 (C) a medical cannabis caregiver card;
- 1819 (e) connects with:
- 1820 (i) an inventory control system that a medical cannabis pharmacy uses to track in real
- 1821 time and archive purchases of any medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device,
- 1822 including:
- 1823 (A) the time and date of each purchase;
- 1824 (B) the quantity and type of medical cannabis or medical cannabis device
- 1825 purchased;
- 1826 (C) any cannabis production establishment, any medical cannabis pharmacy, or
- 1827 any medical cannabis courier associated with the medical cannabis or medical
- 1828 cannabis device; and
- 1829 (D) the personally identifiable information of the medical cannabis cardholder
- 1830 who made the purchase; and

- 1831 (ii) any commercially available inventory control system that a cannabis production  
 1832 establishment utilizes in accordance with Section 4-41a-103 to use data that the [  
 1833 ~~Department of Agriculture and Food~~] department requires by rule, in accordance  
 1834 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, from the  
 1835 inventory tracking system that a licensee uses to track and confirm compliance;
- 1836 (f) provides access to:
- 1837 (i) the department to the extent necessary to carry out the department's functions and  
 1838 responsibilities under this part;
- 1839 (ii) the [~~Department of Agriculture and Food~~] department to the extent necessary to  
 1840 carry out the functions and responsibilities of the [~~Department of Agriculture and  
 1841 Food~~] department under Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis Production Establishments  
 1842 and Pharmacies; and
- 1843 (iii) the Division of Professional Licensing to the extent necessary to carry out the  
 1844 functions and responsibilities related to the participation of the following in the  
 1845 recommendation and dispensing of medical cannabis:
- 1846 (A) a podiatrist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing  
 1847 Act;
- 1848 (B) a pharmacist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;
- 1849 (C) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b,  
 1850 Nurse Practice Act;
- 1851 (D) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or  
 1852 Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or
- 1853 (E) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician  
 1854 Assistant Act;
- 1855 (g) communicates dispensing information from a record that a medical cannabis  
 1856 pharmacy submits to the state electronic verification system under Subsection  
 1857 4-41a-1102(3)(a)(ii) to the controlled substance database;
- 1858 (h) provides access to state or local law enforcement only to verify the validity of an  
 1859 individual's medical cannabis card for the administration of criminal justice and  
 1860 through a database used by law enforcement; and
- 1861 (i) creates a record each time a person accesses the system that identifies the person who  
 1862 accesses the system and the individual whose records the person accesses.
- 1863 (3)(a) An employee of a recommending medical provider may access the electronic  
 1864 verification system for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(c) on behalf of the

- 1865 recommending medical provider if:
- 1866 (i) the recommending medical provider has designated the employee as an individual  
1867 authorized to access the electronic verification system on behalf of the  
1868 recommending medical provider;
- 1869 (ii) the recommending medical provider provides written notice to the department of  
1870 the employee's identity and the designation described in Subsection (3)(a)(i); and  
1871 (iii) the department grants to the employee access to the electronic verification  
1872 system.
- 1873 (b) An employee of a business that employs a recommending medical provider may  
1874 access the electronic verification system for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(c)  
1875 on behalf of the recommending medical provider if:
- 1876 (i) the recommending medical provider has designated the employee as an individual  
1877 authorized to access the electronic verification system on behalf of the  
1878 recommending medical provider;
- 1879 (ii) the recommending medical provider and the employing business jointly provide  
1880 written notice to the department of the employee's identity and the designation  
1881 described in Subsection (3)(b)(i); and  
1882 (iii) the department grants to the employee access to the electronic verification  
1883 system.
- 1884 (c) Every two years, an employee described in Subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b) shall  
1885 complete at least one hour of education regarding health information privacy laws  
1886 that is offered by the department or an accredited or approved education provider that  
1887 the department recognizes before the department may grant the employee access to  
1888 the electronic verification system.
- 1889 (4)(a) As used in this Subsection (4), "prescribing provider" means:
- 1890 (i) a podiatrist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing Act;  
1891 (ii) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse  
1892 Practice Act;
- 1893 (iii) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or  
1894 Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or  
1895 (iv) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician  
1896 Assistant Act.
- 1897 (b) A prescribing provider may access information in the electronic verification system  
1898 regarding a patient the prescribing provider treats.

- 1899 (5) The department may release limited data that the system collects for the purpose of:
- 1900 (a) conducting medical and other department approved research;
- 1901 (b) providing the report required by Section 26B-4-222; and
- 1902 (c) other official department purposes.
- 1903 (6) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
- 1904 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish:
- 1905 (a) the limitations on access to the data in the state electronic verification system as
- 1906 described in this section; and
- 1907 (b) standards and procedures to ensure accurate identification of an individual requesting
- 1908 information or receiving information in this section.
- 1909 (7) Any person who negligently or recklessly releases any information in the state
- 1910 electronic verification system in violation of this section is guilty of a class C
- 1911 misdemeanor.
- 1912 (8) Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain information from the state electronic
- 1913 verification system by misrepresentation or fraud is guilty of a third degree felony.
- 1914 (9)(a) Except as provided in Subsections (9)(c) and (9)(e), a person may not knowingly
- 1915 and intentionally use, release, publish, or otherwise make available to any other
- 1916 person information obtained from the state electronic verification system for any
- 1917 purpose other than a purpose specified in this section.
- 1918 (b) Each separate violation of this Subsection (9) is:
- 1919 (i) a third degree felony; and
- 1920 (ii) subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.
- 1921 (c) A law enforcement officer who uses the database used by law enforcement to access
- 1922 information in the electronic verification system for a reason that is not the
- 1923 administration of criminal justice is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.
- 1924 (d) The department shall determine a civil violation of this Subsection (9) in accordance
- 1925 with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- 1926 (e) Civil penalties assessed under this Subsection (9) shall be deposited into the General
- 1927 Fund.
- 1928 (f) This Subsection (9) does not prohibit a person who obtains information from the state
- 1929 electronic verification system under Subsection (2)(a), (c), or (f) from:
- 1930 (i) including the information in the person's medical chart or file for access by a
- 1931 person authorized to review the medical chart or file;
- 1932 (ii) providing the information to a person in accordance with the requirements of the

1933 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; or

1934 (iii) discussing or sharing that information about the patient with the patient.

