

SENATE No. 2722

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

—
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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SENATE, November 13, 2025.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means to whom was referred the House Bill modernizing the commonwealth’s cannabis laws (House, No. 4206); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2722.

For the committee,
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1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 Section 223. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts cannabis control commission, which shall
4 consist of 2 commissioners appointed by the governor, 1 of whom the governor shall designate
5 as chair, and 1 commissioner appointed by the attorney general. The commissioners shall devote
6 their full time and attention to the duties of the office. The governor shall appoint commissioners
7 with experience or expertise in any of the following areas: public health, public safety, the
8 regulation and business of consumer commodities or the production and distribution of
9 marijuana and marijuana products. The attorney general shall appoint a commissioner with a
10 background in social justice issues related to the cannabis industry. Prior to appointment to the
11 commission, a background investigation shall be conducted into the financial stability, integrity,
12 potential conflicts of interest and responsibility of a candidate, including the candidate's
13 reputation for good character and honesty. No person convicted of a felony shall be eligible to
14 serve on the commission.

15 (b) Each commissioner shall be a resident of the commonwealth within 90 days of
16 appointment and, while serving on the commission, shall not: (i) hold, or be a candidate for,

17 federal, state or local elected office; (ii) hold an appointed office in a federal, state or local
18 government; or (iii) serve as an official in a political party. Not more than 2 commissioners shall
19 be from the same political party.

20 (c) The commissioner designated by the governor as chair shall serve a term coterminous
21 with the governor. The 2 remaining commissioners shall each serve for a term of 4 years or until
22 a successor is appointed. Each commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment. A person
23 appointed to fill a vacancy during the term of a commissioner shall be appointed in the manner
24 provided under this section and shall serve for the unexpired term of that commissioner.

25 (d) Each commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

26 (e) Two commissioners shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of 2
27 commissioners shall be required for an action of the commission. The chair or 2 commissioners
28 may call a meeting; provided, however, that notice of all meetings shall be given to each
29 commissioner and to other persons who request such notice. The commission shall adopt
30 regulations establishing procedures, which may include electronic communications, by which a
31 request to receive notice shall be made and the method by which timely notice may be given.

32 (f) The chair shall receive a salary equal to the salary of the secretary of administration
33 and finance under section 4 of chapter 7. The 2 remaining commissioners shall receive a salary
34 equal to 75 per cent of the salary of the secretary of administration and finance under said section
35 4 of said chapter 7.

36 (g)(1) The chair shall preside at all meetings or hearings at which the chair is present and
37 shall designate a commissioner to act as chair in the chair's absence. The chair may, as

38 necessary, assign or reassign responsibilities among the commissioners to ensure the efficient
39 administration of the commission

40 (2) The chair shall not participate in or supervise any investigation, inspection, audit,
41 enforcement action or other fact-gathering activity that may be subject to adjudication before the
42 commission.

43 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair the obligation of the chair or
44 any commissioner to act impartially in any adjudicatory proceeding conducted pursuant to
45 chapter 30A.

46 (4) When presiding over or participating in an adjudicatory proceeding, the chair shall be
47 subject to all duties, standards and prohibitions applicable to presiding officers pursuant to
48 chapter 30A.

49 (h) The commissioners shall, if so directed by the chair, participate in the hearing and
50 decision of any matter before the commission. Any matter may be heard, examined and
51 investigated by an employee of the commission designated and assigned by the chair, with the
52 concurrence of 1 other commissioner; provided, however, that s an employee assigned to a
53 matter shall make a report in writing relative to the hearing, examination and investigation of
54 every such matter to the commission. For each hearing, the concurrence of a majority of the
55 commissioners participating in the decision shall be necessary.

56 (i)(1) The chair, in consultation with the commission, shall appoint an executive director,
57 who shall devote their full-time duties to the office and shall serve at the pleasure of the chair
58 and under the supervision and direction of the chair. The salary of the executive director shall be
59 determined by the chair after consultation with the commission.

60 (2) The executive director shall be the chief administrative officer of the commission and
61 shall exercise independent authority over enforcement and the operational units of the
62 commission. Such authority shall be exercised independently of the commissioners, including
63 the chair, who shall not participate in any fact-finding, investigative or enforcement actions that
64 may become the subject of an adjudicatory proceeding under chapter 30A.

