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Senator Luz Escamilla proposes the following substitute bill:

MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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Cosponsor:

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the Utah Medical Cannabis Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends a provision regarding the transportation of cannabis and cannabis products to certain facilities;
- ▶ provides for testing of cannabis at additional stages of production;
- ▶ delays a provision during the decriminalization period that requires labeling with a barcode on a blister pack containing unprocessed cannabis flower;
- ▶ amends the request for proposal requirements for a third-party electronic

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verification system to ensure that the provider does not have an ownership interest in a cannabis production establishment or a medical cannabis pharmacy;

- ▶ subjects appointees to the compassionate use board to Senate confirmation;
- ▶ provides an exception allowing certain medical professionals to recommend medical cannabis before qualified medical provider registration is available;
- ▶ ~~{provides certain}~~clarifies an exception to an employment protection ~~{for}~~regarding a public employee's lawful use of medical cannabis in the context of certain positions related to federal requirements;
- ▶ requires a state or political subdivision ~~{employee who declines to participate in a job duty required by}~~employer to provide a written notice to an employee or prospective employee whose assignments or duties under the state's medical cannabis ~~{laws}~~programs may violate federal law;
- ▶ provides that a public employee who signs a notice regarding assignments or duties that may violate federal law may not subsequently rely on state whistleblower protections to refuse to carry out an assignment or duty that may violate federal law;
- ▶ requires the Department of Human Resource Management to create and publish a form notice for public employees regarding the employees' involvement in the state's medical cannabis programs;
- ▶ repeals a provision allowing a court in a custody proceeding in a certain circumstance to discriminate against a parent based on the parent's lawful use of medical cannabis;
- ▶ allows a certain insurer to issue workers' compensation insurance coverage for an employer that is a cannabis production establishment or a medical cannabis pharmacy;
- ▶ amends the decriminalization provision to include protections for parents and legal guardians of certain minor patients;
- ▶ clarifies quantity limits for possession during the decriminalization period; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

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This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

4-41a-404, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session,
Chapter 1

4-41a-701, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session,
Chapter 1

26-61a-102, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session,
Chapter 1

26-61a-103, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session,
Chapter 1

26-61a-105, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session,
Chapter 1

26-61a-106, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session,
Chapter 1

26-61a-111, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session,
Chapter 1

30-3-10, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session, Chapter 1

31A-15-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 319

58-37-3.7, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session, Chapter 1

ENACTS:

4-41a-107, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **4-41a-107** is enacted to read:

4-41a-107. ~~§~~ ~~No adverse government employment action.~~

~~The state~~ **Notice to prospective and current public employees.**

~~(1) (a) A state employer or a political subdivision {may not take adverse action against an employee because the employee has objected to or refused to carry out a directive that:~~

~~(1) derives from a requirement imposed on;~~ **employer shall take the action described in Subsection (1)(b) before:**

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(i) giving to a current employee an assignment or duty that arises from or directly relates to an obligation under this chapter, the state or political subdivision ~~under this title;~~
and

~~(2); or~~

(ii) hiring a prospective employee whose assignments or duties would include an assignment or duty that arises from or directly relates to an obligation under this chapter.

(b) The employer described in Subsection (1)(a) shall give the employee or prospective employee described in Subsection (1)(a) a written notice that notifies the employee or prospective employee:

(i) that the employee's or prospective employee's job duties may require the employee or prospective employee to engage in conduct which is in violation of the criminal laws of the United States; and

(ii) that in accepting a job or undertaking a duty described in Subsection (1)(a), although the employee or prospective employee is entitled to the protections of Title 67, Chapter 21, Utah Protection of Public Employees Act, the employee may not object or refuse to carry out an assignment or duty that may be a violation of the criminal laws of the United States with respect to the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cannabis.

(2) The Department of Human Resource Management shall create, revise, and publish the form of the notice described in Subsection (1).

(3) Notwithstanding Subsection 67-21-3(3), an employee who has signed the notice described in Subsection (1) may not:

(a) claim in good faith that the employee's actions violate or potentially violate the laws of the United States with respect to the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cannabis; or

(b) refuse to carry out a directive that the employee reasonably believes violates ~~a~~
~~(a) a law; the criminal laws of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or the~~
United States; ~~or~~

~~(b) a rule or regulation adopted under the authority of the laws of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or the United States;~~
with respect to the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cannabis.

(4) An employer of an employee who has signed the notice described in Subsection (1) may not take retaliatory action as defined in Section 67-19a-101 against a current employee

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who refuses to sign the notice described in Subsection (1).

Section 2. Section **4-41a-404** is amended to read:

4-41a-404. Cannabis, cannabis product, or medical cannabis device transportation.

(1) (a) Only the following individuals may transport cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, or a medical cannabis device under this chapter:

(i) a registered cannabis production establishment agent; or

(ii) a medical cannabis cardholder who is transporting a medical cannabis treatment that the cardholder is authorized to possess under this chapter.

(b) Only an agent of a cannabis cultivating facility, when the agent is transporting cannabis plants to a cannabis processing facility or an independent cannabis testing laboratory, may transport unprocessed cannabis outside of a medicinal dosage form.

(2) Except for an individual with a valid medical cannabis card under Title 26, Chapter 61a, Utah Medical Cannabis Act, who is transporting a medical cannabis treatment shall possess a transportation manifest that:

(a) includes a unique identifier that links the cannabis, cannabis product, or medical cannabis device to a relevant inventory control system;

(b) includes origin and destination information for any cannabis, cannabis product, or medical cannabis device that the individual is transporting; and

(c) identifies the departure and arrival times and locations of the individual transporting the cannabis, cannabis product, or medical cannabis device.

(3) (a) In addition to the requirements in Subsections (1) and (2), the department may establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, requirements for transporting cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, or a medical cannabis device to ensure that the cannabis, cannabis product, or medical cannabis device remains safe for human consumption.

(b) The transportation described in Subsection (3)(a) is limited to transportation:

(i) between a cannabis cultivation facility and:

(A) another cannabis cultivation facility; or

(B) a cannabis processing facility; and

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(ii) between a cannabis processing facility and:

(A) another cannabis processing facility;

(B) an independent cannabis testing laboratory; [or]

(C) a medical cannabis pharmacy[-]; or

(D) the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy.

(4) (a) It is unlawful for a registered cannabis production establishment agent to make a transport described in this section with a manifest that does not meet the requirements of this section.

