

104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2025 and 2026 SB2654

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Makes changes to provisions regarding disclosures. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Changes the definition of "prescription and nonprescription medicines and drugs" and "adult use cannabis", beginning on January 1, 2026. Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. Adds provisional patients and Opioid Alternative Patient Program participants to certain provisions that include qualified patients. Adds and changes definitions. Adds references to the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, designated caregivers, qualifying patients, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participants, or provisional patients may purchase an adequate medical supply at any dispensing organization licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, the issuance or renewal of any medical cannabis cultivation permits will cease at the next renewal period. Makes conforming changes for transitions from the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act to the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Sunsets or repeals certain provisions on certain dates. Makes other changes. Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. Adds and changes definitions. Makes changes to provisions concerning the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. In provisions regarding the Cannabis Business Development Fund, adds references to Social Equity Criteria Lottery Licensees. Makes changes to provisions concerning loans and grants to Social Equity Applicants. Provides for certain license mergers. Makes other changes. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to make conforming changes. Amends the Tobacco Accessories and Smoking Herbs Control Act to repeal certain references to marijuana and hashish. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section 2105-117 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2105/2105-117)

Sec. 2105-117. Confidentiality. All information collected Department in the course of an examination or investigation of a licensee, registrant, or applicant, including, but not limited to, any complaint against a licensee or registrant filed with the Department and information collected to investigate any such complaint, shall be maintained for the confidential use of the Department and shall not be disclosed. The Department may not disclose the information to anyone other than law enforcement officials, other regulatory agencies that have an appropriate regulatory interest as determined by the Director, the Office of Executive Inspector General, or a party presenting a lawful Department. Information to the and documents federal, State, county, or disclosed to a local enforcement agency, including the Executive Inspector General, shall not be disclosed by the agency for any purpose to any

- 1 other agency or person, except as necessary to those involved
- 2 in enforcing the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. A
- 3 formal complaint filed against a licensee or registrant by the
- 4 Department or any order issued by the Department against a
- 5 licensee, registrant, or applicant shall be a public record,
- 6 except as otherwise prohibited by law.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15.)
- 8 Section 10. The Use Tax Act is amended by changing Section
- 9 3-10 as follows:
- 10 (35 ILCS 105/3-10) from Ch. 120, par. 439.33-10
- 11 Sec. 3-10. Rate of tax. Unless otherwise provided in this
- 12 Section, the tax imposed by this Act is at the rate of 6.25% of
- either the selling price or the fair market value, if any, of
- 14 the tangible personal property, which, on and after January 1,
- 15 2025, includes leases of tangible personal property. In all
- 16 cases where property functionally used or consumed is the same
- 17 as the property that was purchased at retail, then the tax is
- 18 imposed on the selling price of the property. In all cases
- 19 where property functionally used or consumed is a by-product
- or waste product that has been refined, manufactured, or
- 21 produced from property purchased at retail, then the tax is
- imposed on the lower of the fair market value, if any, of the
- 23 specific property so used in this State or on the selling price
- of the property purchased at retail. For purposes of this

Section "fair market value" means the price at which property would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts. The fair market value shall be established by Illinois sales by the taxpayer of the same property as that functionally used or consumed, or if there are no such sales by the taxpayer, then comparable sales or purchases of property of like kind and character in Illinois.

Beginning on July 1, 2000 and through December 31, 2000, with respect to motor fuel, as defined in Section 1.1 of the Motor Fuel Tax Law, and gasohol, as defined in Section 3-40 of the Use Tax Act, the tax is imposed at the rate of 1.25%.

Beginning on August 6, 2010 through August 15, 2010, and beginning again on August 5, 2022 through August 14, 2022, with respect to sales tax holiday items as defined in Section 3-6 of this Act, the tax is imposed at the rate of 1.25%.

With respect to gasohol, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 70% of the proceeds of sales made on or after January 1, 1990, and before July 1, 2003, (ii) 80% of the proceeds of sales made on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before July 1, 2017, (iii) 100% of the proceeds of sales made after July 1, 2017 and prior to January 1, 2024, (iv) 90% of the proceeds of sales made on or after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2028, and (v) 100% of the proceeds of sales made after December 31, 2028. If, at any time, however,

the tax under this Act on sales of gasohol is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of gasohol made during that time.