65 (3) The executive director shall direct the implementation of the commission's policies
66 and shall have final authority, subject to applicable law and regulations, over personnel
67 management and internal administrative matters.

68 (4) The executive director shall, subject to appropriation and consistent with the
69 personnel and budget policies adopted by the chair, appoint and employ a chief financial and
70 accounting officer and may appoint other officers, employees, consultants, agents and legal
71 counsel as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the commission. No funds shall be
72 transferred or expended by the commission without the approval of the chair and the
73 authorization of the chief financial and accounting officer consistent with financial control
74 policies.

75 (5) In the event of an absence or vacancy in the office of the executive director or in the
76 case of disability, as determined by the chair, the chair shall designate an acting executive
77 director who shall perform the duties of the office until such vacancy, absence or disability
78 ceases.

79 (j) Chapters 268A and 268B shall apply to all commissioners and employees of the
80 commission; provided, however, that the commission shall establish a code of ethics for all
81 members and employees consistent with said chapters 268A and 268B, which shall be filed with

82 the state ethics commission. The code shall include provisions reasonably necessary to carry out
83 the purposes of this section and any other laws subject to the jurisdiction of the commission,
84 including, but not limited to: (i) prohibiting the receipt of gifts by commissioners and employees
85 from any marijuana licensee, applicant, close associate, affiliate or other person or entity subject
86 to the jurisdiction of the commission; (ii) prohibiting the participation by commissioners and
87 employees in a particular matter as defined in section 1 of said chapter 268A that affects the
88 financial interest of a relative within the third degree of consanguinity or a person with whom
89 such commissioner or employee has a significant relationship, as defined in the code; and (iii)
90 providing for recusal of a commissioner in a licensing decision due to a potential conflict of
91 interest.

92 (k)(1) No commissioner, including the chair, shall initiate, participate in or knowingly
93 receive any communication concerning the substance of any investigation, enforcement matter or
94 adjudicatory proceeding, except as part of the official record of a proceeding conducted in
95 accordance with chapter 30A.

96 (2) This subsection shall not preclude the commission from receiving periodic reports
97 regarding the overall administration or performance of the enforcement division; provided,
98 however, that such reports shall not include information relating to any specific matter that may
99 reasonably be expected to come before the commission in an adjudicatory capacity.

100 (3) A commissioner who violates this subsection shall be disqualified from participating
101 in any proceeding related to the subject matter of the prohibited information and may be subject
102 to further action as provided by law.

103 (l) The commission shall be a commission for the purposes of section 3 of chapter 12.

104 (m) The commission shall, for the purposes of compliance with state finance law, operate
105 as a state agency as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 and shall be subject to the laws applicable
106 to agencies under the control of the governor; provided, however, that the comptroller may
107 identify any additional instructions or actions necessary for the commission to manage fiscal
108 operations in the state accounting system and meet statewide and other governmental accounting
109 and audit standards. The commission shall properly classify the commission’s operating and
110 capital expenditures and shall not include any salaries of employees in the commission’s capital
111 expenditures. Unless otherwise exempted by law or the applicable central service agency, the
112 commission shall participate in any other available commonwealth central services, including,
113 but not limited to, the state payroll system pursuant to section 31 of said chapter 29, and may
114 purchase other goods and services provided by state agencies in accordance with comptroller
115 provisions. The comptroller may chargeback the commission for the transition and ongoing costs
116 for participation in the state accounting and payroll systems and may retain and expend such
117 costs without further appropriation for the purposes of this section. The commission shall be
118 subject to section 5D and subsection (f) of section 6B of said chapter 29.

119 SECTION 2. Sections 76 and 77 of chapter 10 of the General Laws are hereby repealed.

120 SECTION 3. Paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of section 2 of chapter 62 of the General
121 Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 412
122 and 413, the words “medical marijuana treatment center” and inserting in place thereof the
123 following words:- medical marijuana establishment.

124 SECTION 4. Section 30 of chapter 63 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
125 amended by striking out, in line 61, the words “medical marijuana treatment center” and
126 inserting in place thereof the following words:- medical marijuana establishment.

127 SECTION 5. Section 4 of chapter 64N of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
128 amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “medical marijuana treatment center” and
129 inserting in place thereof the following words:- medical marijuana establishment.

