

STATE OF MAINE

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An Act to Change the Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products to Be Stamped or Embossed on Each Serving with a Universal Symbol

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

Whereas, current law requires edible cannabis products to be labeled with a universal symbol in order to be sold or offered for sale; and

Whereas, this legislation proposes to change the requirement for edible cannabis products to be embossed or stamped with a universal symbol in order to be sold or offered for sale; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible since new guidance from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy is affecting businesses currently operating; 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,

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

Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §703, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2019, c. 491, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

D. Unless determined impracticable by the department by rule, must be stamped or embossed with a universal symbol on each serving of the edible cannabis product or each serving must be individually wrapped or blister packaged with a universal symbol clearly included on the wrapping or packaging. In the event the department determines by rule that stamping, embossing, individual wrapping or blister packaging for a particular type of edible cannabis product is impracticable, each serving of the product must be packaged together and the universal symbol affixed to the packaging. For purposes of this chapter, edible cannabis products that are determined impracticable to stamp, emboss, individually wrap or blister package include but are not limited to:

(1) Potato or corn chips;

(2) Popcorn;

(3) Pretzels;

(4) Loose granola; and

(5) Gummies;

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