**An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “      ” to S.P. 295, L.D. 881, “An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation makes important technical changes to the marijuana for medical use laws and ensures consistency with the definitions in the adult use laws and these changes must be implemented as soon as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill in Part A in the first line (page 1, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**PART A**"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 3 in subsection 14-B in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "18" and inserting the following: '24'

Amend the bill in Part A in section 3 in subsection 14-B in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "18" and inserting the following: '24'

Amend the bill in Part B in the first line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**PART B**"

Amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of sections 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 and inserting the following:

'**Sec. B-6. 28-B MRSA §102, sub-§51,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

**51. Seedling.**  "Seedling" means a marijuana plant or rooted cutting that is:

A. Not flowering;

B. Less than ~~6~~ 24 inches in height; and

C. Less than ~~6~~ 24 inches in width.'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill:

1. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause;

2. It changes the definition of "seedling" to make it consistent between the medical use laws and the adult use laws;

3. It removes provisions in the bill that require a registered caregiver operating a caregiver retail store to acquire a separate registration certificate for the caregiver retail store and to pay a separate registration fee for the caregiver retail store.