130 SECTION 6. Section 32L of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
131 amended by striking out, in lines 2, 23, 25, 30, 35, 36 and 45, the figure “2” and inserting in
132 place thereof, in each instance, the following figure:- 3.

133 SECTION 7. Section 32M of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
134 striking out, in line 3, the figure “2” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 3.

135 SECTION 8. Section 34 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
136 striking out, in line 18, the words “one ounce of marihuana” and inserting in place thereof the
137 following words:- 2 ounces of marihuana.

138 SECTION 9. Section 1 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
139 amended by striking out the definitions of “Consumer”, “Controlling person” and “Commission”
140 and inserting in place thereof the following 3 definitions:-

141 “Commission”, the Massachusetts cannabis control commission established in section
142 223 of chapter 6.

143 “Consumer”, a person who is at least 21 years of age.

144 “Controlling person”, an officer, board member or other individual who has a financial or
145 voting interest of 10 per cent or greater in a marijuana establishment.

146 SECTION 10. Said section 1 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
147 amended by striking out the definitions of “Host community”, “Host community agreement” and
148 “Independent testing laboratory” and inserting in place thereof the following 3 definitions:-

149 “Host community”, a municipality in which a marijuana establishment or a medical
150 marijuana establishment is located or in which an applicant has proposed locating a marijuana
151 establishment or a medical marijuana establishment.

152 “Host community agreement”, an agreement between a marijuana establishment or a
153 medical marijuana establishment and a municipality pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3.

154 “Independent testing laboratory”, a laboratory that is licensed by the commission and is:
155 (i) accredited to the most current International Organization for Standardization 17025 by a
156 third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation
157 Cooperation mutual recognition arrangement or that is otherwise approved by the commission;
158 (ii) independent financially from any medical marijuana establishment or any licensee or
159 marijuana establishment for which it conducts a test; and (iii) qualified to test marijuana in
160 compliance with regulations promulgated by the commission pursuant to this chapter.

161 SECTION 11. Said section 1 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
162 amended by striking out the definition of “Medical marijuana treatment center” and inserting in
163 place thereof the following definition:-

164 “Medical marijuana establishment”, as defined in section 1 of chapter 94I.

165 SECTION 12. Said section 1 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
166 amended by striking out the definition of “Social equity business” and inserting in place thereof
167 the following definition:

168 “Social equity business”, a marijuana establishment or medical marijuana establishment
169 with not less than 51 per cent majority ownership of individuals who are eligible for the social
170 equity program under section 22 or whose ownership qualifies it as an economic empowerment
171 priority applicant as defined by the commission’s regulations promulgated pursuant to section 4.

172 SECTION 13. Section 3 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
173 striking out, in lines 10, 98 and 99, 103, 106, 111 and 112, 114 and 115, 117, 120 and 121, 127,
174 130 and 131, 135 and 136, 139 and 140, 147, 150 and 151, 156, 162 and 163, 177 and 178 and
175 190, the words “medical marijuana treatment center” and inserting in place thereof, in each
176 instance, the following words:- medical marijuana establishment.

177 SECTION 14. Said section 3 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
178 amended by striking out, in lines 31 and 223, the words “medical marijuana treatment centers”
179 and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- medical marijuana
180 establishments.

181 SECTION 15. Said section 3 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
182 amended by striking out, in lines 118 and 119, the words “medical marijuana treatment center’s”
183 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- medical marijuana establishment’s.

184 SECTION 16. Section 4 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
185 striking out, in line 5, the words “officers and hire employees” and inserting in place thereof the
186 following words:- “an executive director”.

187 SECTION 17. Subsection (a) of said section 4 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is
188 hereby amended by striking out clauses (xxxix) and (xxxix) and inserting in place thereof the
189 following 3 clauses:-

190 (xxxix) establish procedures and policies for municipalities to promote and encourage full
191 participation in the regulated marijuana industry during negotiations of host community
192 agreements with social equity program businesses and economic empowerment priority
193 applicants;

194 (xxxix) develop a model host community agreement, minimum acceptable standards and
195 best practices for municipalities and prospective licensees during negotiations of host community
196 agreements with social equity businesses; and

197 (xxxix) limit the total number of licenses available under this chapter and chapter 94I.

