



ADULT USE CANNABIS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (JUNE 2022)



An Act To Assist Qualifying Municipalities To Defray the Costs of Opting In To Permit Adult Use Marijuana Establishments, P.L. 2021, ch. 645 (LD 1195)

Allows cities and towns who have opted in to one or more adult use operations to submit to OCP for reimbursement of qualifying expenses, up to \$20,000 and within three years prior to application (see separate info sheet on this program).

An Act To An Act To Allow the State's Adult Use Marijuana Tracking System To Track Plants and Products by Group, P.L. 2021, ch. 628 (LD 1817)

AKA "Batch Tracking," allows adult use cultivation facilities to track, as one group, cannabis plants that are at the same stage of growth and the same varietal and and/or transplanted in the same specific area (grow room) at the same time.



An Act To Permit Curbside Pickup and Limited Delivery of Adult Use Marijuana, P.L. 2021, ch. 667 (LD 1827)

Allows licensed adult use stores to offer limited delivery and curbside pickup of cannabis products. Staff are required to have training on consumer age verification for 21+; delivery not permitted to "drug free safe zones."

An Act To Authorize Certain Off-premises Sales of Adult Use Marijuana, P.L. 2021, ch. 735 (LD 1927)

Allows OCP to issue permits to adult use licensees to conduct temporary off-premises sales of cannabis products. A permit needs municipal approval, property owner approval, age verification processes, & at least 30 days' notice to OCP.



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10%

An Act To Allow for a Variance Rate in the Amount and Potency of Cannabinoids in Adult Use Edible Marijuana Products, P.L. 2021, ch. 558 (LD 1846)

Allows for a variance of up to 10% in potency of edible cannabis products. Permits passage of testing for variance of up to 10% above the defined limit for serving size (10mg) and/or package (100mg)..

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy (Emergency), Resolves 2021, ch. 143 (Emergency, signed April 7, 2022) (LD 1930)

Allows OCP to finally adopt major substantive revisions to the Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule, 18-691 C.M.R., ch. 1, that were submitted for legislative approval during the legislative acceptance period for the second regular session.



An Act To Promote Equity and Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Reducing Restrictions Related to Convictions for Drug Offenses and To Replace the Term "Marijuana" with the Term "Cannabis" in the Maine Revised Statutes, P.L. 2021, ch. 669 (LD 1957)

Excludes cannabis-related crimes that would have been authorized under law from the definition of "disqualifying drug offense" and reduces look-back period for exclusion due to other disqualifying drug offenses from 10 years to 5 years after completion of sentence. Requires terminology change from "marijuana" to "cannabis" in rules, policies, publications, and statutes.



An Act To Improve Testing Requirements for Adult Use Marijuana, P.L. 2021, ch. 612 (LD 1985)

Changes to require testing of adult use products only prior to a retail store for consumption. Also exempts products from further testing when products have already been subject to mandatory testing and OCP determines that further processing doesn't increase concentration or introduce contaminants.