With respect to mid-range ethanol blends, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 80% of the proceeds of sales made on or after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2028 and (ii) 100% of the proceeds of sales made thereafter. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of mid-range ethanol blends is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of mid-range ethanol blends made during that time.

With respect to majority blended ethanol fuel, the tax imposed by this Act does not apply to the proceeds of sales made on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2028 but applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales made thereafter.

With respect to biodiesel blends with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 80% of the proceeds of sales made on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2018 and (ii) 100% of the proceeds of sales made after December 31, 2018 and before January 1, 2024. On and after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2030, the taxation of biodiesel, renewable diesel, and biodiesel blends shall be as provided in Section 3-5.1. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of biodiesel blends with no less than 1% and no more than

1 10% biodiesel is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax

2 imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of

biodiesel blends with no less than 1% and no more than 10%

biodiesel made during that time.

With respect to biodiesel and biodiesel blends with more than 10% but no more than 99% biodiesel, the tax imposed by this Act does not apply to the proceeds of sales made on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2023. On and after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2030, the taxation of biodiesel, renewable diesel, and biodiesel blends shall be as provided in Section 3-5.1.

Until July 1, 2022 and from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, with respect to food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption), the tax is imposed at the rate of 1%. Beginning on July 1, 2022 and until July 1, 2023, with respect to food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption), the tax is imposed at the rate of 0%. On and after January 1, 2026, food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult

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1 use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food that has been

2 prepared for immediate consumption) is exempt from the tax

3 imposed by this Act.

to prescription and nonprescription respect medicines, drugs, medical appliances, products classified as Class III medical devices by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are used for cancer treatment pursuant to a prescription, as well as any accessories and components related to those devices, modifications to a motor vehicle for the purpose of rendering it usable by a person with a disability, and insulin, blood sugar testing materials, syringes, and needles used by human diabetics, the tax is imposed at the rate of 1%. For the purposes of this Section, until September 1, 2009: the term "soft drinks" means any complete, finished, ready-to-use, non-alcoholic drink, whether carbonated or not, including, but not limited to, soda water, cola, fruit juice, vegetable juice, carbonated water, and all other preparations commonly known as soft drinks of whatever kind or description that are contained in any closed or sealed bottle, can, carton, or container, regardless of size; but "soft drinks" does not include coffee, tea, non-carbonated water, infant formula, milk or milk products as defined in the Grade A Pasteurized Milk and Milk Products Act, or drinks containing 50% or more natural fruit or vegetable juice.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this

beginning September 1, 2009, "soft drinks" means non-alcoholic

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beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. "Soft 1

2 drinks" does not include beverages that contain milk or milk

products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes, or greater

than 50% of vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

Until August 1, 2009, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" includes all food sold through a vending machine, except soft drinks and food products that are dispensed hot from a vending machine, regardless of the location of the vending machine. Beginning August 1, 2009, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" includes all food sold through a vending machine, except soft drinks, candy, and food products that are dispensed hot from a vending machine, regardless of the location of the vending machine.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this beginning September 1, 2009, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" does not include candy. For purposes of this Section, "candy" means a preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops, or pieces. "Candy" does not include any preparation that contains flour or requires refrigeration.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act,

beginning September 1, 2009, "nonprescription medicines and drugs" does not include grooming and hygiene products. For purposes of this Section, "grooming and hygiene products" includes, but is not limited to, soaps and cleaning solutions, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, antiperspirants, and sun tan lotions and screens, unless those products are available by prescription only, regardless of whether the products meet the definition of "over-the-counter-drugs". For the purposes of this paragraph, "over-the-counter-drug" means a drug for human use that contains a label that identifies the product as a drug as required by 21 CFR 201.66. The "over-the-counter-drug" label includes:

- (A) a "Drug Facts" panel; or
- 14 (B) a statement of the "active ingredient(s)" with a
 15 list of those ingredients contained in the compound,
 16 substance or preparation.
 - Beginning on January 1, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-122), and through December 31, 2025, "prescription and nonprescription medicines and drugs" includes medical cannabis purchased from a registered dispensing organization under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- Beginning on January 1, 2026, "prescription and nonprescription medicines and drugs" includes cannabis purchased by a qualified registered patient, provisional patient, designated caregiver, or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant as part of their adequate medical supply,