198 SECTION 18. Said section 4 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
199 amended by striking out, in lines 169 and 170, 355, 356 and 357, the words “medical marijuana
200 treatment center” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- medical
201 marijuana establishment.

202 SECTION 19. Said section 4 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
203 amended by inserting after the word “commission”, in lines 290 and 291, the following words:- ,
204 including, but not limited to, procedures and requirements to enable the sale of a marijuana
205 establishment or medical marijuana establishment to a licensee’s employees through an
206 employee stock ownership plan as defined in section 407(D)(6)(A) of the Employee Retirement
207 Income Security Act of 1974, codified at 29 U.S.C. 1107(d)(5).

208 SECTION 20. Said section 4 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
209 amended by striking out, in lines 313 and 314 and 361 and 362, the words “medical marijuana
210 treatment centers” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- medical
211 marijuana establishments.

212 SECTION 21. Said section 4 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
213 amended by striking out, in lines 386 and 387, the words “the attorney general, the treasurer and
214 receiver-general.”.

215 SECTION 22. Subsection (a) of section 7 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby
216 amended by striking out clause (1) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

217 (1) possessing, using, purchasing, processing or manufacturing marijuana and marijuana
218 products; provided, however, that the total amount in an individual’s possession shall be not
219 more than the dry weight equivalency of 2 ounces of marijuana flower or the equivalent for
220 infused products and other formats, as determined by the commission and pursuant to regulations
221 promulgated by the commission under this section.

222 SECTION 23. Said subsection (a) of said section 7 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing,
223 is hereby further amended by striking out clause (4) and inserting in place thereof the following
224 clause:-

225 (4) giving away or otherwise transferring without remuneration marijuana or marijuana
226 products to a person 21 years of age or older; provided, however, that the total quantity
227 transferred shall not exceed an amount equivalent in dry weight to 2 ounces of marijuana flower,
228 as determined by the commission; provided further, that such transfer shall not be advertised or
229 otherwise promoted to the public.

230 SECTION 24. Said section 7 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
231 amended by adding the following subsection:-

232 (h) The commission shall promulgate regulations to establish conversion standards for
233 marijuana concentrates, infused products and other formats to ensure equivalency based on
234 potency and form for purposes of making calculations under this section.

235 SECTION 25. Section 13 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
236 striking out, in line 12, the figure “1” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2.

237 SECTION 26. Said section 13 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
238 amended by striking out, in line 50, the words “1 ounce but not more than 2” and inserting in
239 place thereof the following words:- 2 ounces but not more than 3.

240 SECTION 27. Section 14 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
241 inserting after the word "chapter", in line 12, the following words:- “and chapter 94I”

242 SECTION 28. Section 14A of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
243 striking out, in line 11 and 12, 44 and 73 and 74 the words “executive office of housing and
244 economic development” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:-
245 executive office of economic development.

246 SECTION 29. Said section 14A of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby further
247 amended by striking out, in lines 50 and 51, the words “medical marijuana treatment centers”
248 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- medical marijuana establishments.

249 SECTION 30. Said chapter 94G is hereby further amended by striking out section 16, as
250 so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

251 Section 16. (a) No licensee shall be granted more than 4 marijuana retailer licenses, 3
252 medical marijuana establishment licenses, 3 marijuana product manufacturer licenses or 3
253 marijuana cultivator licenses; provided, however, that a licensee may hold 4 marijuana retailer
254 licenses, 3 medical marijuana establishment licenses, 3 marijuana product manufacturer licenses
255 and 3 marijuana cultivator licenses; and provided further, that priority consideration shall be
256 given to applications pertaining to social equity businesses, minority business enterprises,
257 women business enterprises or veteran business enterprises.

258 (b) The limitations of subsection (a) shall not apply to: (i) a person functioning solely as a
259 trustee during or after the sale of a marijuana establishment or medical marijuana establishment
260 to a licensee’s employees through an employee stock ownership plan as defined in section
261 407(d)(6) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. section
262 1107(d)(6); or (ii) a person or entity that possesses a financial interest in the form of equity in a
263 license of less than 12 per cent.

