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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 714, L.D. 1789, “An Act to Remove All Marijuana-related Provisions from the Maine Criminal Code and Expunge All Convictions Involving Marijuana”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Review Marijuana-related and Cannabis-related Crimes in the Maine Criminal Code and Other Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Convene stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy shall convene a stakeholder group to examine marijuana-related and cannabis-related crimes in the Maine Criminal Code and other relevant provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes to determine whether there are marijuana-related or cannabis-related crimes currently in effect that should be amended or removed. The stakeholder group shall also examine whether there are any existing activities related to marijuana or cannabis for which criminal penalties should be established. The stakeholder group must include, at a minimum, a representative from the Maine Prosecutors Association and a representative from the Department of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy shall, by January 15, 2025, submit a report outlining the stakeholder group's findings and recommendations under section 1, including recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

2 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to hire contracted legal services to examine
3 marijuana-related and cannabis-related crimes in the Maine Criminal Code and relevant
4 provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes.

5	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
6	All Other	\$0	\$200,000
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8	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

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

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill with
14 a resolve that requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of
15 cannabis policy to convene a stakeholder group to examine marijuana-related and cannabis-
16 related crimes in the Maine Criminal Code and other relevant provisions of the Maine
17 Revised Statutes to determine whether there are marijuana-related or cannabis-related
18 crimes currently in effect that should be amended or removed. The stakeholder group must
19 also examine whether there are any existing activities related to marijuana or cannabis that
20 should be made criminal. The stakeholder group must include, at a minimum,
21 representatives from the Maine Prosecutors Association and the Department of Public
22 Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. The office of cannabis policy is required to
23 submit a report outlining the stakeholder group's findings and recommendations, including
24 any recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
25 jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 15, 2025. The
26 committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

27 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

28 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

29 **(See attached)**