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**An Act to Prevent Illicit Cultivation and Trafficking Within Maine's  
Regulated Cannabis Industry**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS of Turner and  
Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, PERKINS of Dover-  
Foxcroft.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2421-A, sub-§19**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. A, §3, is  
3 amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

4 Notwithstanding paragraphs B or C, "disqualifying drug offense" includes a conviction that  
5 has occurred within the 3-year period prior to the date of application for or renewal of a  
6 license under this chapter for a crime related to the cultivation or distribution of cannabis  
7 that is not authorized in this chapter, in the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or in Title  
8 28-B.

9 **Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §102-A, sub-§28**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §3, is  
10 amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

11 Notwithstanding paragraph C, "disqualifying drug offense" includes a conviction that has  
12 occurred within the 3-year period prior to the date of application for or for renewal of a  
13 registry identification card or a registration certificate under this chapter for a crime related  
14 to the cultivation or distribution of cannabis that is not authorized in this chapter, in the  
15 rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, in chapter 3 or in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis  
16 Act.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill amends the definition of "disqualifying drug offense" in the Maine Medical  
19 Use of Cannabis Act and in the Cannabis Legalization Act to provide that a conviction  
20 within the 3-year period prior to an application for licensure or registration for a crime,  
21 related to the cultivation or distribution of cannabis that is not authorized in the Maine  
22 Medical Use of Cannabis Act or in the Cannabis Legalization Act, is a disqualifying drug  
23 offense.