264 SECTION 31. Said chapter 94G is hereby further amended by adding the following 2
265 sections:-

266 Section 23. (a) For the purposes of this section, the word “licensee” shall mean any
267 marijuana establishment licensed pursuant to this chapter, any medical marijuana establishment
268 licensed pursuant to chapter 94I or any other applicable licensee determined by the commission.

269 (b) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to receive or extend credit, directly or indirectly,
270 for marijuana or marijuana products sold or delivered to any licensee except in the usual course
271 of business and for a period of not more than 60 days. Nothing in this chapter shall require any
272 licensee to extend credit to any other licensee. If any licensee does not discharge in full any such

273 indebtedness within such 60-day period, the indebtedness shall be overdue and such licensee
274 shall be delinquent with respect to such indebtedness. Within 3 days after a licensee becomes
275 delinquent, the licensee that extended the credit shall notify the commission and the delinquent
276 licensee in a manner to be determined by the commission; provided, however, that the notice
277 shall contain the name of the delinquent licensee, the date of delivery of the marijuana or
278 marijuana products and the amount of the indebtedness remaining undischarged. Within 5 days
279 after receipt of such notice, the commission shall review the delinquency notice and, upon
280 finding it valid, include the name and address only of the delinquent licensee in a delinquent list
281 containing the names and addresses of all delinquent licensees. Such inclusion shall constitute
282 notice to all licensees of the delinquency of such licensee.

283 (c) If a licensee is seriously damaged in its business by riot, insurrection, civil
284 disturbance, fire, explosion or by an act of God, so-called, the licensee may file an application
285 with the commission requesting that the application of subsection (b) be suspended as to the
286 licensee for a reasonable period. Upon receipt of an application under this subsection, the
287 commission shall set down the application for hearing within 21 days and shall notify all
288 licensees engaged in selling to the applicant of the hearing and give all interested parties the right
289 to be heard. Pending such hearing, the commission may, after an investigation and determination
290 that the facts as stated by the licensee in its application would constitute reasonable grounds for
291 relief, order that such licensee shall not be posted as delinquent. If the commission finds it is in
292 the public interest to do so, it may suspend the application of subsection (b) with respect to the
293 applicant for such period as it may consider to be reasonable and in the public interest. Such
294 action shall not deprive creditors of all legal rights available to them for the collection of the

295 indebtedness and shall be contingent on such terms and conditions as the commission shall
296 determine.

297 (d) No licensee shall sell or deliver, directly or indirectly, marijuana or marijuana
298 products to a licensee whose name is posted on the delinquent list, except upon full payment of
299 indebtedness made on or before delivery by certified funds, electronic funds transfer or other
300 payment method as may be approved by the commission, and no licensee that is posted on the
301 delinquent list shall purchase or accept delivery of any marijuana or marijuana product except
302 upon full payment of indebtedness made by such licensee on or before delivery by certified
303 funds, electronic funds transfer or other payment method as may be approved by the
304 commission.

305 (e) Upon full discharge of the indebtedness for which a licensee was posted to the
306 delinquent list, the licensee who filed the notice of delinquency shall, within 24 hours thereafter,
307 notify the commission of the discharge of the indebtedness. The commission shall, within 3
308 business day after the receipt of such notice, remove the name of the delinquent licensee from
309 the list. The commission shall, by regulations, prescribe how licensees, other than the licensee
310 who filed the notice pursuant to this section and the licensee subject to such notice, shall be
311 notified of the filing of the name of a licensee on the delinquency list and the removal of the
312 name of a delinquent from such list.

313 (f) The commission shall not authorize a change of ownership or control of a licensee on
314 the delinquent list until all delinquencies are satisfied and the commission has removed the
315 licensee from the delinquent list under this section, except for approval of court-appointed
316 receivers or trustees under a voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors; provided,

317 however, that prior approval of such assignment shall be obtained from the commission after
318 notice to all creditors has been given and reasonable time allowed for objections by all creditors.

319 (g) Notwithstanding and in lieu of any other penalty under this chapter, any person who
320 violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 per violation.

321 (h) The posting list shall be available for inspection by any licensee or a duly authorized
322 agent of a licensee only; provided, however, that the commission may allow third party access to
323 the list by its licensing software provider.