1935 Section 20. Section **26B-4-203** is amended to read:

1936 **26B-4-203 . Qualifying condition.**

1937 (1) By designating a particular condition under Subsection (2) for which the use of medical  
1938 cannabis to treat symptoms is decriminalized, the Legislature does not conclusively state  
1939 that:

1940 (a) current scientific evidence clearly supports the efficacy of a medical cannabis  
1941 treatment for the condition; or

1942 (b) a medical cannabis treatment will treat, cure, or positively affect the condition.

1943 (2) For the purposes of this part, each of the following conditions is a qualifying condition:

1944 (a) HIV or acquired immune deficiency syndrome;

1945 (b) Alzheimer's disease;

1946 (c) amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;

1947 (d) cancer;

1948 (e) cachexia;

1949 (f) persistent nausea that is not significantly responsive to traditional treatment, except  
1950 for nausea related to:

1951 (i) pregnancy;

1952 (ii) cannabis-induced cyclical vomiting syndrome; or

1953 (iii) cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome;

1954 (g) Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis;

1955 (h) epilepsy or debilitating seizures;

1956 (i) multiple sclerosis or persistent and debilitating muscle spasms;

1957 (j) post-traumatic stress disorder that is being treated and monitored by a licensed mental  
1958 health therapist, as that term is defined in Section 58-60-102, and that:

1959 (i) has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider or mental health provider employed  
1960 or contracted by the United States Veterans Administration, evidenced by copies

1961 of medical records from the United States Veterans Administration that are

1962 included as part of the recommending medical provider's pre-treatment assessment  
1963 and medical record documentation; or

1964 (ii) has been diagnosed or confirmed, through face-to-face or telehealth evaluation of  
1965 the patient, by a provider who is:

1966 (A) a licensed board-eligible or board-certified psychiatrist;

- 1967 (B) a licensed psychologist with a master's-level degree;
- 1968 (C) a licensed clinical social worker with a master's-level degree;
- 1969 (D) a licensed advanced practice registered nurse who is qualified to practice
- 1970 within the psychiatric mental health nursing specialty and who has completed
- 1971 the clinical practice requirements in psychiatric mental health nursing,
- 1972 including in psychotherapy, in accordance with Subsection 58-31b-302(5)(g);
- 1973 or
- 1974 (E) a licensed physician assistant who is qualified to specialize in mental health
- 1975 care under Section 58-70a-501.1;
- 1976 (k) autism;
- 1977 (l) a terminal illness when the patient's remaining life expectancy is less than six months;
- 1978 (m) a condition resulting in the individual receiving hospice care;
- 1979 (n) a rare condition or disease that:
- 1980 (i) affects less than 200,000 individuals in the United States, as defined in Section
- 1981 526 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and
- 1982 (ii) is not adequately managed despite treatment attempts using:
- 1983 (A) conventional medications other than opioids or opiates; or
- 1984 (B) physical interventions;
- 1985 (o) pain lasting longer than two weeks that is not adequately managed, in the
- 1986 recommending medical provider's opinion, despite treatment attempts using:
- 1987 (i) conventional medications other than opioids or opiates; or
- 1988 (ii) physical interventions;
- 1989 (p) pain that is expected to last for two weeks or longer for an acute condition, including
- 1990 a surgical procedure, for which a medical professional may generally prescribe
- 1991 opioids for a limited duration, subject to Subsection 26B-4-213(5)(c); and
- 1992 (q) a condition that the Compassionate Use Board approves under Section [~~26B-1-421~~]
- 1993 4-41a-112, on an individual, case-by-case basis.

1994 Section 21. Section **26B-4-213** is amended to read:

1995 **26B-4-213 . Medical cannabis patient card -- Medical cannabis guardian card --**

1996 **Conditional medical cannabis card -- Application -- Fees -- Studies.**

- 1997 (1)(a) Subject to Section 26B-4-246, within 15 days after the day on which an individual
- 1998 who satisfies the eligibility criteria in this section or Section 26B-4-214 submits an
- 1999 application in accordance with this section or Section 26B-4-214, the department
- 2000 shall:

- 2001 (i) issue a medical cannabis patient card to an individual described in Subsection  
2002 (2)(a);
- 2003 (ii) issue a medical cannabis guardian card to an individual described in Subsection  
2004 (2)(b);
- 2005 (iii) issue a provisional patient card to a minor described in Subsection (2)(c); and  
2006 (iv) issue a medical cannabis caregiver card to an individual described in Subsection  
2007 26B-4-214(4).
- 2008 (b)(i) Upon the entry of a recommending medical provider's medical cannabis  
2009 recommendation for a patient in the state electronic verification system, either by  
2010 the provider or the provider's employee or by a medical cannabis pharmacy  
2011 medical provider or medical cannabis pharmacy in accordance with Subsection  
2012 4-41a-1101(10)(a), the department shall issue to the patient an electronic  
2013 conditional medical cannabis card, in accordance with this Subsection (1)(b).
- 2014 (ii) A conditional medical cannabis card is valid for the lesser of:  
2015 (A) 60 days; or  
2016 (B) the day on which the department completes the department's review and issues  
2017 a medical cannabis card under Subsection (1)(a), denies the patient's medical  
2018 cannabis card application, or revokes the conditional medical cannabis card  
2019 under Subsection (8).
- 2020 (iii) The department may issue a conditional medical cannabis card to an individual  
2021 applying for a medical cannabis patient card for which approval of the  
2022 Compassionate Use Board is not required.
- 2023 (iv) An individual described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii) has the rights, restrictions, and  
2024 obligations under law applicable to a holder of the medical cannabis card for  
2025 which the individual applies and for which the department issues the conditional  
2026 medical cannabis card.
- 2027 (2)(a) An individual is eligible for a medical cannabis patient card if:  
2028 (i)(A) the individual is at least 21 years old; or  
2029 (B) the individual is 18, 19, or 20 years old, the individual petitions the  
2030 Compassionate Use Board under Section [~~26B-1-421~~] 4-41a-112, and the  
2031 Compassionate Use Board recommends department approval of the petition;
- 2032 (ii) the individual is a Utah resident;
- 2033 (iii) the individual's recommending medical provider recommends treatment with  
2034 medical cannabis in accordance with Subsection (4);

