



Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association
In Opposition To

*LD 1831 - An Act to Support Small Adult Use Cannabis Businesses by Establishing a Micro Cannabis
Facility License*
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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, my name is Rebecca Lambert, and I am providing testimony in opposition to LD 1831 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). For reference, MMA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member service organization and aims to help provide policy solutions that work for all residents in Maine and the LPC guides MMA's advocacy efforts and establishes positions on bills of municipal interest.

Municipal officials respectfully oppose the creation of a new adult use micro cannabis facility license as proposed in this bill. While local leaders recognize the intent to create pathways for small-scale operators to enter the market, the proposed license type is redundant and unnecessary.

Under Maine's existing adult use cannabis law, the Tier 1 cultivation license already allows for very small-scale commercial cultivation, with canopy limits that are smaller than what is being proposed under the new micro facility license. This existing license type was designed specifically to accommodate entry-level cultivators and provide an on-ramp into the legal market. Adding a new and overlapping license category not only creates confusion for applicants and regulators but undermines the consistency and clarity that both the state and municipalities have worked hard to build.

If the intent of LD 1831 is to address issues with the accessibility of Tier 1 licenses, whether due to fees, application process, or zoning barriers, those challenges should be addressed within the existing framework and not through the introduction of new, duplicative license types.

For opt in municipalities tasked with reviewing and approving cannabis businesses, each new license type introduces administrative burdens, enforcement challenges, and potential zoning changes. Local ordinances, land use regulations, and permitting procedures must be reviewed and possibly revised to account for new license classes. This is not a small undertaking, particularly for small towns with limited staff and legal resources.

For these reasons, local leaders are opposed to the creation of a new adult use micro cannabis facility license. They appreciate the intent to expand access and support smaller operators, but ultimately believe this bill addresses the wrong problem with the wrong tool.

Thank you for your time and considering the municipal perspective.