- 1 as these terms are defined under the Cannabis Regulation and
- Tax Act, from a dispensing organization registered under the 2
- 3 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act or the
- Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. 4
- 5 As used in this Section through December 31, 2025, "adult
- use cannabis" means cannabis subject to tax under the Cannabis 6
- 7 Cultivation Privilege Tax Law and the Cannabis Purchaser
- 8 Excise Tax Law and does not include cannabis subject to tax
- 9 under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- 10 Beginning January 1, 2026, as used in this Section, "adult
- 11 use cannabis" means cannabis subject to tax under the Cannabis
- 12 Cultivation Privilege Tax Law and the Cannabis Purchaser
- Excise Tax Law and does not include cannabis purchased by a 13
- 14 qualified registered patient, provisional patient, designated
- caregiver, or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant 15
- 16 as part of their adequate medical supply.
- 17 If the property that is purchased at retail from a
- retailer is acquired outside Illinois and used outside 18
- 19 Illinois before being brought to Illinois for use here and is
- 20 taxable under this Act, the "selling price" on which the tax is
- computed shall be reduced by an amount that represents a 21
- 22 reasonable allowance for depreciation for the period of prior
- 23 out-of-state use. No depreciation is allowed in cases where
- the tax under this Act is imposed on lease receipts. 24
- 25 (Source: P.A. 102-4, eff. 4-27-21; 102-700, Article 20,
- Section 20-5, eff. 4-19-22; 102-700, Article 60, Section 26

- 1 60-15, eff. 4-19-22; 102-700, Article 65, Section 65-5, eff.
- 2 4-19-22; 103-9, eff. 6-7-23; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-592,
- 3 eff. 1-1-25; 103-781, eff. 8-5-24; revised 11-26-24.)
- 4 Section 15. The Service Use Tax Act is amended by changing
- 5 Section 3-10 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 110/3-10) (from Ch. 120, par. 439.33-10)
- 7 Sec. 3-10. Rate of tax. Unless otherwise provided in this
- 8 Section, the tax imposed by this Act is at the rate of 6.25% of
- 9 the selling price of tangible personal property transferred,
- including, on and after January 1, 2025, transferred by lease,
- as an incident to the sale of service, but, for the purpose of
- 12 computing this tax, in no event shall the selling price be less
- 13 than the cost price of the property to the serviceman.
- Beginning on July 1, 2000 and through December 31, 2000,
- with respect to motor fuel, as defined in Section 1.1 of the
- 16 Motor Fuel Tax Law, and gasohol, as defined in Section 3-40 of
- 17 the Use Tax Act, the tax is imposed at the rate of 1.25%.
- 18 With respect to gasohol, as defined in the Use Tax Act, the
- tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 70% of the selling price
- of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service
- 21 on or after January 1, 1990, and before July 1, 2003, (ii) 80%
- 22 of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to
- the sale of service on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before
- 24 July 1, 2017, (iii) 100% of the selling price of property

transferred as an incident to the sale of service after July 1, 2017 and before January 1, 2024, (iv) 90% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2028, and (v) 100% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service after December 31, 2028. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of gasohol, as defined in the Use Tax Act, is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of gasohol made during that time.

With respect to mid-range ethanol blends, as defined in Section 3-44.3 of the Use Tax Act, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 80% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2028 and (ii) 100% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service after December 31, 2028. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of mid-range ethanol blends is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the selling price of mid-range ethanol blends transferred as an incident to the sale of service during that time.

With respect to majority blended ethanol fuel, as defined in the Use Tax Act, the tax imposed by this Act does not apply to the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before

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December 31, 2028 but applies to 100% of the selling price thereafter.

With respect to biodiesel blends, as defined in the Use Tax Act, with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 80% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2018 and (ii) 100% of the proceeds of the selling price after December 31, 2018 and before January 1, 2024. On and after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2030, the taxation of biodiesel, renewable diesel, and biodiesel blends shall be as provided in Section 3-5.1 of the Use Tax Act. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of biodiesel blends, as defined in the Use Tax Act, with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of biodiesel blends with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel made during that time.

With respect to biodiesel, as defined in the Use Tax Act, and biodiesel blends, as defined in the Use Tax Act, with more than 10% but no more than 99% biodiesel, the tax imposed by this Act does not apply to the proceeds of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2023. On and after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2030, the taxation of biodiesel, renewable diesel, and biodiesel

blends shall be as provided in Section 3-5.1 of the Use Tax Act.