324 SECTION 32. Section 1 of chapter 94I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024
325 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Card holder” and inserting
326 in place thereof the following definition:-

327 “Card holder”, a registered qualifying patient, personal caregiver or agent of a medical
328 marijuana establishment who has been issued and possesses a valid registration card or an
329 individual who possesses a valid patient registration for medical use marijuana issued by a
330 jurisdiction of the United States.

331 SECTION 33. Said section 1 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
332 amended by striking out, in line 16, the words “section 76 of chapter 10” and inserting in place
333 thereof the following words:- section 223 of chapter 6.

334 SECTION 34. Said section 1 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
335 amended by striking out the definition of “Cultivation registration” and inserting in place thereof
336 the following definition:-

337 “Cultivation registration”, a registration issued to a medical marijuana establishment to
338 grow medical use marijuana under the terms of this chapter or to a qualified patient or personal
339 caregiver.

340 SECTION 35. Said section 1 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
341 amended by striking out the definition of “Locked area” and inserting in place thereof the
342 following definition:-

343 “Locked area”, a closet, room, greenhouse or other indoor or outdoor area equipped with
344 locks or other security devices, accessible only to registered and authorized medical marijuana
345 establishment employees, registered qualifying patients or registered personal caregivers.

346 SECTION 36. Said section 1 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
347 amended by striking out the definitions of “Marijuana”, “Medical marijuana treatment center”,
348 “Medical use marijuana”, “Medical use marijuana license” and “Medical use marijuana licensee”
349 and inserting in place thereof the following 4 definitions:-

350 “Marijuana”, as defined in section 1 of chapter 94G.

351 “Medical marijuana establishment”, an entity issued any medical use marijuana license
352 by the commission pursuant to this section.

353 “Medical use marijuana”, marijuana or marijuana accessories sold by a medical
354 marijuana establishment to a card holder for medical use or marijuana or marijuana accessories
355 possessed by a qualifying patient under a cultivation registration.

356 “Medical use marijuana license”, a license issued by the commission that permits the
357 licensee to operate a medical marijuana establishment.

358 SECTION 37. Said section 1 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
359 amended by striking out the definition of “Registration card” and inserting in place thereof the
360 following definition:-

361 “Registration card”, a personal identification card issued by the commission to a
362 registered qualifying patient, personal caregiver, laboratory agent or agent of a medical
363 marijuana establishment; provided, however, that the registration card shall facilitate verification
364 of an individual registrant’s status, including, but not limited to, verification that: (i) a registered
365 healthcare professional has provided a written or electronic certification to the qualifying patient;
366 (ii) the patient has designated the individual as a personal caregiver; (iii) a laboratory agent has
367 been registered with the commission and is authorized to possess and test marijuana; or (iv) an
368 agent has been registered with the commission and is authorized to work at a medical marijuana
369 establishment. A temporary registration issued to a qualifying patient shall be deemed a
370 registration card.

371 The registration card shall facilitate identification for the commission and law
372 enforcement of those individuals who are exempt from criminal and civil penalties for conduct
373 pursuant to the medical use of marijuana.

374 SECTION 38. Said section 1 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
375 amended by striking out the definition of “Temporary Registration” and inserting in place
376 thereof the following definition:-

377 “Temporary registration”, an interim registration document for patients and their personal
378 caregivers generated automatically upon the commission’s receipt of a healthcare professional’s
379 electronic certification; provided, however, that the temporary registration document shall

380 constitute a registration card for patients and their personal caregivers to access a medical
381 marijuana establishment; and provided further, that a temporary registration shall expire 14 days
382 after the commission issues the registration card.

383 SECTION 39. Section 2 of said chapter 94I is hereby amended by striking out subsection
384 (a), as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

385 (a) The commission shall operate a medical use of marijuana program, which shall permit
386 a qualifying patient with a debilitating medical condition to obtain a written or electronic
387 certification from a healthcare professional with whom the patient has a bona fide healthcare
388 professional-patient relationship to purchase medical use marijuana from a medical marijuana
389 establishment. Upon issuance of a written certification from a healthcare professional, the
390 commission shall issue a registration card to the qualifying patient. A medical marijuana
391 establishment licensed and authorized by the commission to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer
392 medical use marijuana to consumers may sell medical use marijuana to a card holder.