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(d), an agent who violates Subsection (4)(a) is:

(i) guilty of an infraction; and

(ii) subject to a \$100 fine.

(c) An individual who is guilty of a violation described in Subsection (4)(b) is not guilty of a violation of Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, for the conduct underlying the violation described in Subsection (4)(b).

(d) If the agent described in Subsection (4)(a) is transporting more cannabis, cannabis product, or medical cannabis devices than the manifest identifies, except for a de minimis administrative error:

(i) the penalty described in Subsection (4)(b) does not apply; and

(ii) the agent is subject to penalties under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.

(5) Nothing in this section prevents the department from taking administrative enforcement action against a cannabis production establishment or another person for failing to make a transport in compliance with the requirements of this section.

Section 3. Section **4-41a-701** is amended to read:

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

(1) A cannabis cultivation facility may not offer any cannabis for sale to a cannabis processing facility unless an independent cannabis testing laboratory has tested a representative sample of the cannabis or cannabis product to determine that the presence of contaminants, including mold, fungus, pesticides, microbial contaminants, heavy metals, or foreign material, does not exceed an amount that is safe for human consumption.

[+] (2) A cannabis processing facility may not offer any cannabis or cannabis

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products for sale to a medical cannabis pharmacy or the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy, and a medical cannabis pharmacy and the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy may not offer any cannabis or cannabis product for sale unless an independent cannabis testing laboratory has tested a representative sample of the cannabis or cannabis product to determine:

(a) (i) the amount of total composite tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol in the cannabis or cannabis product; and

(ii) the amount of any other cannabinoid in the cannabis or cannabis product that the label claims the cannabis or cannabis product contains;

(b) that the presence of contaminants, including mold, fungus, pesticides, microbial contaminants, heavy metals, or foreign material, does not exceed an amount that is safe for human consumption; and

(c) for a cannabis product that is manufactured using a process that involves extraction using hydrocarbons, that the cannabis product does not contain a level of a residual solvent that is not safe for human consumption.

~~[(2)]~~ (3) By rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department:

(a) may determine the amount of any substance described in Subsections ~~[(1)]~~ (2)(b) and (c) that is safe for human consumption; and

(b) shall establish protocols for a recall of cannabis or a cannabis product by a cannabis production establishment.

~~[(3)]~~ (4) The department may require testing for a toxin if:

(a) the department receives information indicating the potential presence of a toxin; or

(b) the department's inspector has reason to believe a toxin may be present based on the inspection of a facility.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) The department shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the standards, methods, practices, and procedures for the testing of cannabis and cannabis products by independent cannabis testing laboratories.

~~[(5)]~~ (6) The department may require an independent cannabis testing laboratory to participate in a proficiency evaluation that the department conducts or that an organization that the department approves conducts.

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Section 4. Section **26-61a-102** is amended to read:

26-61a-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Blister" means a plastic cavity or pocket used to contain no more than a single dose of cannabis or a cannabis product in a blister pack.
- (2) "Blister pack" means a plastic, paper, or foil package with multiple blisters each containing no more than a single dose of cannabis or a cannabis product.
- (3) "Cannabis" means marijuana.
- (4) "Cannabis cultivation facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
- (5) "Cannabis processing facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
- (6) "Cannabis product" means a product that:
 - (a) is intended for human use; and
 - (b) contains cannabis or tetrahydrocannabinol.
- (7) "Cannabis production establishment agent" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
- (8) "Cannabis production establishment agent registration card" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.
- (9) "Community location" means a public or private school, a church, a public library, a public playground, or a public park.
- (10) "Department" means the Department of Health.
- (11) "Designated caregiver" means an individual:
 - (a) whom an individual with a medical cannabis patient card or a medical cannabis guardian card designates as the patient's caregiver; and
 - (b) who registers with the department under Section 26-61a-202.
- (12) "Dosing parameters" means quantity, routes, and frequency of administration for a recommended treatment of cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form.
- (13) "Independent cannabis testing laboratory" means the same as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102.

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(14) "Inventory control system" means the system described in Section 4-41a-103.

(15) "Local health department" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26A-1-102.

(16) "Local health department distribution agent" means an agent designated and registered to distribute state central fill shipments under Sections 26-61a-606 and 26-61a-607.

(17) "Marijuana" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-37-2.

(18) "Medical cannabis" means cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form.

(19) "Medical cannabis card" means a medical cannabis patient card, a medical cannabis guardian card, or a medical cannabis caregiver card.

(20) "Medical cannabis cardholder" means a holder of a medical cannabis card.

(21) "Medical cannabis caregiver card" means an official card that:

(a) the department issues to an individual whom a medical cannabis patient cardholder or a medical cannabis guardian cardholder designates as a designated caregiver; and

(b) is connected to the electronic verification system.

(22) (a) "Medical cannabis device" means a device that an individual uses to ingest cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form.

(b) "Medical cannabis device" does not include a device that:

(i) facilitates cannabis combustion; or

(ii) an individual uses to ingest substances other than cannabis.

(23) "Medical cannabis guardian card" means an official card that:

(a) the department issues to the parent or legal guardian of a minor with a qualifying condition; and

(b) is connected to the electronic verification system.

(24) "Medical cannabis patient card" means an official card that:

(a) the department issues to an individual with a qualifying condition; and

(b) is connected to the electronic verification system.

(25) "Medical cannabis pharmacy" means a person that:

(a) (i) acquires or intends to acquire:

(A) cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form from a cannabis processing facility; or

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(B) a medical cannabis device; or

(ii) possesses cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, or a medical cannabis device; and

(b) sells or intends to sell cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, or a medical cannabis device to a medical cannabis cardholder.

(26) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent" means an individual who:

(a) is an employee of a medical cannabis pharmacy; and

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

(27) "Medical cannabis pharmacy agent registration card" means a registration card issued by the department that authorizes an individual to act as a medical cannabis pharmacy agent.

(28) "Medical cannabis treatment" means cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, or a medical cannabis device.