At the election of any registered serviceman made for each fiscal year, sales of service in which the aggregate annual cost price of tangible personal property transferred as an incident to the sales of service is less than 35%, or 75% in the case of servicemen transferring prescription drugs or servicemen engaged in graphic arts production, of the aggregate annual total gross receipts from all sales of service, the tax imposed by this Act shall be based on the serviceman's cost price of the tangible personal property transferred as an incident to the sale of those services.

Until July 1, 2022 and from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, the tax shall be imposed at the rate of 1% on food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred incident to a sale of service subject to this Act or the Service Occupation Tax Act by an entity licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or an entity that holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care Facilities Act. Until July 1, 2022 and from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, the tax shall also be imposed at the rate of 1% on food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with

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adult use cannabis, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption and is not otherwise included in this paragraph).

Beginning on July 1, 2022 and until July 1, 2023, the tax shall be imposed at the rate of 0% on food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred incident to a sale of service subject to this Act or the Service Occupation Tax Act by an entity licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or an entity that holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care Facilities Act. Beginning on July 1, 2022 and until July 1, 2023, the tax shall also be imposed at the rate of 0% on food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption and is not otherwise included in this paragraph).

On <u>and</u> an after January 1, 2026, food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred incident to a sale of service subject to this Act or the Service Occupation Tax Act by an entity licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, the

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Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or by an entity that holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care Facilities Act is exempt from the tax under this Act. On and after January 1, 2026, food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption and is not otherwise included in this paragraph) is exempt from the tax under this Act.

The tax shall be imposed at the rate of 1% on prescription and nonprescription medicines, drugs, medical appliances, products classified as Class III medical devices by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are used for cancer treatment pursuant to a prescription, as well as accessories and components related to those devices. modifications to a motor vehicle for the purpose of rendering it usable by a person with a disability, and insulin, blood sugar testing materials, syringes, and needles used by human diabetics. For the purposes of this Section, until September 1, 2009: the term "soft drinks" means any complete, finished, ready-to-use, non-alcoholic drink, whether carbonated or not, including, but not limited to, soda water, cola, fruit juice, vegetable juice, carbonated water, and all other preparations commonly known as soft drinks of whatever kind or description that are contained in any closed or sealed bottle, can,

1 carton, or container, regardless of size; but "soft drinks"

does not include coffee, tea, non-carbonated water, infant

formula, milk or milk products as defined in the Grade A

Pasteurized Milk and Milk Products Act, or drinks containing

5 50% or more natural fruit or vegetable juice.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, beginning September 1, 2009, "soft drinks" means non-alcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. "Soft drinks" does not include beverages that contain milk or milk products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes, or greater than 50% of vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

Until August 1, 2009, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" includes all food sold through a vending machine, except soft drinks and food products that are dispensed hot from a vending machine, regardless of the location of the vending machine. Beginning August 1, 2009, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" includes all food sold through a vending machine, except soft drinks, candy, and food products that are dispensed hot from a vending machine, regardless of the location of the vending machine.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, beginning September 1, 2009, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" does not

include candy. For purposes of this Section, "candy" means a preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops, or pieces. "Candy" does not include any preparation that contains flour or requires refrigeration.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, beginning September 1, 2009, "nonprescription medicines and drugs" does not include grooming and hygiene products. For purposes of this Section, "grooming and hygiene products" includes, but is not limited to, soaps and cleaning solutions, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, antiperspirants, and sun tan lotions and screens, unless those products are available by prescription only, regardless of whether the products meet the definition of "over-the-counter-drugs". For the purposes of this paragraph, "over-the-counter-drug" means a drug for human use that contains a label that identifies the product as a drug as required by 21 CFR 201.66. The "over-the-counter-drug" label includes:

- (A) a "Drug Facts" panel; or
- 21 (B) a statement of the "active ingredient(s)" with a 22 list of those ingredients contained in the compound, 23 substance or preparation.

