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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 695, L.D. 939, “An Act To Support Maine’s Medical Marijuana Program and Ensure Patient Access”

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph K-1 in the 7th line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "an unlimited amount of the" and inserting the following: 'of the'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 13 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 13. 22 MRSA §2428, sub-§1-A, ¶F, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 331, §24 and c. 354, §7, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (4) and enacting the following in its place:

(4) Transfer to and accept from a registered caregiver or another dispensary marijuana plants and harvested marijuana in a wholesale transaction in accordance with this paragraph. A dispensary may transfer in wholesale transactions for reasonable compensation or for no remuneration an unlimited amount of the mature marijuana plants grown by the dispensary over the course of a calendar year, including any marijuana products or marijuana concentrate manufactured from mature marijuana plants grown by the dispensary. A dispensary may transfer to or accept from registered caregivers and dispensaries in wholesale transactions an unlimited amount of immature marijuana plants and seedlings. A dispensary that acquires mature marijuana plants, marijuana products or marijuana concentrate in a wholesale transaction under this subparagraph may not resell the mature marijuana plants, marijuana products or marijuana concentrate except to a qualifying patient or to a caregiver or dispensary to assist a qualifying patient.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 15, 16 and 17.

Amend the bill in section 19 in subparagraph (2) in the 2nd line (page 4, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2" and inserting the following: '4'

Amend the bill in section 19 in subparagraph (2) in the last line (page 4, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 20 and inserting the following:

2 **'Sec. 20. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **Medical Use of Marijuana Fund Z265**

6 Initiative: Provides funding for 2 Field Investigator positions to ensure timely inspection
7 of records kept by program participants.

8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
9	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
10	Personal Services	\$163,054	\$168,272
11	All Other	\$10,693	\$10,693
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13	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$173,747</u>	<u>\$178,965</u>

14 '

15 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
16 number to read consecutively.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment makes the
19 following changes to the bill.

20 1. It clarifies the provision allowing registered caregivers and dispensaries to transfer
21 to and accept from another registered caregiver or a dispensary an unlimited amount of
22 their marijuana plants and harvested marijuana in a wholesale transaction.

23 2. It removes provisions adding a fee structure for a caregiver cultivating based upon
24 plant canopy.

25 3. It removes provisions repealing the prohibition on marketing marijuana plants or
26 harvested marijuana to any adult use marijuana market within the same sign, advertisement
27 or marketing material.

28 4. It changes the period of time registered caregivers, registered dispensaries,
29 marijuana testing facilities and manufacturing facilities must keep records from 7 years to
30 4 years, instead of 2 years as proposed in the bill.

31 5. It removes provisions repealing the requirement that registered caregivers,
32 registered dispensaries, marijuana testing facilities and manufacturing facilities have
33 annual audits by an independent 3rd party.

34 6. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

35 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

36 **(See attached)**