- 2035 (iv) the individual signs an acknowledgment stating that the individual received the  
2036 information described in Subsection (9); and
- 2037 (v) the individual pays to the department a fee in an amount that, subject to  
2038 Subsection [~~26B-1-310(5)~~] 4-41a-104.1(5), the department sets in accordance with  
2039 Section 63J-1-504.
- 2040 (b)(i) An individual is eligible for a medical cannabis guardian card if the individual:
- 2041 (A) is at least 18 years old;
- 2042 (B) is a Utah resident;
- 2043 (C) is the parent or legal guardian of a minor for whom the minor's recommending  
2044 medical provider recommends a medical cannabis treatment, the individual  
2045 petitions the Compassionate Use Board under Section [~~26B-1-421~~] 4-41a-112,  
2046 and the Compassionate Use Board recommends department approval of the  
2047 petition;
- 2048 (D) the individual signs an acknowledgment stating that the individual received  
2049 the information described in Subsection (9); and
- 2050 (E) pays to the department a fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection [  
2051 ~~26B-1-310(5)~~] 4-41a-104.1(5), the department sets in accordance with Section  
2052 63J-1-504, plus the cost of the criminal background check described in Section  
2053 26B-4-215.
- 2054 (ii) The department shall notify the Department of Public Safety of each individual  
2055 that the department registers for a medical cannabis guardian card.
- 2056 (c)(i) A minor is eligible for a provisional patient card if:
- 2057 (A) the minor has a qualifying condition;
- 2058 (B) the minor's recommending medical provider recommends a medical cannabis  
2059 treatment to address the minor's qualifying condition;
- 2060 (C) one of the minor's parents or legal guardians petitions the Compassionate Use  
2061 Board under Section [~~26B-1-421~~] 4-41a-112, and the Compassionate Use Board  
2062 recommends department approval of the petition; and
- 2063 (D) the minor's parent or legal guardian is eligible for a medical cannabis guardian  
2064 card under Subsection (2)(b) or designates a caregiver under Subsection (2)(d)  
2065 who is eligible for a medical cannabis caregiver card under Section 26B-4-214.
- 2066 (ii) The department shall automatically issue a provisional patient card to the minor  
2067 described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) at the same time the department issues a medical  
2068 cannabis guardian card to the minor's parent or legal guardian.

- 2069 (d) If the parent or legal guardian of a minor described in Subsections (2)(c)(i)(A)  
2070 through (C) does not qualify for a medical cannabis guardian card under Subsection  
2071 (2)(b), the parent or legal guardian may designate up to two caregivers in accordance  
2072 with Subsection 26B-4-214(1)(c) to ensure that the minor has adequate and safe  
2073 access to the recommended medical cannabis treatment.
- 2074 (3)(a) An individual who is eligible for a medical cannabis card described in Subsection  
2075 (2)(a) or (b) shall submit an application for a medical cannabis card to the department:  
2076 (i) through an electronic application connected to the state electronic verification  
2077 system;  
2078 (ii) with the recommending medical provider; and  
2079 (iii) with information including:  
2080 (A) the applicant's name, gender, age, and address;  
2081 (B) the number of the applicant's government issued photo identification;  
2082 (C) for a medical cannabis guardian card, the name, gender, and age of the minor  
2083 receiving a medical cannabis treatment under the cardholder's medical cannabis  
2084 guardian card; and  
2085 (D) for a provisional patient card, the name of the minor's parent or legal guardian  
2086 who holds the associated medical cannabis guardian card.
- 2087 (b)(i) If a recommending medical provider determines that, because of age, illness, or  
2088 disability, a medical cannabis patient cardholder requires assistance in  
2089 administering the medical cannabis treatment that the recommending medical  
2090 provider recommends, the recommending medical provider may indicate the  
2091 cardholder's need in the state electronic verification system, either directly or  
2092 through the order described in Subsections 26B-4-204(1)(b) and (c).  
2093 (ii) If a recommending medical provider makes the indication described in  
2094 Subsection (3)(b)(i):  
2095 (A) the department shall add a label to the relevant medical cannabis patient card  
2096 indicating the cardholder's need for assistance;  
2097 (B) any adult who is 18 years old or older and who is physically present with the  
2098 cardholder at the time the cardholder needs to use the recommended medical  
2099 cannabis treatment may handle the medical cannabis treatment and any  
2100 associated medical cannabis device as needed to assist the cardholder in  
2101 administering the recommended medical cannabis treatment; and  
2102 (C) an individual of any age who is physically present with the cardholder in the

2103 event of an emergency medical condition, as that term is defined in Section  
2104 31A-1-301, may handle the medical cannabis treatment and any associated  
2105 medical cannabis device as needed to assist the cardholder in administering the  
2106 recommended medical cannabis treatment.

2107 (iii) A non-cardholding individual acting under Subsection (3)(b)(ii)(B) or (C) may  
2108 not:

2109 (A) ingest or inhale medical cannabis;

2110 (B) possess, transport, or handle medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device  
2111 outside of the immediate area where the cardholder is present or with an intent  
2112 other than to provide assistance to the cardholder; or

2113 (C) possess, transport, or handle medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device  
2114 when the cardholder is not in the process of being dosed with medical cannabis.

2115 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), a recommending medical provider may  
2116 not recommend medical cannabis to a patient through a virtual visit.

2117 (b) A recommending medical provider may recommend medical cannabis to a patient  
2118 through a virtual visit if the patient:

2119 (i) is on hospice or has a terminal illness according to the patient's medical provider;

2120 (ii) is a resident of an assisted living facility, as defined in Section 26B-2-201, or a  
2121 nursing care facility, as defined in Section 26B-2-201;

2122 (iii) has previously received a medical cannabis recommendation from the  
2123 recommending medical provider through a face-to-face visit; or

2124 (iv) is a current patient of the recommending medical provider and has met with the  
2125 recommending medical provider face-to-face previously.