(29) (a) "Medicinal dosage form" means:

(i) for processed medical cannabis or a medical cannabis product, the following in single dosage form with a specific and consistent cannabinoid content:

(A) a tablet;

(B) a capsule;

(C) a concentrated oil;

(D) a liquid suspension;

(E) a topical preparation;

(F) a transdermal preparation;

(G) a sublingual preparation;

(H) a gelatinous cube, gelatinous rectangular cuboid, or lozenge in a cube or rectangular cuboid shape; or

(I) for use only after the individual's qualifying condition has failed to substantially respond to at least two other forms described in this Subsection (29)(a)(i), a resin or wax;

(ii) for unprocessed cannabis flower, a blister pack, with each individual blister:

(A) containing a specific and consistent weight that does not exceed one gram and that varies by no more than 10% from the stated weight; and

(B) after December 31, 2020, labeled with a barcode that provides information

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connected to an inventory control system and the individual blister's content and weight; and

(iii) a form measured in grams, milligrams, or milliliters.

(b) "Medicinal dosage form" includes a portion of unprocessed cannabis flower that:

(i) the medical cannabis cardholder has recently removed from the blister pack

described in Subsection (29)(a)(ii) for use; and

(ii) does not exceed the quantity described in Subsection (29)(a)(ii).

(c) "Medicinal dosage form" does not include:

(i) any unprocessed cannabis flower outside of the blister pack, except as provided in Subsection (29)(b); or

(ii) a process of vaporizing and inhaling concentrated cannabis by placing the cannabis on a nail or other metal object that is heated by a flame, including a blowtorch.

(30) "Pharmacy medical provider" means the medical provider required to be on site at a medical cannabis pharmacy under Section 26-61a-403.

(31) "Provisional patient card" means a card that:

(a) the department issues to a minor with a qualifying condition for whom:

(i) a qualified medical provider has recommended a medical cannabis treatment; and

(ii) the department issues a medical cannabis guardian card to the minor's parent or legal guardian; and

(b) is connected to the electronic verification system.

(32) "Qualified medical provider" means an individual who is qualified to recommend treatment with cannabis in a medicinal dosage form under Section 26-61a-106.

(33) "Qualified Distribution Enterprise Fund" means the enterprise fund created in Section 26-61a-110.

(34) "Qualified Patient Enterprise Fund" means the enterprise fund created in Section 26-61a-109.

(35) "Qualifying condition" means a condition described in Section 26-61a-104.

(36) "State central fill agent" means an employee of the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy that the department registers in accordance with Section 26-61a-602.

(37) "State central fill medical cannabis pharmacy" means the central fill pharmacy that the department creates in accordance with Section 26-61a-601.

(38) "State central fill medical provider" means a physician or pharmacist that the state

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central fill medical cannabis pharmacy employs to consult with medical cannabis cardholders in accordance with Section 26-61a-601.

(39) "State central fill shipment" means a shipment of cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, or a medical cannabis device that the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy prepares and ships for distribution to a medical cannabis cardholder in a local health department.

(40) "State electronic verification system" means the system described in Section 26-61a-103.

Section 5. Section **26-61a-103** is amended to read:

26-61a-103. Electronic verification system.

(1) The Department of Agriculture and Food, the department, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Technology Services shall:

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

(b) coordinate with the Division of Purchasing, under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, to develop a request for proposals for a third-party provider to develop and maintain the state electronic verification system in coordination with the Department of Technology Services; and

(c) select a third-party provider who:

(i) meets the requirements contained in the request for proposals issued under Subsection (1)(b)~~[-]; and~~

(ii) may not have any commercial or ownership interest in a cannabis production establishment or a medical cannabis pharmacy.

(2) The Department of Agriculture and Food, the department, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Technology Services shall ensure that, on or before March 1, 2020, the state electronic verification system described in Subsection (1):

(a) allows an individual, with the individual's qualified medical provider in the qualified medical provider's office, to apply for a medical cannabis patient card or, if applicable, a medical cannabis guardian card;

(b) allows an individual to apply to renew a medical cannabis patient card or a medical cannabis guardian card in accordance with Section 26-61a-201;

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(c) allows a qualified medical provider to:

(i) access dispensing and card status information regarding a patient:

(A) with whom the qualified medical provider has a provider-patient relationship; and

(B) for whom the qualified medical provider has recommended or is considering recommending a medical cannabis card;

(ii) electronically recommend, during a visit with a patient, treatment with cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form and optionally recommend dosing parameters;

(iii) electronically renew a recommendation to a medical cannabis patient cardholder or medical cannabis guardian cardholder:

(A) for the qualified medical provider who originally recommended a medical cannabis treatment, as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102, using telehealth services; or

(B) for a qualified medical provider who did not originally recommend the medical cannabis treatment, during a face-to-face visit with a patient; and

(iv) at the request of a medical cannabis cardholder, initiate a state central fill shipment in accordance with Section 26-61a-603;

(d) connects with:

(i) an inventory control system that a medical cannabis pharmacy and the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy use to track in real time and archive purchases of any cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, or medical cannabis device, including:

(A) the time and date of each purchase;

(B) the quantity and type of cannabis, cannabis product, or medical cannabis device purchased;

(C) any cannabis production establishment, any medical cannabis pharmacy, or the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy associated with the cannabis, cannabis product, or medical cannabis device; and

(D) the personally identifiable information of the medical cannabis cardholder who made the purchase; and

(ii) any commercially available inventory control system that a cannabis production establishment utilizes in accordance with Section 4-41a-103 to use data that the Department of

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Agriculture and Food requires by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, from the inventory tracking system that a licensee uses to track and confirm compliance;

(e) provides access to:

(i) the department to the extent necessary to carry out the department's functions and responsibilities under this chapter;

(ii) the Department of Agriculture and Food to the extent necessary to carry out the functions and responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture and Food under Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis Production Establishments; and

(iii) the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to the extent necessary to carry functions and responsibilities related to the participation of the following in the recommendation and dispensing of medical cannabis:

(A) a pharmacist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act;

(B) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;

(C) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or

(D) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act;

(f) provides access to and interaction with the state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy, state central fill agents, and local health department distribution agents, to facilitate the state central fill shipment process;

(g) provides access to state or local law enforcement:

(i) during a traffic stop for the purpose of determining if the individual subject to the traffic stop is in compliance with state medical cannabis law; or

(ii) after obtaining a warrant; and

(h) creates a record each time a person accesses the database that identifies the person who accesses the database and the individual whose records the person accesses.

(3) The department may release de-identified data that the system collects for the purpose of:

(a) conducting medical research; and

(b) providing the report required by Section 26-61a-703.

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(4) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish:

(a) the limitations on access to the data in the state electronic verification system as described in this section; and

(b) standards and procedures to ensure accurate identification of an individual requesting information or receiving information in this section.

