

Good Day Ladies and Gentlemen of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Amy McFarland. I am a patient, a medical cannabis farmer, and the Co-Director of Liberate Maine Cannabis. (A grassroots political action committee.)

Today I am testifying in favor of LD 40.  
"An Act to Amend Cannabis Laws"

This is a common sense bill, it corrects many of the issues the community has been complaining about.

Some items need to be corrected though.

For instance, on page 8 under the Confidentiality section D (4) states: "If a registered caregiver resides at the same address where the registered caregiver cultivates, manufacturers, tests packages stores or sells cannabis plants or harvested cannabis under this chapter, the department may disclose that address to a state, county or municipal employee responsible for the administration of this chapter or of rules, ordinances or warrant articles authorized under this chapter to law enforcement officers and code enforcement officers. Any information received by the state, county or municipal employee under this subparagraph is confidential and may not be further disclosed or disseminated, except as otherwise provided by law".

The language here sounds like a home based caregiver has less rights than others.

Next, under Operation of testing facilities (4) Remediation and retesting, on page 42 it states: "If a testing facility determines that a sample of adult use cannabis or an adult use product has failed a mandatory test required under section 602, the testing facility shall offer to the owner of that sample an opportunity for remediation and retesting in accordance with rules adopted by the department office under subsection 3".

A warning label should be affixed to the packaging of the cannabis product that was remediated. This informs the consumer, and allows them to make their choice whether or not they want to purchase a remediated product.

Lastly, on page 55 under Requirements and Restrictions for edible cannabis products A) states: "May be manufactured in any shape except for shapes appealing to prurient interest".  
(Which means a lustful interest in sexual stimulation or gratification.)

Many bachelor and bachelorette parties purchase gag gifts.  
Omitting the purchase of phallic-shaped candies could cause income loss for some Mainers.

Manufacturers of edibles should be allowed to create any shaped edible they so choose.  
Adults are purchasing these items, not children. Children are not even supposed to see the cannabis products so worrying about their shapes is a moot point.

With that said, I ask you all to vote "Ought to Pass".