2126 (c) A recommending medical provider shall:

2127 (i) before recommending or renewing a recommendation for medical cannabis in a  
2128 medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form:

2129 (A) verify the patient's and, for a minor patient, the minor patient's parent or legal  
2130 guardian's government issued photo identification described in Subsection  
2131 (3)(a);

2132 (B) review any record related to the patient and, for a minor patient, the patient's  
2133 parent or legal guardian accessible to the recommending medical provider  
2134 including in the controlled substance database created in Section 58-37f-201;  
2135 and

2136 (C) consider the recommendation in light of the patient's qualifying condition,

- 2137 history of substance use or opioid use disorder, and history of medical cannabis  
2138 and controlled substance use during a visit with the patient; and
- 2139 (ii) state in the recommending medical provider's recommendation that the patient:  
2140 (A) suffers from a qualifying condition, including the type of qualifying condition;  
2141 and  
2142 (B) may benefit from treatment with cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a  
2143 cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form.
- 2144 (5)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b) or (c), a medical cannabis card that the  
2145 department issues under this section is valid for the lesser of:  
2146 (i) an amount of time that the recommending medical provider determines; or  
2147 (ii) one year from the day the card is issued.
- 2148 (b)(i) A medical cannabis card that the department issues in relation to a terminal  
2149 illness described in Section 26B-4-203 expires after one year.  
2150 (ii) The recommending medical provider may revoke a recommendation that the  
2151 provider made in relation to a terminal illness described in Section 26B-4-203 if  
2152 the medical cannabis cardholder no longer has the terminal illness.
- 2153 (c) A medical cannabis card that the department issues in relation to acute pain as  
2154 described in Section 26B-4-203 expires 30 days after the day on which the  
2155 department first issues a conditional or full medical cannabis card.
- 2156 (6)(a) A medical cannabis patient card or a medical cannabis guardian card is renewable  
2157 if:  
2158 (i) at the time of renewal, the cardholder meets the requirements of Subsection (2)(a)  
2159 or (b); or  
2160 (ii) the cardholder received the medical cannabis card through the recommendation of  
2161 the Compassionate Use Board under Section [~~26B-1-421~~] 4-41a-112.
- 2162 (b) The recommending medical provider who made the underlying recommendation for  
2163 the card of a cardholder described in Subsection (6)(a) may renew the cardholder's  
2164 card through phone or video conference with the cardholder, at the recommending  
2165 medical provider's discretion.
- 2166 (c) Before having access to a renewed card, a cardholder under Subsection (2)(a) or (b)  
2167 shall pay to the department a renewal fee in an amount that:  
2168 (i) subject to Subsection [~~26B-1-310(5)~~] 4-41a-104.1(5), the department sets in  
2169 accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and  
2170 (ii) may not exceed the cost of the relatively lower administrative burden of renewal

- 2171 in comparison to the original application process.
- 2172 (d) If a minor meets the requirements of Subsection (2)(c), the minor's provisional  
2173 patient card renews automatically at the time the minor's parent or legal guardian  
2174 renews the parent or legal guardian's associated medical cannabis guardian card.
- 2175 (7)(a) A cardholder under this section shall carry the cardholder's valid medical cannabis  
2176 card with the patient's name.
- 2177 (b)(i) A medical cannabis patient cardholder or a provisional patient cardholder may  
2178 purchase, in accordance with this part and the recommendation underlying the  
2179 card, cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis product in a medicinal  
2180 dosage form, or a medical cannabis device.
- 2181 (ii) A cardholder under this section may possess or transport, in accordance with this  
2182 part and the recommendation underlying the card, cannabis in a medicinal dosage  
2183 form, a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, or a medical cannabis  
2184 device.
- 2185 (iii) To address the qualifying condition underlying the medical cannabis treatment  
2186 recommendation:
- 2187 (A) a medical cannabis patient cardholder or a provisional patient cardholder may  
2188 use medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device; and
- 2189 (B) a medical cannabis guardian cardholder may assist the associated provisional  
2190 patient cardholder with the use of medical cannabis or a medical cannabis  
2191 device.
- 2192 (8)(a) The department may revoke a medical cannabis card that the department issues  
2193 under this section if:
- 2194 (i) the recommending medical provider withdraws the medical provider's  
2195 recommendation for medical cannabis; or
- 2196 (ii) the cardholder:
- 2197 (A) violates this part; or
- 2198 (B) is convicted under state or federal law of, after March 17, 2021, a drug  
2199 distribution offense.
- 2200 (b) The department may not refuse to issue a medical cannabis card to a patient solely  
2201 based on a prior revocation under Subsection (8)(a)(i).
- 2202 (9) The department shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
2203 Administrative Rulemaking Act, a process to provide information regarding the  
2204 following to an individual receiving a medical cannabis card:

- 2205 (a) risks associated with medical cannabis treatment;
- 2206 (b) the fact that a condition's listing as a qualifying condition does not suggest that  
2207 medical cannabis treatment is an effective treatment or cure for that condition, as  
2208 described in Subsection 26B-4-203(1); and
- 2209 (c) other relevant warnings and safety information that the department determines.
- 2210 (10) The department may establish procedures by rule, in accordance with Title 63G,  
2211 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement the application and  
2212 issuance provisions of this section.
- 2213 (11)(a) The department shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,  
2214 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, a process to allow an individual from another  
2215 state to register with the department in order to purchase medical cannabis or a  
2216 medical cannabis device from a medical cannabis pharmacy while the individual is  
2217 visiting the state.
- 2218 (b) The department may only provide the registration process described in Subsection  
2219 (11)(a):
- 2220 (i) to a nonresident patient; and
- 2221 (ii) for no more than two visitation periods per calendar year of up to 21 calendar  
2222 days per visitation period.
- 2223 (12)(a) A person may submit to the department a request to conduct a research study  
2224 using medical cannabis cardholder data that the state electronic verification system  
2225 contains.
- 2226 (b) The department shall review a request described in Subsection (12)(a) to determine  
2227 whether an institutional review board, as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201,  
2228 could approve the research study.
- 2229 (c) At the time an individual applies for a medical cannabis card, the department shall  
2230 notify the individual:
- 2231 (i) of how the individual's information will be used as a cardholder;
- 2232 (ii) that by applying for a medical cannabis card, unless the individual withdraws  
2233 consent under Subsection (12)(d), the individual consents to the use of the  
2234 individual's information for external research; and
- 2235 (iii) that the individual may withdraw consent for the use of the individual's  
2236 information for external research at any time, including at the time of application.
- 2237 (d) An applicant may, through the medical cannabis card application, and a medical  
2238 cannabis cardholder may, through the state central patient portal, withdraw the