(5) (a) Any person who knowingly and intentionally releases any information in the state electronic verification system in violation of this section is guilty of a third degree felony.

(b) Any person who negligently or recklessly releases any information in the state electronic verification system in violation of this section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

(6) (a) Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain information from the state electronic verification system by misrepresentation or fraud is guilty of a third degree felony.

(b) Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain information from the state electronic verification system for a purpose other than a purpose this chapter authorizes is guilty of a third degree felony.

(7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(e), a person may not knowingly and intentionally use, release, publish, or otherwise make available to any other person information obtained from the state electronic verification system for any purpose other than a purpose specified in this section.

(b) Each separate violation of this Subsection (7) is:

(i) a third degree felony; and

(ii) subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.

(c) The department shall determine a civil violation of this Subsection (7) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

(d) Civil penalties assessed under this Subsection (7) shall be deposited into the General Fund.

(e) This Subsection (7) does not prohibit a person who obtains information from the state electronic verification system under Subsection (2)(a), (c), or (f) from:

(i) including the information in the person's medical chart or file for access by a person authorized to review the medical chart or file;

(ii) providing the information to a person in accordance with the requirements of the

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Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; or

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

Section 6. Section **26-61a-105** is amended to read:

26-61a-105. Compassionate use board.

(1) (a) The department shall establish a compassionate use board consisting of:

(i) seven qualified medical providers that the executive director appoints and the

Senate confirms:

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

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

(C) whom the appropriate board certifies in the specialty of neurology, pain medicine and pain management, medical oncology, psychiatry, infectious disease, internal medicine, pediatrics, or gastroenterology; and

(ii) as a nonvoting member and the chair of the board, the executive director or the director's designee.

(b) In appointing the seven qualified medical providers described in Subsection (1)(a), the executive director shall ensure that at least two have a board certification in pediatrics.

(2) (a) Of the members of the board that the executive director first appoints:

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

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

(b) After an initial term described in Subsection (2)(a) expires:

(i) each term is four years; and

(ii) each board member is eligible for reappointment.

(c) A member of the board may serve until a successor is appointed.

(3) Four members constitute a quorum of the compassionate use board.

(4) A member of the board may receive:

(a) compensation or benefits for the member's service; and

(b) per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Section 63A-3-106, Section 63A-3-107, and rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(5) The compassionate use board shall:

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(a) review and recommend for department approval an individual described in Subsection 26-61a-201(2)(a), a minor described in Subsection 26-61a-201(2)(c), or an individual who is not otherwise qualified to receive a medical cannabis card to obtain a medical cannabis card for compassionate use if:

(i) for an individual who is not otherwise qualified to receive a medical cannabis card, the individual's qualified medical provider is actively treating the individual for an intractable condition that:

(A) substantially impairs the individual's quality of life; and

(B) has not, in the qualified medical provider's professional opinion, adequately responded to conventional treatments;

(ii) the qualified medical provider:

(A) recommends that the individual or minor be allowed to use medical cannabis; and

(B) provides a letter, relevant treatment history, and notes or copies of progress notes describing relevant treatment history including rationale for considering the use of medical cannabis; and

(iii) the board determines that:

(A) the recommendation of the individual's qualified medical provider is justified; and

(B) based on available information, it may be in the best interests of the individual to allow the use of medical cannabis;

(b) unless no petitions are pending:

(i) meet to receive or review compassionate use petitions at least quarterly; and

(ii) if there are more petitions than the board can receive or review during the board's regular schedule, as often as necessary;

(c) complete a review of each petition and recommend to the department approval or denial of the applicant for qualification for a medical cannabis card within 90 days after the day on which the board received the petition; and

(d) report, before November 1 of each year, to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee:

(i) the number of compassionate use recommendations the board issued during the past year; and

(ii) the types of conditions for which the board approved compassionate use.

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(6) (a) (i) The department shall review any compassionate use for which the board recommends approval under Subsection (5)(c) to determine whether the board properly exercised the board's discretion under this section.

(ii) If the department determines that the board properly exercised the board's discretion in recommending approval under Subsection (5)(c), the department shall:

(A) issue the relevant medical cannabis card; and

(B) provide for the renewal of the medical cannabis card in accordance with the recommendation of the qualified medical provider described in Subsection (5)(a).

(b) (i) If the board recommends denial under Subsection (5)(c), the individual seeking to obtain a medical cannabis card may petition the department to review the board's decision.

(ii) If the department determines that the board's recommendation for denial under Subsection (5)(c) was arbitrary or capricious:

(A) the department shall notify the board of the department's determination; and

(B) the board shall reconsider the board's refusal to recommend approval under this section.

(c) In reviewing the board's recommendation for approval or denial under Subsection (5)(c) in accordance with this Subsection (6), the department shall presume the board properly exercised the board's discretion unless the department determines that the board's recommendation was arbitrary or capricious.

(7) Any individually identifiable health information contained in a petition that the board or department receives under this section is a protected record in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

(8) The compassionate use board shall annually report the board's activity to the Cannabinoid Product Board created in Section 26-61-201.

Section 7. Section **26-61a-106** is amended to read:

26-61a-106. Qualified medical provider registration -- Continuing education -- Treatment recommendation.

(1) (a) ~~Am~~ Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), an individual may not recommend a medical cannabis treatment unless the department registers the individual as a qualified medical provider in accordance with this section.

(b) An individual who meets the qualifications in Subsections 26-61a-106(2)(a)(iii)

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and (iv) may recommend a medical cannabis treatment without registering under Subsection (1)(a) until January 1, 2021.

(2) (a) The department shall, within 15 days after the day on which the department receives an application from an individual, register and issue a qualified medical provider registration card to the individual if the individual:

(i) provides to the department the individual's name and address;

(ii) provides to the department a report detailing the individual's completion of the applicable continuing education requirement described in Subsection (3);

(iii) provides to the department evidence that the individual:

(A) has the authority to write a prescription;

(B) is licensed to prescribe a controlled substance under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act; and

(C) possesses the authority, in accordance with the individual's scope of practice, to prescribe a Schedule II controlled substance;

(iv) provides to the department evidence that the individual is:

(A) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;

(B) a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or

(C) a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act, whose declaration of services agreement, as that term is defined in Section 58-70a-102, includes the recommending of medical cannabis, and whose supervising physician is a qualified medical provider; and

(v) pays the department a fee in an amount that:

(A) the department sets, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and

(B) does not exceed \$300 for an initial registration.