Beginning on January 1, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-122), and through December 31, 2025, "prescription and nonprescription medicines and drugs" includes medical cannabis

purchased from a registered dispensing organization under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

Beginning on January 1, 2026, "prescription and nonprescription medicines and drugs" includes cannabis purchased by a qualified registered patient, provisional patient, designated caregiver, or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant as part of their adequate medical supply, as these terms are defined under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, from a dispensing organization registered under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act or the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

As used in this Section, through December 31,2025, "adult use cannabis" means cannabis subject to tax under the Cannabis Cultivation Privilege Tax Law and the Cannabis Purchaser Excise Tax Law and does not include cannabis subject to tax under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

Beginning January 1, 2026, as used in this Section, "adult use cannabis" means cannabis subject to tax under the Cannabis Cultivation Privilege Tax Law and the Cannabis Purchaser Excise Tax Law and does not include cannabis purchased by a qualified registered patient, provisional patient, or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant as part of their adequate medical supply.

If the property that is acquired from a serviceman is acquired outside Illinois and used outside Illinois before being brought to Illinois for use here and is taxable under

- 1 this Act, the "selling price" on which the tax is computed
- 2 shall be reduced by an amount that represents a reasonable
- 3 allowance for depreciation for the period of prior
- 4 out-of-state use. No depreciation is allowed in cases where
- 5 the tax under this Act is imposed on lease receipts.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 102-4, eff. 4-27-21; 102-16, eff. 6-17-21;
- 7 102-700, Article 20, Section 20-10, eff. 4-19-22; 102-700,
- 8 Article 60, Section 60-20, eff. 4-19-22; 103-9, eff. 6-7-23;
- 9 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-592, eff. 1-1-25; 103-781, eff.
- 10 8-5-24; revised 11-26-24.)
- 11 Section 20. The Service Occupation Tax Act is amended by
- 12 changing Section 3-10 as follows:
- 13 (35 ILCS 115/3-10) (from Ch. 120, par. 439.103-10)
- 14 Sec. 3-10. Rate of tax. Unless otherwise provided in this
- 15 Section, the tax imposed by this Act is at the rate of 6.25% of
- 16 the "selling price", as defined in Section 2 of the Service Use
- 17 Tax Act, of the tangible personal property, including, on and
- 18 after January 1, 2025, tangible personal property transferred
- 19 by lease. For the purpose of computing this tax, in no event
- 20 shall the "selling price" be less than the cost price to the
- 21 serviceman of the tangible personal property transferred. The
- 22 selling price of each item of tangible personal property
- transferred as an incident of a sale of service may be shown as
- 24 a distinct and separate item on the serviceman's billing to

the service customer. If the selling price is not so shown, the selling price of the tangible personal property is deemed to be 50% of the serviceman's entire billing to the service customer. When, however, a serviceman contracts to design, develop, and produce special order machinery or equipment, the tax imposed by this Act shall be based on the serviceman's cost price of the tangible personal property transferred incident to the completion of the contract.

Beginning on July 1, 2000 and through December 31, 2000, with respect to motor fuel, as defined in Section 1.1 of the Motor Fuel Tax Law, and gasohol, as defined in Section 3-40 of the Use Tax Act, the tax is imposed at the rate of 1.25%.

With respect to gasohol, as defined in the Use Tax Act, the tax imposed by this Act shall apply to (i) 70% of the cost price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after January 1, 1990, and before July 1, 2003, (ii) 80% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before July 1, 2017, (iii) 100% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service after July 1, 2017 and prior to January 1, 2024, (iv) 90% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2028, and (v) 100% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service after December 31, 2028. If, at any time, however, the tax

under this Act on sales of gasohol, as defined in the Use Tax Act, is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of gasohol made during that time.

With respect to mid-range ethanol blends, as defined in Section 3-44.3 of the Use Tax Act, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 80% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2028 and (ii) 100% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service after December 31, 2028. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of mid-range ethanol blends is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the selling price of mid-range ethanol blends transferred as an incident to the sale of service during that time.

With respect to majority blended ethanol fuel, as defined in the Use Tax Act, the tax imposed by this Act does not apply to the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2028 but applies to 100% of the selling price thereafter.

With respect to biodiesel blends, as defined in the Use Tax Act, with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 80% of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of

service on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2018 and (ii) 100% of the proceeds of the selling price after December 31, 2018 and before January 1, 2024. On and after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2030, the taxation of biodiesel, renewable diesel, and biodiesel blends shall be as provided in Section 3-5.1 of the Use Tax Act. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of biodiesel blends, as defined in the Use Tax Act, with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of biodiesel blends with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel made during that time.