- 2239 applicant's or cardholder's consent to participate in external research at any time.
- 2240 (e) The department may release, for the purposes of a study described in this Subsection  
2241 (12), information about a cardholder under this section who consents to participate  
2242 under Subsection (12)(c).
- 2243 (f) If an individual withdraws consent under Subsection (12)(d), the withdrawal of  
2244 consent:
- 2245 (i) applies to external research that is initiated after the withdrawal of consent; and  
2246 (ii) does not apply to research that was initiated before the withdrawal of consent.
- 2247 (g) The department may establish standards for a medical research study's validity, by  
2248 rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking  
2249 Act.
- 2250 (13) The department shall record the issuance or revocation of a medical cannabis card  
2251 under this section in the controlled substance database.
- 2252 Section 22. Section **26B-4-214** is amended to read:
- 2253 **26B-4-214 . Medical cannabis caregiver card -- Registration -- Renewal --**  
2254 **Revocation.**
- 2255 (1)(a) A cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 may designate up to two  
2256 individuals, or an individual and a facility in accordance with Subsection (1)(b), to  
2257 serve as a designated caregiver for the cardholder.
- 2258 (b)(i) A cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 may designate one of the  
2259 following types of facilities as one of the caregivers described in Subsection (1)(a):
- 2260 (A) for a patient or resident, an assisted living facility, as that term is defined in  
2261 Section 26B-2-201;
- 2262 (B) for a patient or resident, a nursing care facility, as that term is defined in  
2263 Section 26B-2-201; or
- 2264 (C) for a patient, a general acute hospital, as that term is defined in Section  
2265 26B-2-201.
- 2266 (ii) A facility may:
- 2267 (A) assign one or more employees to assist patients with medical cannabis  
2268 treatment under the caregiver designation described in this Subsection (1)(b);  
2269 and
- 2270 (B) receive a medical cannabis shipment from a medical cannabis pharmacy or a  
2271 medical cannabis courier on behalf of the medical cannabis cardholder within  
2272 the facility who designated the facility as a caregiver.

- 2273 (iii) The department shall make rules to regulate the practice of facilities and facility  
2274 employees serving as designated caregivers under this Subsection (1)(b).
- 2275 (c) A parent or legal guardian described in Subsection 26B-4-213(2)(d), in consultation  
2276 with the minor and the minor's recommending medical provider, may designate up to  
2277 two individuals to serve as a designated caregiver for the minor, if the department  
2278 determines that the parent or legal guardian is not eligible for a medical cannabis  
2279 guardian card under Section 26B-4-213.
- 2280 (d)(i) Upon the entry of a caregiver designation under Subsection (1)(c) by a patient  
2281 with a terminal illness described in Section 26B-4-203, the department shall issue  
2282 to the designated caregiver an electronic conditional medical cannabis caregiver  
2283 card, in accordance with this Subsection (1)(d).
- 2284 (ii) A conditional medical cannabis caregiver card is valid for the lesser of:
- 2285 (A) 60 days; or
- 2286 (B) the day on which the department completes the department's review and issues  
2287 a medical cannabis caregiver card under Subsection (1)(a), denies the patient's  
2288 medical cannabis caregiver card application, or revokes the conditional  
2289 medical cannabis caregiver card under Section 26B-4-246.
- 2290 (iii) The department may issue a conditional medical cannabis card to an individual  
2291 applying for a medical cannabis patient card for which approval of the  
2292 Compassionate Use Board is not required.
- 2293 (iv) An individual described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii) has the rights, restrictions, and  
2294 obligations under law applicable to a holder of the medical cannabis card for  
2295 which the individual applies and for which the department issues the conditional  
2296 medical cannabis card.
- 2297 (2) An individual that the department registers as a designated caregiver under this section  
2298 and a facility described in Subsection (1)(b):
- 2299 (a) for an individual designated caregiver, may carry a valid medical cannabis caregiver  
2300 card;
- 2301 (b) in accordance with this part, may purchase, possess, transport, or assist the patient in  
2302 the use of medical cannabis or a medical cannabis device on behalf of the designating  
2303 medical cannabis cardholder;
- 2304 (c) may not charge a fee to an individual to act as the individual's designated caregiver  
2305 or for a service that the designated caregiver provides in relation to the role as a  
2306 designated caregiver; and

- 2307 (d) may accept reimbursement from the designating medical cannabis cardholder for  
2308 direct costs the designated caregiver incurs for assisting with the designating  
2309 cardholder's medicinal use of cannabis.
- 2310 (3)(a) The department shall:
- 2311 (i) within 15 days after the day on which an individual submits an application in  
2312 compliance with this section, issue a medical cannabis card to the applicant if the  
2313 applicant:
- 2314 (A) is designated as a caregiver under Subsection (1);  
2315 (B) is eligible for a medical cannabis caregiver card under Subsection (4); and  
2316 (C) complies with this section; and
- 2317 (ii) notify the Department of Public Safety of each individual that the department  
2318 registers as a designated caregiver.
- 2319 (b) The department shall ensure that a medical cannabis caregiver card contains the  
2320 information described in Subsections (5)(b) and (3)(c)(i).
- 2321 (c) If a cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 designates an individual as a  
2322 caregiver who already holds a medical cannabis caregiver card, the individual with  
2323 the medical cannabis caregiver card:
- 2324 (i) shall report to the department the information required of applicants under  
2325 Subsection (5)(b) regarding the new designation;
- 2326 (ii) if the individual makes the report described in Subsection (3)(c)(i), is not required  
2327 to file an application for another medical cannabis caregiver card;
- 2328 (iii) may receive an additional medical cannabis caregiver card in relation to each  
2329 additional medical cannabis patient who designates the caregiver; and
- 2330 (iv) is not subject to an additional background check.
- 2331 (4) An individual is eligible for a medical cannabis caregiver card if the individual:
- 2332 (a) is at least 21 years old;
- 2333 (b) is a Utah resident;
- 2334 (c) pays to the department a fee in an amount that, subject to Subsection [26B-1-310(5)]  
2335 4-41a-104.1(5), the department sets in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, plus the  
2336 cost of the criminal background check described in Section 26B-4-215; and
- 2337 (d) signs an acknowledgment stating that the applicant received the information  
2338 described in Subsection 26B-4-213(9).
- 2339 (5) An eligible applicant for a medical cannabis caregiver card shall:
- 2340 (a) submit an application for a medical cannabis caregiver card to the department

