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**An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in  
the Laws Governing Cannabis**

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Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.  
Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BOYER of Poland, JULIA of Waterville, Senators: BRENNER of  
Cumberland, President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 662, §10 and  
3 c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

4 B. Cultivate up to ~~30~~ 60 mature cannabis plants, up to ~~60~~ 120 immature cannabis plants  
5 and unlimited seedlings or cultivate up to ~~500~~ 1,000 square feet of mature plant canopy,  
6 up to ~~1,000~~ 2,000 square feet of immature plant canopy and unlimited seedlings. A  
7 caregiver may not cultivate immature plants by canopy if cultivating mature plants by  
8 plant count and may not cultivate immature plants by plant count if cultivating mature  
9 plants by canopy;

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§4, ¶D** is enacted to read:

11 D. For an applicant holding a valid registration certificate and without any violations  
12 of the provisions of this Act in the previous year, within 5 business days of receiving  
13 evidence of municipal authorization pursuant to section 2429-D, subsection 3 when  
14 necessary and payment of the registration fee pursuant to subsection 10, the department  
15 shall issue a registry identification card to the applicant.

16 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§5, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A,  
17 §12, is further amended to read:

18 A. A registry identification card expires 2 years after the date of issuance, regardless  
19 of the person's employment status, ~~except that a caregiver's registry identification card~~  
20 ~~expires one year after the date of issuance.~~ The card must contain:

- 21 (1) The name of the cardholder;
- 22 (2) The date of issuance and expiration date;
- 23 (3) A randomly generated unique identification number to the cardholder;
- 24 (4) A clear designation showing whether the cardholder is allowed under this  
25 chapter to cultivate cannabis plants; and
- 26 (5) A photograph of the cardholder, if required by the department.

27 **Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§7, ¶D** is enacted to read:

28 D. For an applicant without any violations of the provisions of this Act in the previous  
29 year, within 10 business days of receiving evidence of municipal authorization  
30 pursuant to section 2429-D, subsection 3 when necessary and payment of the  
31 registration fee pursuant to subsection 10, the department shall issue a registration  
32 certificate to the applicant.

33 **Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 331, §20 and PL  
34 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

35 **8. Requirements for issuance of registration certificates.** A registration certificate  
36 expires ~~one year~~ 2 years after the date of issuance. The certificate must contain:

- 37 A. The name of the certificate holder;
- 38 B. The date of issuance and expiration date of the registration certificate;
- 39 C. A random identification number that is unique to the certificate holder;

1 D. The physical address of the certificate holder and, if the certificate holder is a  
2 dispensary, the physical address of one additional location, if any, where cannabis  
3 plants will be cultivated; and

4 E. A clear designation showing whether the certificate holder is allowed under this  
5 chapter to cultivate cannabis plants.

6 **Sec. 6. 28-B MRSA §208**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §40, is further  
7 amended to read:

8 **§208. License term**

9 An active license issued by the office pursuant to section 205, subsection 4 is effective  
10 for a period of ~~one year~~ 2 years from the date of issuance and may be renewed pursuant to  
11 section 209.

12 **Sec. 7. 28-B MRSA §209, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

13 **6. Automatic renewal; licensees with no violations.** For licensees without any  
14 violations of the provisions of this Act in the previous year and that have obtained local  
15 authorization as required by section 402, subsection 3, paragraph B or, in the case of a  
16 cannabis establishment located in the unorganized and deorganized areas, as required by  
17 section 403, subsection 3, paragraphs B and C, 90 days prior to the expiration of an existing  
18 license issued under section 205, subsection 4, the office shall require only the payment of  
19 the license fee under this section and shall issue a new active license prior to the expiration  
20 of the current active license.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill increases the current limit under the medical cannabis laws to allow a  
23 caregiver to cultivate up to 60 mature cannabis plants, up to 120 immature cannabis plants,  
24 up to 1,000 square feet of mature plant canopy and up to 2,000 square feet of immature  
25 plant canopy. The bill also amends the medical cannabis and adult use cannabis laws to  
26 extend registration and license periods from one year to 2 and updates the license renewal  
27 process for registrants and licensees without any violations of those laws in the previous  
28 year to require only the payment of the license fee or registration fee to the Department of  
29 Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy for a new active license  
30 to be issued.