(b) The department may not register an individual as a qualified medical provider if the individual is:

(i) a pharmacy medical provider or a state central fill medical provider; or

(ii) an owner, officer, director, board member, employee, or agent of a cannabis production establishment or a medical cannabis pharmacy.

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(3) (a) An individual shall complete the continuing education described in this Subsection (3) in the following amounts:

- (i) for an individual as a condition precedent to registration, four hours; and
- (ii) for a qualified medical provider as a condition precedent to renewal, four hours

every two years.

(b) In accordance with Subsection (3)(a), a qualified medical provider shall:

(i) complete continuing education:

(A) regarding the topics described in Subsection (3)(d); and

(B) offered by the department under Subsection (3)(c) or an accredited or approved continuing education provider that the department recognizes as offering continuing education appropriate for the recommendation of cannabis to patients; and

(ii) make a continuing education report to the department in accordance with a process that the department establishes by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and in collaboration with the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing and:

(A) for an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, the Board of Nursing;

(B) for a qualified medical provider licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, the Physicians Licensing Board;

(C) for a qualified medical provider licensed under Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, the Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon's Licensing Board; and

(D) for a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act, the Physician Assistant Licensing Board.

(c) The department may, in consultation with the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, develop the continuing education described in this Subsection (3).

(d) The continuing education described in this Subsection (3) may discuss:

(i) the provisions of this chapter;

(ii) general information about medical cannabis under federal and state law;

(iii) the latest scientific research on the endocannabinoid system and medical cannabis, including risks and benefits;

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(iv) recommendations for medical cannabis as it relates to the continuing care of a patient in pain management, risk management, potential addiction, or palliative care; and

(v) best practices for recommending the form and dosage of medical cannabis products based on the qualifying condition underlying a medical cannabis recommendation.

(4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b) or (c), a qualified medical provider may not recommend a medical cannabis treatment to more than 175 of the qualified medical provider's patients at the same time, as determined by the number of medical cannabis cards under the qualified medical provider's name in the state electronic verification system.

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), a qualified medical provider may recommend a medical cannabis treatment to up to 300 of the qualified medical provider's patients at any given time, as determined by the number of medical cannabis cards under the qualified medical provider's name in the state electronic verification system, if:

(i) the appropriate American medical board has certified the qualified medical provider in the specialty of anesthesiology, gastroenterology, neurology, oncology, pain, hospice and palliative medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation, rheumatology, or psychiatry; or

(ii) a licensed business employs or contracts the qualified medical provider for the specific purpose of providing hospice and palliative care.

(c) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(b), a qualified medical provider described in Subsection (4)(b) may petition the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing for authorization to exceed the limit described in Subsection (4)(b) by graduating increments of 100 patients per authorization, not to exceed three authorizations.

(ii) The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing shall grant the authorization described in Subsection (4)(c)(i) if:

(A) the petitioning qualified medical provider pays a \$100 fee;

(B) the division performs a review that includes the qualified medical provider's medical cannabis recommendation activity in the state electronic verification system, relevant information related to patient demand, and any patient medical records that the division determines would assist in the division's review; and

(C) after the review described in this Subsection (4)(c)(ii), the division determines that granting the authorization would not adversely affect public safety, adversely concentrate the overall patient population among too few qualified medical providers, or adversely concentrate

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the use of medical cannabis among the provider's patients.

(5) A qualified medical provider may recommend medical cannabis to an individual under this chapter only in the course of a qualified medical provider-patient relationship after the qualifying medical provider has completed and documented in the patient's medical record a thorough assessment of the patient's condition and medical history based on the appropriate standard of care for the patient's condition.

(6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a qualified medical provider may not advertise that the qualified medical provider recommends medical cannabis treatment.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (6)(a), the communication of the following, through a website does not constitute advertising:

- (i) a green cross;
- (ii) a qualifying condition that the qualified medical provider treats; or
- (iii) a scientific study regarding medical cannabis use.

(7) (a) A qualified medical provider registration card expires two years after the day on which the department issues the card.

(b) The department shall renew a qualified medical provider's registration card if the provider:

- (i) applies for renewal;
- (ii) is eligible for a qualified medical provider registration card under this section, including maintaining an unrestricted license as described in Subsection (2)(a)(iii);
- (iii) certifies to the department in a renewal application that the information in Subsection (2)(a) is accurate or updates the information;
- (iv) submits a report detailing the completion of the continuing education requirement described in Subsection (3); and
- (v) pays the department a fee in an amount that:
 - (A) the department sets, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and
 - (B) does not exceed \$50 for a registration renewal.

(8) The department may revoke the registration of a qualified medical provider who fails to maintain compliance with the requirements of this section.

(9) A qualified medical provider may not receive any compensation or benefit for the qualified medical provider's medical cannabis treatment recommendation from:

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(a) a cannabis production establishment or an owner, officer, director, board member, employee, or agent of a cannabis production establishment;

(b) a medical cannabis pharmacy or an owner, officer, director, board member, employee, or agent of a medical cannabis pharmacy; or

(c) a qualified medical provider or pharmacy medical provider.

Section 8. Section **26-61a-111** is amended to read:

26-61a-111. Nondiscrimination for medical care or government employment --
~~{No adverse government employment action}~~Notice to prospective and current public employees.

(1) For purposes of medical care, including an organ or tissue transplant, a patient's use, in accordance with this chapter, of cannabis in a medicinal dosage form or a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form:

(a) is considered the equivalent of the authorized use of any other medication used at the discretion of a physician; and

(b) does not constitute the use of an illicit substance or otherwise disqualify an individual from needed medical care.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the state or any political subdivision shall treat an employee's use of medical cannabis in accordance with this chapter or Section 58-37-3.7 in the same way the state or political subdivision treats employee use of opioids and opiates.

(b) Subsection (2)(a) does not apply where the application of Subsection (2)(a) would jeopardize federal funding, a federal security clearance, or any other federal background determination required for the employee's position.

(3) ~~{The}~~(a) (i) A state employer or a political subdivision may not take adverse action against an employee because the employee has objected to or refused to carry out a directive that:

~~(a) derives from a requirement imposed on}~~employer shall take the action described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii) before:

(A) giving to a current employee an assignment or duty that arises from or directly relates to an obligation under this chapter, the state or political subdivision ~~{under this title;~~
and

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~~(b) }; or~~

(B) hiring a prospective employee whose assignments or duties would include an assignment or duty that arises from or directly relates to an obligation under this chapter.