With respect to biodiesel, as defined in the Use Tax Act, and biodiesel blends, as defined in the Use Tax Act, with more than 10% but no more than 99% biodiesel material, the tax imposed by this Act does not apply to the proceeds of the selling price of property transferred as an incident to the sale of service on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2023. On and after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2030, the taxation of biodiesel, renewable diesel, and biodiesel blends shall be as provided in Section 3-5.1 of the Use Tax Act.

At the election of any registered serviceman made for each fiscal year, sales of service in which the aggregate annual cost price of tangible personal property transferred as an incident to the sales of service is less than 35%, or 75% in

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the case of servicemen transferring prescription drugs or servicemen engaged in graphic arts production, of the aggregate annual total gross receipts from all sales of service, the tax imposed by this Act shall be based on the serviceman's cost price of the tangible personal property transferred incident to the sale of those services.

Until July 1, 2022 and from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, the tax shall be imposed at the rate of 1% on food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred incident to a sale of service subject to this Act or the Service Use Tax Act by an entity licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or an entity that holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care Facilities Act. Until July 1, 2022 and from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, the tax shall also be imposed at the rate of 1% on food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption and is not otherwise included in this paragraph).

Beginning on July 1, 2022 and until July 1, 2023, the tax shall be imposed at the rate of 0% on food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred incident to a sale of

service subject to this Act or the Service Use Tax Act by an entity licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or an entity that holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care Facilities Act. Beginning July 1, 2022 and until July 1, 2023, the tax shall also be imposed at the rate of 0% on food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption and is not otherwise included in this paragraph).

On and after January 1, 2026, food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred incident to a sale of service subject to this Act or the Service Use Tax Act by an entity licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or an entity that holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care Facilities Act is exempt from the tax imposed by this Act. On and after January 1, 2026, food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food

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that has been prepared for immediate consumption and is not otherwise included in this paragraph) is exempt from the tax imposed by this Act.

The tax shall be imposed at the rate of 1% on prescription and nonprescription medicines, drugs, medical appliances, products classified as Class III medical devices by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are used for cancer treatment pursuant to a prescription, as well as accessories and components related to those devices. modifications to a motor vehicle for the purpose of rendering it usable by a person with a disability, and insulin, blood sugar testing materials, syringes, and needles used by human diabetics. For the purposes of this Section, until September 1, 2009: the term "soft drinks" means any complete, finished, ready-to-use, non-alcoholic drink, whether carbonated or not, including, but not limited to, soda water, cola, fruit juice, vegetable juice, carbonated water, and all other preparations commonly known as soft drinks of whatever kind or description that are contained in any closed or sealed can, carton, or container, regardless of size; but "soft drinks" does not include coffee, tea, non-carbonated water, infant formula, milk or milk products as defined in the Grade A Pasteurized Milk and Milk Products Act, or drinks containing 50% or more natural fruit or vegetable juice.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, beginning September 1, 2009, "soft drinks" means non-alcoholic

beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. "Soft
drinks" does not include beverages that contain milk or milk

products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes, or greater

4 than 50% of vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

Until August 1, 2009, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" includes all food sold through a vending machine, except soft drinks and food products that are dispensed hot from a vending machine, regardless of the location of the vending machine. Beginning August 1, 2009, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" includes all food sold through a vending machine, except soft drinks, candy, and food products that are dispensed hot from a vending machine, regardless of the location of the vending machine.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, beginning September 1, 2009, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" does not include candy. For purposes of this Section, "candy" means a preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops, or pieces. "Candy" does not include any preparation that contains flour or requires refrigeration.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act,

beginning September 1, 2009, "nonprescription medicines and drugs" does not include grooming and hygiene products. For purposes of this Section, "grooming and hygiene products" includes, but is not limited to, soaps and cleaning solutions, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, antiperspirants, and sun tan lotions and screens, unless those products are available by prescription only, regardless of whether the products meet the definition of "over-the-counter-drugs". For the purposes of this paragraph, "over-the-counter-drug" means a drug for human use that contains a label that identifies the product as a drug as required by 21 CFR 201.66. The "over-the-counter-drug" label includes:

- (A) a "Drug Facts" panel; or
- 14 (B) a statement of the "active ingredient(s)" with a
 15 list of those ingredients contained in the compound,
 16 substance or preparation.

