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SB 121: Medical Cannabis Program Amendments

SB 121, Medical Cannabis Program Amendments, makes various changes to Utah's Medical Cannabis Program.

Key Provisions and Line Numbers

The changes from SB 121, are categorized below as falling under the purview of the Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and General Changes that are not directly connected to an agency.

Department of Agriculture and Food

Licensing Review Process Changes:

- Line 242 (cultivators) and Line 506 (pharmacies): changes the timeframe that the licensing board can take to review an ownership change from 30 to 60 days.

Medical Cannabis Production Changes:

- Lines 274 – 278: in addition to radiation-based methods, allows for additional quality assurance or remediation processes to be established by UDAF in administrative rule.

Medical Cannabis Product Labeling Changes:

- Line 339: adds that a product name may contain the word "hash."
- Lines 362 – 363: grants UDAF additional rulemaking authority to address terms related to psychological effects on medical cannabis labels.
- Lines 652 – 654: changes the term "back panel" to "fact panel" in relation to the information that a medical cannabis pharmacy must display for each product at a pharmacy and on the pharmacy's website.

Medical Cannabis Pharmacy Agent Changes:

- Line 739: changes "may" to "shall" for UDAF to revoke or not issue a license to a medical cannabis pharmacy agent if they have committed certain violations.
- Lines 759 – 778: Moves a requirement that a medical cannabis pharmacy agent receive 1 hour of continuing education as a condition of their license registration and renewal to Title 26B.

Medical Cannabis Courier and Courier Agent Changes:

- Line 886: changes "may" to "shall" for UDAF to revoke or not issue a license to a medical cannabis

pharmacy agent if they have committed certain violations.

- Lines 945 – 986: Establishes processes for medical cannabis couriers when delivering medical cannabis.
 - o Requires certain storage procedures;
 - o Requires that undelivered medical cannabis be returned to medical cannabis pharmacy within 14 days;
 - o Allows the medical cannabis to repackage the undelivered medical cannabis if the product's integrity is intact; and
 - o Requires the medical cannabis pharmacy to dispose of the medical cannabis if the product's integrity has been compromised.

Department of Health and Human Services

Incapacitated Adult Changes:

- Lines 1156, 1203, 1287, 1292, 1592 – 1593, 1619 – 1625, 1807 – 1812, 1875, 1901 - 1924:
Establishes a process for an adult with a disability with a legal guardian to apply for a medical cannabis patient card with a government-issued photo identification from their legal guardian if the adult with a disability does not have a government-issued photo identification of their own.

Permissible Identification Changes:

- Line 1152: Allows the use of a tribal government-issued photo identification to be used in verification processes related to medical cannabis.

Medical Cannabis Pharmacy Agent Electronic Verification System Changes:

- Lines 1472 – 1487: Requires a medical cannabis pharmacy agent to be designated by the pharmacist-in-charge and complete a training in health information privacy laws in order to access the electronic verification system (moved from Title 4).

Conforming Changes:

- Lines 996 and 1008: changes the term 'qualified' to 'recommending' medical providers to reflect the elimination of the term, 'qualified medical provider,' made in HB 357 (2025).

General Changes

Sunset Change:

- Line 1993: Changes the repeal of the Medical Cannabis Governance Structure Working Group from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2027.