(ii) The employer described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) shall give the employee or prospective employee described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) a written notice that notifies the employee or prospective employee:

(A) that the employee's or prospective employee's job duties may require the employee or prospective employee to engage in conduct which is in violation of the criminal laws of the United States; and

(B) that in accepting a job or undertaking a duty described in Subsection (3)(a)(i), although the employee or prospective employee is entitled to the protections of Title 67, Chapter 21, Utah Protection of Public Employees Act, the employee may not object or refuse to carry out an assignment or duty that may be a violation of the criminal laws of the United States with respect to the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cannabis.

(b) The Department of Human Resource Management shall create, revise, and publish the form of the notice described in Subsection (3)(a).

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection 67-21-3(3), an employee who has signed the notice described in Subsection (3)(a) may not:

(i) claim in good faith that the employee's actions violate or potentially violate the laws of the United States with respect to the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cannabis; or

(ii) refuse to carry out a directive that the employee reasonably believes violates

~~(i) a law} the criminal laws of { this state, a political subdivision of this state, or } the United States}; or~~

~~(ii) a rule or regulation adopted under the authority of the laws of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or the United States} with respect to the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cannabis.~~

(d) An employer of an employee who has signed the notice described in Subsection (3)(a) may not take retaliatory action as defined in Section 67-19a-101 against a current employee who refuses to sign the notice described in Subsection (3)(a).

Section 9. Section **30-3-10** is amended to read:

30-3-10. Custody of children in case of separation or divorce -- Custody

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consideration.

(1) If a married couple having one or more minor children are separated, or their marriage is declared void or dissolved, the court shall make an order for the future care and custody of the minor children as it considers appropriate.

(a) In determining any form of custody, including a change in custody, the court shall consider the best interests of the child without preference for either parent solely because of the biological sex of the parent and, among other factors the court finds relevant, the following:

(i) in accordance with Subsection (7), the past conduct and demonstrated moral standards of each of the parties;

(ii) which parent is most likely to act in the best interest of the child, including allowing the child frequent and continuing contact with the noncustodial parent;

(iii) the extent of bonding between the parent and child, meaning the depth, quality, and nature of the relationship between a parent and child;

(iv) whether the parent has intentionally exposed the child to pornography or material harmful to a minor, as defined in Section 76-10-1201; and

(v) those factors outlined in Section 30-3-10.2.

(b) There is a rebuttable presumption that joint legal custody, as defined in Section 30-3-10.1, is in the best interest of the child, except in cases where there is:

(i) domestic violence in the home or in the presence of the child;

(ii) special physical or mental needs of a parent or child, making joint legal custody unreasonable;

(iii) physical distance between the residences of the parents, making joint decision making impractical in certain circumstances; or

(iv) any other factor the court considers relevant including those listed in this section and Section 30-3-10.2.

(c) (i) The person who desires joint legal custody shall file a proposed parenting plan in accordance with Sections 30-3-10.8 and 30-3-10.9.

(ii) A presumption for joint legal custody may be rebutted by a showing by a preponderance of the evidence that it is not in the best interest of the child.

(d) A child may not be required by either party to testify unless the trier of fact determines that extenuating circumstances exist that would necessitate the testimony of the

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child be heard and there is no other reasonable method to present the child's testimony.

(e) (i) The court may inquire of the child's and take into consideration the [the] child's desires regarding future custody or parent-time schedules, but the expressed desires are not controlling and the court may determine the children's custody or parent-time otherwise.

(ii) The desires of a child 14 years of age or older shall be given added weight, but is not the single controlling factor.

(f) (i) If an interview with a child is conducted by the court pursuant to Subsection (1)(e), the interview shall be conducted by the judge in camera.

(ii) The prior consent of the parties may be obtained but is not necessary if the court finds that an interview with a child is the only method to ascertain the child's desires regarding custody.

(2) In awarding custody, the court shall consider, among other factors the court finds relevant, which parent is most likely to act in the best interests of the child, including allowing the child frequent and continuing contact with the noncustodial parent as the court finds appropriate.

(3) If the court finds that one parent does not desire custody of the child, the court shall take that evidence into consideration in determining whether to award custody to the other parent.

(4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), a court may not discriminate against a parent due to a disability, as defined in Section 57-21-2, in awarding custody or determining whether a substantial change has occurred for the purpose of modifying an award of custody.

(b) The court may not consider the disability of a parent as a factor in awarding custody or modifying an award of custody based on a determination of a substantial change in circumstances, unless the court makes specific findings that:

(i) the disability significantly or substantially inhibits the parent's ability to provide for the physical and emotional needs of the child at issue; and

(ii) the parent with a disability lacks sufficient human, monetary, or other resources available to supplement the parent's ability to provide for the physical and emotional needs of the child at issue.

(c) Nothing in this section may be construed to apply to adoption proceedings under Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1, Utah Adoption Act.

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(5) This section establishes neither a preference nor a presumption for or against joint physical custody or sole physical custody, but allows the court and the family the widest discretion to choose a parenting plan that is in the best interest of the child.

(6) When an issue before the court involves custodial responsibility in the event of a deployment of one or both parents who are servicemembers, and the servicemember has not yet been notified of deployment, the court shall resolve the issue based on the standards in Sections 78B-20-306 through 78B-20-309.

(7) In considering the past conduct and demonstrated moral standards of each party under Subsection (1)(a)(i) or any other factor a court finds relevant, the court may not discriminate against a parent because of or otherwise consider the parent's:

(a) lawful possession or use of cannabis in a medicinal dosage form, a cannabis product in a medicinal dosage form, or a medical cannabis device, in accordance with Title 26, Chapter 61a, Utah Medical Cannabis Act~~[-except as it relates to that parent's ability to care for a child];~~ or

(b) status as a:

(i) cannabis production establishment agent, as that term is defined in Section 4-41a-102;

(ii) medical cannabis pharmacy agent, as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102;

(iii) state central fill agent, as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102; or

(iv) medical cannabis cardholder in accordance with Title 26, Chapter 61a, Utah Medical Cannabis Act.

Section 10. Section **31A-15-103** is amended to read:

31A-15-103. Surplus lines insurance -- Unauthorized insurers.

