



Manufacturers Association of Maine

Testimony of
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On Behalf Manufacturers Association of Maine

In Opposition of

LD1881 An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to the Use of Medical Marijuana and Workers' Compensation. February 9, 2022

Senator Daughtry, Representative Sylvester and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing, my name is Lisa G. Martin and I am the Executive Director for the Manufacturers Association of Maine, a non-partisan, pro-growth, pro-manufacturing industry organization representing about 400 manufacturing businesses in our state and the 29,000 workers they employ. Several of our members are employee owned, ESOP companies.

I submit this statement in opposition of *LD1881 An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to the Use of Medical Marijuana and Workers' Compensation*.

This bill is yet another this session seeking to place further regulation on businesses in the state and in the current situation may adversely affect an organization's ability to provide a safe work environment for its employees. **LD 1881** would require manufacturers with federally licensed DOT drivers to permit an employee to engage in conduct authorized by the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act. The proposed addition of subsection 10 to 22 MRSA § 2430-C will result in the creation of contrary standards between state and federal law.

Proposals like this are legislating for the sake of legislating and an overreach of government in private business in a form that is contrary to the law that is already in place. Such proposals add more regulation, require businesses to decide whether to comply with state or federal law when the two are juxtaposed, and as a result increases the administrative burden to operations and further weaken Maine's business friendliness ranking. Yet again, we ask how does this bill align with the economic strategy of the state to attract new businesses and grow the workforce?

The Manufacturer's Association of Maine opposes this bill and urges an ought not to pass vote.

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