393 SECTION 40. Said section 2 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
394 amended by striking out, in line 21, the words "qualifying patient or a personal caregiver" and
395 inserting in place thereof the following words:- card holder

396 SECTION 41. Said section 2 of said chapter 94I is hereby further amended by striking
397 out, in lines 33 and 34, the words "qualifying patients or their personal caregivers" and inserting
398 in place thereof the following words:-card holders

399 SECTION 42. Said section 2 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
400 amended by striking out, in lines 29, 37 and 39, the words "medical marijuana treatment center"

401 and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- medical marijuana
402 establishment.

403 SECTION 43. Section 3 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
404 striking out, in lines 5 and 23 and 24, the words “medical marijuana treatment center” and
405 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- medical marijuana
406 establishment.

407 SECTION 44. Said section 3 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
408 amended by striking out, in lines 10 and 11, the words “medical marijuana treatment centers”
409 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- medical marijuana establishments.

410 SECTION 45. Said section 3 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
411 amended by striking out, in line 16, the words “medical use marijuana licensee or establishment”
412 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- medical marijuana establishment.

413 SECTION 46. Section 6 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
414 striking out clauses (ii) and (iii) and inserting in place thereof the following 3 clauses:-

415 (ii) require any healthcare professional to authorize the medical use of marijuana for a
416 patient;

417 (iii) amend existing penalties for operating, navigating or being in actual physical control
418 of any motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat or other motorized form of transport or machinery
419 while impaired by marijuana or a marijuana product; or

420 (iv) require medical use marijuana licensees to simultaneously cultivate, process and
421 dispense medical use marijuana as a condition of obtaining or maintaining licensure to operate a
422 medical marijuana establishment.

423 SECTION 47. Section 7 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
424 striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words “medical marijuana treatment centers” and inserting in
425 place thereof the following words:- medical marijuana establishments, including any classes of
426 license established under this section.

427 SECTION 48. Said section 7 of said chapter 94I, as so appearing, is hereby further
428 amended by adding the following 3 paragraphs:-

429 The commission may adopt regulations to: (i) establish and provide for the issuance of
430 additional types or classes of licenses to operate a medical marijuana establishment; and (ii) limit
431 the number of medical marijuana establishment licenses a licensee may be granted.

432 The commission may establish procedures and policies for municipalities to promote and
433 encourage full participation in the regulated medical marijuana industry during negotiations of
434 host community agreements with social equity program businesses and economic empowerment
435 priority applicants pursuant to clause (xxxix) of subsection (a) of section 4 of chapter 94G.

436 The commission shall adopt regulations to promote and encourage full participation in
437 the regulated medical marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been
438 disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact
439 those communities pursuant to clause (iv) of subsection (a1/2) of said section 4 of said chapter
440 94G.

441 SECTION 49. Section 22 of chapter 270 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
442 amended by striking out, in lines 27 and 28, the words “section 76 of chapter 10” and inserting in
443 place thereof the following words:- section 223 of chapter 6.

444 SECTION 50. The Massachusetts cannabis control commission shall study and report on
445 mental health outcomes of cannabis use in the commonwealth. The commission shall study: (i)
446 incidents of hospitalization and the use of other health care services related to marijuana use; and
447 (ii) long term mental health impacts of marijuana consumption, including incidents of cannabis-
448 induced psychosis and cannabis-induced psychotic disorders. Based on findings of the study, the
449 commission shall report on the: (i) scientific evidence regarding marijuana use and adverse
450 mental health outcomes; (ii) prevalence of cannabis use disorder in the commonwealth; and (iii)
451 impacts of public health interventions, including, but not limited to, warning labels and
452 educational campaigns. The commission shall incorporate available data into the report,
453 including, but not limited to, data obtained pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17 of chapter
454 94G of the General Laws. Not later than January 1, 2027, the commission shall submit its report
455 and any recommendations for legislation to the clerks of the house of representatives and the
456 senate and the joint committee on cannabis policy.

457 SECTION 51. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the terms of all
458 commissioners serving on the Massachusetts cannabis control commission shall terminate on the
459 effective date of this act. Commissioners shall thereafter be appointed pursuant to section 223 of
460 chapter 6 of the General Laws not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act; provided
461 however, that the commissioner appointed by the attorney general shall serve an initial term of 2
462 years.