(1) Notwithstanding Section 31A-15-102, when this state is the home state as defined in Section 31A-3-305, a nonadmitted insurer may make an insurance contract for coverage of a person in this state and on a risk located in this state, subject to the limitations and requirements of this section.

(2) (a) For a contract made under this section, the insurer may, in this state:

(i) inspect the risks to be insured;

(ii) collect premiums;

(iii) adjust losses; and

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(iv) do another act reasonably incidental to the contract.

(b) An act described in Subsection (2)(a) may be done through:

(i) an employee; or

(ii) an independent contractor.

(3) (a) Subsections (1) and (2) do not permit a person to solicit business in this state on behalf of an insurer that has no certificate of authority.

(b) Insurance placed with a nonadmitted insurer shall be placed by a surplus lines producer licensed under Chapter 23a, Insurance Marketing - Licensing Producers, Consultants, and Reinsurance Intermediaries.

(c) The commissioner may by rule prescribe how a surplus lines producer may:

(i) pay or permit the payment, commission, or other remuneration on insurance placed by the surplus lines producer under authority of the surplus lines producer's license to one holding a license to act as an insurance producer; and

(ii) advertise the availability of the surplus lines producer's services in procuring, on behalf of a person seeking insurance, a contract with a nonadmitted insurer.

(4) For a contract made under this section, a nonadmitted insurer is subject to Sections 31A-23a-402, 31A-23a-402.5, and 31A-23a-403 and the rules adopted under those sections.

(5) A nonadmitted insurer may not issue workers' compensation insurance coverage to an employer located in this state, except:

(a) for stop loss coverage issued to an employer securing workers' compensation under Subsection 34A-2-201(2)[:];

(b) a cannabis production establishment as defined in Section 4-41a-102; or

(c) a medical cannabis pharmacy as defined in Section 26-61a-102.

(6) (a) The commissioner may by rule prohibit making a contract under Subsection (1) for a specified class of insurance if authorized insurers provide an established market for the class in this state that is adequate and reasonably competitive.

(b) The commissioner may by rule place a restriction or a limitation on and create special procedures for making a contract under Subsection (1) for a specified class of insurance if:

(i) there have been abuses of placements in the class; or

(ii) the policyholders in the class, because of limited financial resources, business

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experience, or knowledge, cannot protect their own interests adequately.

(c) The commissioner may prohibit an individual insurer from making a contract under Subsection (1) and all insurance producers from dealing with the insurer if:

(i) the insurer willfully violates:

(A) this section;

(B) Section 31A-4-102, 31A-23a-402, 31A-23a-402.5, or 31A-26-303; or

(C) a rule adopted under a section listed in Subsection (6)(c)(i)(A) or (B);

(ii) the insurer fails to pay the fees and taxes specified under Section 31A-3-301; or

(iii) the commissioner has reason to believe that the insurer is:

(A) in an unsound condition;

(B) operated in a fraudulent, dishonest, or incompetent manner; or

(C) in violation of the law of its domicile.

(d) (i) The commissioner may issue one or more lists of nonadmitted foreign insurers

whose:

(A) solidity the commissioner doubts; or

(B) practices the commissioner considers objectionable.

(ii) The commissioner shall issue one or more lists of nonadmitted foreign insurers the commissioner considers to be reliable and solid.

(iii) In addition to the lists described in Subsections (6)(d)(i) and (ii), the commissioner may issue other relevant evaluations of nonadmitted insurers.

(iv) An action may not lie against the commissioner or an employee of the department for a written or oral communication made in, or in connection with the issuance of, a list or evaluation described in this Subsection (6)(d).

(e) A foreign nonadmitted insurer shall be listed on the commissioner's "reliable" list only if the nonadmitted insurer:

(i) delivers a request to the commissioner to be on the list;

(ii) establishes satisfactory evidence of good reputation and financial integrity;

(iii) (A) delivers to the commissioner a copy of the nonadmitted insurer's current annual statement certified by the insurer and, each subsequent year, delivers to the commissioner a copy of the nonadmitted insurer's annual statement within 60 days after the day on which the nonadmitted insurer files the annual statement with the insurance regulatory

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authority where the nonadmitted insurer is domiciled; or

(B) files the nonadmitted insurer's annual statements with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the nonadmitted insurer's annual statements are available electronically from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners;

(iv) (A) is in substantial compliance with the solvency standards in Chapter 17, Part 6, Risk-Based Capital, or maintains capital and surplus of at least \$15,000,000, whichever is greater; or

(B) in the case of any "Lloyd's" or other similar incorporated or unincorporated group of alien individual insurers, maintains a trust fund that:

(I) shall be in an amount not less than \$50,000,000 as security to its full amount for all policyholders and creditors in the United States of each member of the group;

(II) may consist of cash, securities, or investments of substantially the same character and quality as those which are "qualified assets" under Section 31A-17-201; and

(III) may include as part of this trust arrangement a letter of credit that qualifies as acceptable security under Section 31A-17-404.1; and

(v) for an alien insurer not domiciled in the United States or a territory of the United States, is listed on the Quarterly Listing of Alien Insurers maintained by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners International Insurers Department.

(7) (a) Subject to Subsection (7)(b), a surplus lines producer may not, either knowingly or without reasonable investigation of the financial condition and general reputation of the insurer, place insurance under this section with:

- (i) a financially unsound insurer;
- (ii) an insurer engaging in unfair practices; or
- (iii) an otherwise substandard insurer.

(b) A surplus line producer may place insurance under this section with an insurer described in Subsection (7)(a) if the surplus line producer:

(i) gives the applicant notice in writing of the known deficiencies of the insurer or the limitations on the surplus line producer's investigation; and

(ii) explains the need to place the business with that insurer.

(c) A copy of the notice described in Subsection (7)(b) shall be kept in the office of the surplus line producer for at least five years.

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(d) To be financially sound, an insurer shall satisfy standards that are comparable to those applied under the laws of this state to an authorized insurer.

(e) An insurer on the "doubtful or objectionable" list under Subsection (6)(d) or an insurer not on the commissioner's "reliable" list under Subsection (6)(e) is presumed substandard.

(8) (a) A policy issued under this section shall:

(i) include a description of the subject of the insurance; and

(ii) indicate:

(A) the coverage, conditions, and term of the insurance;

(B) the premium charged the policyholder;

(C) the premium taxes to be collected from the policyholder; and

(D) the name and address of the policyholder and insurer.