- 2341 through an electronic application connected to the state electronic verification  
2342 system; and
- 2343 (b) submit the following information in the application described in Subsection (5)(a):
- 2344 (i) the applicant's name, gender, age, and address;
- 2345 (ii) the name, gender, age, and address of the cardholder described in Section  
2346 26B-4-213 who designated the applicant;
- 2347 (iii) if a medical cannabis guardian cardholder designated the caregiver, the name,  
2348 gender, and age of the minor receiving a medical cannabis treatment in relation to  
2349 the medical cannabis guardian cardholder; and
- 2350 (iv) any additional information that the department requests to assist in matching the  
2351 application with the designating medical cannabis patient.
- 2352 (6) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a medical cannabis caregiver card that the  
2353 department issues under this section is valid for the lesser of:
- 2354 (a) an amount of time that the cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 who  
2355 designated the caregiver determines; or
- 2356 (b) the amount of time remaining before the card of the cardholder described in Section  
2357 26B-4-213 expires.
- 2358 (7)(a) If a designated caregiver meets the requirements of Subsection (4), the designated  
2359 caregiver's medical cannabis caregiver card renews automatically at the time the  
2360 cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 who designated the caregiver:
- 2361 (i) renews the cardholder's card; and
- 2362 (ii) renews the caregiver's designation, in accordance with Subsection (7)(b).
- 2363 (b) The department shall provide a method in the card renewal process to allow a  
2364 cardholder described in Section 26B-4-213 who has designated a caregiver to:
- 2365 (i) signify that the cardholder renews the caregiver's designation;
- 2366 (ii) remove a caregiver's designation; or
- 2367 (iii) designate a new caregiver.
- 2368 (8) The department shall record the issuance or revocation of a medical cannabis card under  
2369 this section in the controlled substance database.
- 2370 Section 23. Section **26B-4-219** is amended to read:
- 2371 **26B-4-219 . Pharmacy medical providers -- Registration -- Continuing education.**
- 2372 (1)(a) A medical cannabis pharmacy:
- 2373 (i) shall employ a pharmacist who is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy  
2374 Practice Act, as a pharmacy medical provider;

- 2375 (ii) may employ a physician who has the authority to write a prescription and is  
2376 licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58,  
2377 Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, as a pharmacy medical  
2378 provider;
- 2379 (iii) shall ensure that a pharmacy medical provider described in Subsection (1)(a)(i)  
2380 works onsite during all business hours; and
- 2381 (iv) shall designate one pharmacy medical provider described in Subsection (1)(a)(i)  
2382 as the pharmacist-in-charge to oversee the operation of and generally supervise  
2383 the medical cannabis pharmacy.
- 2384 (b) The pharmacist-in-charge shall determine which cannabis and cannabis products the  
2385 medical cannabis pharmacy maintains in the medical cannabis pharmacy's inventory.
- 2386 (c) An individual may not serve as a pharmacy medical provider unless the department  
2387 registers the individual as a pharmacy medical provider in accordance with  
2388 Subsection (2).
- 2389 (2)(a) The department shall, within 15 days after the day on which the department  
2390 receives an application from a medical cannabis pharmacy on behalf of a prospective  
2391 pharmacy medical provider, register and issue a pharmacy medical provider  
2392 registration card to the prospective pharmacy medical provider if the medical  
2393 cannabis pharmacy:
- 2394 (i) provides to the department:
- 2395 (A) the prospective pharmacy medical provider's name and address;
- 2396 (B) the name and location of the licensed medical cannabis pharmacy where the  
2397 prospective pharmacy medical provider seeks to act as a pharmacy medical  
2398 provider;
- 2399 (C) an acknowledgment that the individual has completed four hours of  
2400 continuing education related to medical cannabis; and
- 2401 (D) evidence that the prospective pharmacy medical provider is a pharmacist who  
2402 is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act, or a physician  
2403 who has the authority to write a prescription and is licensed under Title 58,  
2404 Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah  
2405 Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; and
- 2406 (ii) pays a fee to the department in an amount that, subject to Subsection [  
2407 ~~26B-1-310(5)~~] 4-41a-104.1(5), the department sets in accordance with Section  
2408 63J-1-504.

- 2409 (b) The department may not register a recommending medical provider as a pharmacy  
2410 medical provider.
- 2411 (3)(a) A pharmacy medical provider shall complete the continuing education described  
2412 in this Subsection (3) in the following amounts:
- 2413 (i) as a condition precedent to registration, four hours; and
  - 2414 (ii) as a condition precedent to renewal of the registration, four hours every two years.
- 2415 (b) The department may, in consultation with the Division of Professional Licensing,  
2416 develop the continuing education described in this Subsection (3).
- 2417 (c) The continuing education described in this Subsection (3) may discuss:
- 2418 (i) the provisions of this part;
  - 2419 (ii) general information about medical cannabis under federal and state law;
  - 2420 (iii) the latest scientific research on the endocannabinoid system and medical  
2421 cannabis, including risks and benefits;
  - 2422 (iv) recommendations for medical cannabis as it relates to the continuing care of a  
2423 patient in pain management, risk management, potential addiction, and palliative  
2424 care; or
  - 2425 (v) best practices for recommending the form and dosage of medical cannabis based  
2426 on the qualifying condition underlying a medical cannabis recommendation.
- 2427 (4)(a) A pharmacy medical provider registration card expires two years after the day on  
2428 which the department issues or renews the card.
- 2429 (b) A pharmacy medical provider may renew the provider's registration card if the  
2430 provider:
- 2431 (i) is eligible for a pharmacy medical provider registration card under this section;
  - 2432 (ii) certifies to the department in a renewal application that the information in  
2433 Subsection (2)(a) is accurate or updates the information;
  - 2434 (iii) submits a report detailing the completion of the continuing education  
2435 requirement described in Subsection (3); and
  - 2436 (iv) pays to the department a renewal fee in an amount that:
    - 2437 (A) subject to Subsection [~~26B-1-310(5)~~] 4-41a-104.1(5), the department sets in  
2438 accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and
    - 2439 (B) may not exceed the cost of the relatively lower administrative burden of  
2440 renewal in comparison to the original application process.
- 2441 (5)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), a person may not advertise that the  
2442 person or another person dispenses medical cannabis.

- 2443 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a) and Section 4-41a-109, a registered pharmacy  
 2444 medical provider may advertise the following:  
 2445 (i) a green cross;  
 2446 (ii) that the person is registered as a pharmacy medical provider and dispenses  
 2447 medical cannabis; or  
 2448 (iii) a scientific study regarding medical cannabis use.

2449 (6)(a) The department may revoke a pharmacy medical provider's registration for a  
 2450 violation of this chapter.

