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Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Cannabis Hospitality Establishments

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 CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison and
Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, RUDNICKI of
Fairfield, SUPICA of Bangor.

1 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on Cannabis
2 Hospitality Establishments, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

3 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353,
4 that the task force consists of 17 members appointed as follows:

5 1. Four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including
6 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

7 2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats
9 in the Legislature;

10 3. The following members appointed by the President of the Senate:

11 A. One supporter of the 2016 cannabis legalization ballot measure;

12 B. One expert on cannabis policy;

13 C. One expert on training for alcohol industry employees;

14 D. One member representing the interests of adult use cannabis consumers; and

15 E. One member representing the interests of municipal governments; and

16 4. The following members appointed by the Speaker of the House:

17 A. One member representing the interests of adult use cannabis licensees;

18 B. One member representing the interests of the hospitality industry;

19 C. One member representing law enforcement; and

20 D. One member representing public health.

21 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair
22 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force.

23 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all
24 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
25 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
26 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
27 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after
28 the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the
29 chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task
30 force to meet and conduct its business.

31 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall review how other states regulate
32 cannabis hospitality establishments and draft recommendations for a bill to regulate
33 cannabis hospitality establishments in this State. These recommendations must address
34 issues including, but not limited to:

35 1. Whether the State should issue a single cannabis hospitality establishment license
36 or various license types for different business models;

37 2. The qualifications for obtaining a cannabis hospitality establishment license and
38 how applications will be reviewed;

- 1 3. Ensuring compliance with existing cannabis laws and regulations, including
2 identification requirements, seed-to-sale tracking and product recalls;
- 3 4. Purchase and consumption limitations for patrons;
- 4 5. How different methods of consumption are to be regulated;
- 5 6. What other products or services, including food or entertainment, may be offered at
6 cannabis hospitality establishments;
- 7 7. Preventing the consumption of alcohol and tobacco at cannabis hospitality
8 establishments;
- 9 8. Preventing overconsumption and operating under the influence;
- 10 9. Preventing disturbances to neighboring businesses or residences;
- 11 10. Exemptions from the laws relating to clean indoor air;
- 12 11. Training for cannabis hospitality establishment employees; and
- 13 12. Local control, including whether municipalities need to opt in or opt out of
14 allowing cannabis hospitality establishments and how municipalities may regulate them.

15 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
16 necessary staffing services to the task force, except that Legislative Council staff support
17 is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

18 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 6, 2023, the task force
19 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
20 legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs
21 for the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

22 SUMMARY

23 This resolve establishes the Task Force on Cannabis Hospitality Establishments. The
24 task force is directed to submit a report and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing
25 Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by December 6, 2023.