(b) If the direct risk is assumed by more than one insurer, the policy shall state:

(i) the names and addresses of all insurers; and

(ii) the portion of the entire direct risk each assumes.

(c) A policy issued under this section shall have attached or affixed to the policy the following statement: "The insurer issuing this policy does not hold a certificate of authority to do business in this state and thus is not fully subject to regulation by the Utah insurance commissioner. This policy receives no protection from any of the guaranty associations created under Title 31A, Chapter 28, Guaranty Associations."

(9) Upon placing a new or renewal coverage under this section, a surplus lines producer shall promptly deliver to the policyholder or the policyholder's agent evidence of the insurance consisting either of:

(a) the policy as issued by the insurer; or

(b) if the policy is not available upon placing the coverage, a certificate, cover note, or other confirmation of insurance complying with Subsection (8).

(10) If the commissioner finds it necessary to protect the interests of insureds and the public in this state, the commissioner may by rule subject a policy issued under this section to as much of the regulation provided by this title as is required for a comparable policy written by an authorized foreign insurer.

(11) (a) A surplus lines transaction in this state shall be examined to determine whether

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it complies with:

- (i) the surplus lines tax levied under Chapter 3, Department Funding, Fees, and Taxes;
- (ii) the solicitation limitations of Subsection (3);
- (iii) the requirement of Subsection (3) that placement be through a surplus lines

producer;

- (iv) placement limitations imposed under Subsections (6)(a), (b), and (c); and
- (v) the policy form requirements of Subsections (8) and (10).

(b) The examination described in Subsection (11)(a) shall take place as soon as practicable after the transaction. The surplus lines producer shall submit to the examiner information necessary to conduct the examination within a period specified by rule.

(c) (i) The examination described in Subsection (11)(a) may be conducted by the commissioner or by an advisory organization created under Section 31A-15-111 and authorized by the commissioner to conduct these examinations. The commissioner is not required to authorize an additional advisory organization to conduct an examination under this Subsection (11)(c).

(ii) The commissioner's authorization of one or more advisory organizations to act as examiners under this Subsection (11)(c) shall be:

(A) by rule; and

(B) evidenced by a contract, on a form provided by the commissioner, between the authorized advisory organization and the department.

(d) (i) (A) A person conducting the examination described in Subsection (11)(a) shall collect a stamping fee of an amount not to exceed 1% of the policy premium payable in connection with the transaction.

(B) A stamping fee collected by the commissioner shall be deposited in the General Fund.

(C) The commissioner shall establish a stamping fee by rule.

(ii) A stamping fee collected by an advisory organization is the property of the advisory organization to be used in paying the expenses of the advisory organization.

(iii) Liability for paying a stamping fee is as required under Subsection 31A-3-303(1) for taxes imposed under Section 31A-3-301.

(iv) The commissioner shall adopt a rule dealing with the payment of stamping fees. If

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a stamping fee is not paid when due, the commissioner or advisory organization may impose a penalty of 25% of the stamping fee due, plus 1-1/2% per month from the time of default until full payment of the stamping fee.

(e) The commissioner, representatives of the department, advisory organizations, representatives and members of advisory organizations, authorized insurers, and surplus lines insurers are not liable for damages on account of statements, comments, or recommendations made in good faith in connection with their duties under this Subsection (11)(e) or under Section 31A-15-111.

(f) An examination conducted under this Subsection (11) and a document or materials related to the examination are confidential.

(12) (a) For a surplus lines insurance transaction in the state entered into on or after May 13, 2014, if an audit is required by the surplus lines insurance policy, a surplus lines insurer:

(i) shall exercise due diligence to initiate an audit of an insured, to determine whether additional premium is owed by the insured, by no later than six months after the expiration of the term for which premium is paid; and

(ii) may not audit an insured more than three years after the surplus lines insurance policy expires.

(b) A surplus lines insurer that does not comply with this Subsection (12) may not charge or collect additional premium in excess of the premium agreed to under the surplus lines insurance policy.

Section 11. Section **58-37-3.7** is amended to read:

58-37-3.7. Medical cannabis decriminalization.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Cannabis" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102.

(b) "Cannabis product" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102.

(c) "Medical cannabis card" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102.

(d) "Medical cannabis device" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102.

(e) "Medical cannabis pharmacy" means the same as that term is defined in Section

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(f) "Medicinal dosage form" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102.

(g) "Qualified medical provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102.

(h) "Qualifying condition" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26-61a-102.

(i) "Tetrahydrocannabinol" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-37-3.9.

(2) Before January 1, 2021, an individual is not guilty under this chapter for the use or possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or marijuana drug paraphernalia if:

(a) at the time of the arrest or citation, the individual:

(i) (A) had been diagnosed with a qualifying condition; and

(B) had a pre-existing provider-patient relationship with an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, or a physician assistant licensed under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Physician Assistant Act, who believed that the individual's illness described in Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A) could benefit from the use in question; ~~[or]~~

(ii) for possession, was:

(A) the parent or legal guardian of an individual described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) who is a minor; or

(B) the spouse of an individual described in Subsection (2)(a)(i); or

~~[(ii)]~~ (iii) (A) for possession, was a medical cannabis cardholder; or

(B) for use, was a medical cannabis patient cardholder or a minor with a qualifying condition under the supervision of a medical cannabis guardian cardholder; and

(b) the marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol was in a medicinal dosage form in ~~[a quantity described in Subsection 26-61a-502(2).]~~ one of the following amounts:

(i) no more than 56 grams by weight of unprocessed cannabis; or

(ii) an amount of cannabis products that contains, in total, no more than 10 grams of total composite tetrahydrocannabinol.

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(3) An individual is not guilty under this chapter for the use or possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or marijuana drug paraphernalia under this chapter if:

(a) at the time of the arrest or citation, the individual:

(i) was not a resident of Utah or has been a resident of Utah for less than 45 days;

(ii) had a currently valid medical cannabis card or the equivalent of a medical cannabis card under the laws of another state, district, territory, commonwealth, or insular possession of the United States; and

(iii) had been diagnosed with a qualifying condition as described in Section 26-61a-104; and

(b) the marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol is in a medicinal dosage form in a quantity described in Subsection 26-61a-502(2).

Section 12. Effective date.

If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.