- 2451 (b) The department may inspect patient records held by a medical cannabis pharmacy to  
 2452 ensure a pharmacy medical provider is practicing in accordance with this chapter and  
 2453 applicable rules.

2454 Section 24. Section **26B-4-222** is amended to read:

2455 **26B-4-222 . Report.**

- 2456 (1) By the November interim meeting each year, the department shall report to the Health  
 2457 and Human Services Interim Committee on:  
 2458 (a) the number of applications and renewal applications filed for medical cannabis cards;  
 2459 (b) the number of qualifying patients and designated caregivers;  
 2460 (c) the nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the qualifying patients;  
 2461 (d) the age and county of residence of cardholders;  
 2462 (e) the number of medical cannabis cards revoked;  
 2463 (f) the number of practitioners providing recommendations for qualifying patients; and  
 2464 (g) the expenses and revenues of the Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund created in  
 2465 Section [~~26B-1-310~~] 4-41a-104.1.  
 2466 (2) The report shall include information provided by the Center for Medical Cannabis  
 2467 Research described in Section 53H-4-206.  
 2468 (3) The department may not include personally identifying information in the report  
 2469 described in this section.  
 2470 (4) The department shall report to the working group described in Section 36-12-8.2 as  
 2471 requested by the working group.

2472 Section 25. Section **26B-4-245** is amended to read:

2473 **26B-4-245 . Purchasing and use limitations.**

- 2474 (1) An individual with a medical cannabis card:  
 2475 (a) may purchase, in any one 28-day period, up to the legal dosage limit of:  
 2476 (i) unprocessed cannabis in a medicinal dosage form; and

- 2477 (ii) a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form;
- 2478 (b) may not purchase:
- 2479 (i) except as provided in Subsection (2), more medical cannabis than described in
- 2480 Subsection (1)(a); or
- 2481 (ii) if the relevant recommending medical provider did not recommend directions of
- 2482 use and dosing guidelines, until the individual consults with the pharmacy medical
- 2483 provider in accordance with Subsection 26B-4-231(5), any medical cannabis; and
- 2484 (c) may not use a route of administration that the relevant recommending medical
- 2485 provider or the pharmacy medical provider, in accordance with Subsection
- 2486 26B-4-231(5), has not recommended.
- 2487 (2)(a) A recommending medical provider may petition the department to waive the
- 2488 28-day period limit described in Subsection (1)(a) for a medical cannabis cardholder
- 2489 if the medical cannabis cardholder:
- 2490 (i) has been diagnosed with a terminal illness;
- 2491 (ii) has a life expectancy of six months or less; and
- 2492 (iii) needs the waiver for palliative purposes.
- 2493 (b) The department shall:
- 2494 (i) consult with the Compassionate Use Board to determine whether the waiver
- 2495 should be granted; and
- 2496 (ii) issue a response to the petition within 10 days from the day on which the petition
- 2497 is received.
- 2498 (c) The department may waive the 28-day period limit for no more than 180 days.
- 2499 (d) A petition described in this Subsection (2) may be combined with the petition
- 2500 described in Subsection [26B-1-421(6)] 4-41a-112(5).

2501 Section 26. Section **52-4-205** is amended to read:

2502 **52-4-205 . Purposes of closed meetings -- Certain issues prohibited in closed**

2503 **meetings.**

- 2504 (1) A closed meeting described under Section 52-4-204 may only be held for:
- 2505 (a) except as provided in Subsection (3), discussion of the character, professional
- 2506 competence, or physical or mental health of an individual;
- 2507 (b) strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining;
- 2508 (c) strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation;
- 2509 (d) strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property,
- 2510 including any form of a water right or water shares, or to discuss a proposed

- 2511 development agreement, project proposal, or financing proposal related to the  
2512 development of land owned by the state or a political subdivision, if public  
2513 discussion would:
- 2514 (i) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration; or
  - 2515 (ii) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible  
2516 terms;
- 2517 (e) strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real property, including any form of a water  
2518 right or water shares, if:
- 2519 (i) public discussion of the transaction would:
    - 2520 (A) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration;
    - 2521 or
    - 2522 (B) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible  
2523 terms;
  - 2524 (ii) the public body previously gave public notice that the property would be offered  
2525 for sale; and
  - 2526 (iii) the terms of the sale are publicly disclosed before the public body approves the  
2527 sale;
- 2528 (f) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems;
- 2529 (g) investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct;
- 2530 (h) as relates to the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission, conducting business  
2531 relating to the receipt or review of ethics complaints;
- 2532 (i) as relates to an ethics committee of the Legislature, a purpose permitted under  
2533 Section 52-4-204;
- 2534 (j) as relates to the Independent Executive Branch Ethics Commission created in Section  
2535 63A-14-202, conducting business relating to an ethics complaint;
- 2536 (k) as relates to a county legislative body, discussing commercial information as defined  
2537 in Section 59-1-404;
- 2538 (l) as relates to the Utah Higher Education Savings Board of Trustees and its appointed  
2539 board of directors, discussing fiduciary or commercial information;
- 2540 (m) deliberations, not including any information gathering activities, of a public body  
2541 acting in the capacity of:
- 2542 (i) an evaluation committee under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code,  
2543 during the process of evaluating responses to a solicitation, as defined in Section  
2544 63G-6a-103;

- 2545 (ii) a protest officer, defined in Section 63G-6a-103, during the process of making a  
2546 decision on a protest under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Part 16, Protests; or  
2547 (iii) a procurement appeals panel under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement  
2548 Code, during the process of deciding an appeal under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Part  
2549 17, Procurement Appeals Board;
- 2550 (n) the purpose of considering information that is designated as a trade secret, as defined  
2551 in Section 13-24-2, if the public body's consideration of the information is necessary  
2552 to properly conduct a procurement under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement  
2553 Code;
- 2554 (o) the purpose of discussing information provided to the public body during the  
2555 procurement process under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, if, at the  
2556 time of the meeting:
- 2557 (i) the information may not, under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, be  
2558 disclosed to a member of the public or to a participant in the procurement process;  
2559 and
- 2560 (ii) the public body needs to review or discuss the information to properly fulfill its  
2561 role and responsibilities in the procurement process;
- 2562 (p) as relates to the governing board of a governmental nonprofit corporation, as that  
2563 term is defined in Section 11-13a-102, the purpose of discussing information that is  
2564 designated as a trade secret, as that term is defined in Section 13-24-2, if:
- 2565 (i) public knowledge of the discussion would reasonably be expected to result in  
2566 injury to the owner of the trade secret; and
- 2567 (ii) discussion of the information is necessary for the governing board to properly  
2568 discharge the board's duties and conduct the board's business;
- 2569 (q) as it relates to the Cannabis Production Establishment Licensing Advisory Board, to  
2570 review confidential information regarding violations and security requirements in  
2571 relation to the operation of cannabis production establishments;
- 2572 (r) considering a loan application, if public discussion of the loan application would  
2573 disclose:
- 2574 (i) nonpublic personal financial information; or  
2575 (ii) a nonpublic trade secret, as defined in Section 13-24-2, or nonpublic business  
2576 financial information the disclosure of which would reasonably be expected to  
2577 result in unfair competitive injury to the person submitting the information;
- 2578 (s) a discussion of the board of the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority, created

- 2579 in Section 11-59-201, regarding a potential tenant of point of the mountain state land,  
 2580 as defined in Section 11-59-102; or
- 2581 (t) a purpose for which a meeting is required to be closed under Subsection (2).
- 2582 (2) The following meetings shall be closed:
- 2583 (a) a meeting of the Health and Human Services Interim Committee to review a report  
 2584 described in Subsection 26B-1-506(1)(a), and a response to the report described in  
 2585 Subsection 26B-1-506(2);
- 2586 (b) a meeting of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel to:
- 2587 (i) review a report described in Subsection 26B-1-506(1)(a), and a response to the  
 2588 report described in Subsection 26B-1-506(2); or
- 2589 (ii) review and discuss an individual case, as described in Section 36-33-103;
- 2590 (c) a meeting of a conservation district as defined in Section 17D-3-102 for the purpose  
 2591 of advising the Natural Resource Conservation Service of the United States  
 2592 Department of Agriculture on a farm improvement project if the discussed  
 2593 information is protected information under federal law;
- 2594 (d) a meeting of the Compassionate Use Board established in Section [~~26B-1-421~~]  
 2595 4-41a-112 for the purpose of reviewing petitions for a medical cannabis card in  
 2596 accordance with Section 26B-1-421;
- 2597 (e) a meeting of the Colorado River Authority of Utah if:
- 2598 (i) the purpose of the meeting is to discuss an interstate claim to the use of the water  
 2599 in the Colorado River system; and
- 2600 (ii) failing to close the meeting would:
- 2601 (A) reveal the contents of a record classified as protected under Subsection  
 2602 63G-2-305(81);
- 2603 (B) reveal a legal strategy relating to the state's claim to the use of the water in the  
 2604 Colorado River system;
- 2605 (C) harm the ability of the Colorado River Authority of Utah or river  
 2606 commissioner to negotiate the best terms and conditions regarding the use of  
 2607 water in the Colorado River system; or
- 2608 (D) give an advantage to another state or to the federal government in negotiations  
 2609 regarding the use of water in the Colorado River system;
- 2610 (f) a meeting of the General Regulatory Sandbox Program Advisory Committee if:
- 2611 (i) the purpose of the meeting is to discuss an application for participation in the  
 2612 regulatory sandbox as defined in Section 63N-16-102; and

- 2613 (ii) failing to close the meeting would reveal the contents of a record classified as  
2614 protected under Subsection 63G-2-305(82);
- 2615 (g) a meeting of a project entity if:
- 2616 (i) the purpose of the meeting is to conduct a strategy session to discuss market  
2617 conditions relevant to a business decision regarding the value of a project entity  
2618 asset if the terms of the business decision are publicly disclosed before the  
2619 decision is finalized and a public discussion would:
- 2620 (A) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the project entity asset under  
2621 consideration; or
- 2622 (B) prevent the project entity from completing on the best possible terms a  
2623 contemplated transaction concerning the project entity asset;
- 2624 (ii) the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a record, the disclosure of which could  
2625 cause commercial injury to, or confer a competitive advantage upon a potential or  
2626 actual competitor of, the project entity;
- 2627 (iii) the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a business decision, the disclosure of  
2628 which could cause commercial injury to, or confer a competitive advantage upon a  
2629 potential or actual competitor of, the project entity; or
- 2630 (iv) failing to close the meeting would prevent the project entity from getting the best  
2631 price on the market; and
- 2632 (h) a meeting of the Rules Review and General Oversight Committee to review and  
2633 discuss:
- 2634 (i) an individual child welfare case as described in Subsection 36-35-102(3)(c); or  
2635 (ii) information that is subject to a confidentiality agreement as described in  
2636 Subsection 36-35-102(3)(c).
- 2637 (3) In a closed meeting, a public body may not:
- 2638 (a) interview a person applying to fill an elected position;
- 2639 (b) discuss filling a midterm vacancy or temporary absence governed by Title 20A,  
2640 Chapter 1, Part 5, Candidate Vacancy and Vacancy and Temporary Absence in  
2641 Elected Office; or
- 2642 (c) discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the  
2643 person whose name was submitted for consideration to fill a midterm vacancy or  
2644 temporary absence governed by Title 20A, Chapter 1, Part 5, Candidate Vacancy and  
2645 Vacancy and Temporary Absence in Elected Office.

2646 Section 27. **Effective Date.**

2647 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

2648 **Section 28. Coordinating H.B. 389 with S.B. 121.**

2649 If H.B. 389, Cannabis Amendments, and S.B. 121, Medical Cannabis Program

Amendments, both pass and become law, the Legislature intends that, on May 6, 2026, the

amendments to Subsection 4-41a-201(13) in H.B. 389 supersede the amendments to

4-41a-201(13) in S.B. 121.

2653 **Section 29. Coordinating H.B. 389 with H.B. 385.**

2654 If H.B. 389, Cannabis Amendments, and H.B. 385, Specialized Product Sales

Amendments, both pass and become law, the Legislature intends that, on May 6, 2026,

Subsection 26B-1-310(4)(b) enacted in H.B. 385 be amended to read:

"For money deposited under Section 4-45a-102, the department shall:

(i) provide 10% of the money to the Department of Health and Human Services for  
tobacco and nicotine prevention purposes; and

(ii) use the remainder of the money to:

(A) expand and improve testing services at the state lab; and

(B) enforce Title 4, Chapter 45a, Specialized Product Regulation."