Beginning on January 1, 2014 and through December 31, 2025, (the effective date of Public Act 98-122), "prescription and nonprescription medicines and drugs" includes medical cannabis purchased from a registered dispensing organization under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

Beginning on January 1, 2026, "prescription and nonprescription medicines and drugs" includes cannabis purchased by a qualified registered patient, provisional patient, designated caregiver, or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant as part of their adequate medical supply,

- 1 <u>as these terms are defined under the Cannabis Regulation and</u>
- 2 Tax Act, from a dispensing organization registered under the
- 3 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act or the
- 4 Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.
- 5 As used in this Section, and through December 31, 2025,
- 6 "adult use cannabis" means cannabis subject to tax under the
- 7 Cannabis Cultivation Privilege Tax Law and the Cannabis
- 8 Purchaser Excise Tax Law and does not include cannabis subject
- 9 to tax under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program
- 10 Act.
- Beginning January 1, 2026, as used in this Section, "adult
- 12 use cannabis" means cannabis subject to tax under the Cannabis
- 13 Cultivation Privilege Tax Law and the Cannabis Purchaser
- 14 Excise Tax Law and does not include cannabis purchased by a
- 15 qualified registered patient, provisional patient, designated
- 16 caregiver, or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant
- as part of their adequate medical supply.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 102-4, eff. 4-27-21; 102-16, eff. 6-17-21;
- 19 102-700, Article 20, Section 20-15, eff. 4-19-22; 102-700,
- 20 Article 60, Section 60-25, eff. 4-19-22; 103-9, eff. 6-7-23;
- 21 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-592, eff. 1-1-25; 103-781, eff.
- 22 8-5-24; revised 11-26-24.)
- 23 Section 25. The Retailers' Occupation Tax Act is amended
- 24 by changing Section 2-10 and 11 as follows:

1 (35 ILCS 120/2-10) from Ch. 120, par. 441-10

Sec. 2-10. Rate of tax. Unless otherwise provided in this Section, the tax imposed by this Act is at the rate of 6.25% of gross receipts from sales, which, on and after January 1, 2025, includes leases, of tangible personal property made in the course of business.

Beginning on July 1, 2000 and through December 31, 2000, with respect to motor fuel, as defined in Section 1.1 of the Motor Fuel Tax Law, and gasohol, as defined in Section 3-40 of the Use Tax Act, the tax is imposed at the rate of 1.25%.

Beginning on August 6, 2010 through August 15, 2010, and beginning again on August 5, 2022 through August 14, 2022, with respect to sales tax holiday items as defined in Section 2-8 of this Act, the tax is imposed at the rate of 1.25%.

Within 14 days after July 1, 2000 (the effective date of Public Act 91-872), each retailer of motor fuel and gasohol shall cause the following notice to be posted in a prominently visible place on each retail dispensing device that is used to dispense motor fuel or gasohol in the State of Illinois: "As of July 1, 2000, the State of Illinois has eliminated the State's share of sales tax on motor fuel and gasohol through December 31, 2000. The price on this pump should reflect the elimination of the tax." The notice shall be printed in bold print on a sign that is no smaller than 4 inches by 8 inches. The sign shall be clearly visible to customers. Any retailer who fails to post or maintain a required sign through December

1 31, 2000 is guilty of a petty offense for which the fine shall

2 be \$500 per day per each retail premises where a violation

3 occurs.

With respect to gasohol, as defined in the Use Tax Act, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 70% of the proceeds of sales made on or after January 1, 1990, and before July 1, 2003, (ii) 80% of the proceeds of sales made on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before July 1, 2017, (iii) 100% of the proceeds of sales made after July 1, 2017 and prior to January 1, 2024, (iv) 90% of the proceeds of sales made on or after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2028, and (v) 100% of the proceeds of sales made after December 31, 2028. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of gasohol, as defined in the Use Tax Act, is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of gasohol made during that time.

With respect to mid-range ethanol blends, as defined in Section 3-44.3 of the Use Tax Act, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 80% of the proceeds of sales made on or after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2028 and (ii) 100% of the proceeds of sales made after December 31, 2028. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of mid-range ethanol blends is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of mid-range ethanol blends made during that time.

With respect to majority blended ethanol fuel, as defined

in the Use Tax Act, the tax imposed by this Act does not apply to the proceeds of sales made on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2028 but applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales made thereafter.

With respect to biodiesel blends, as defined in the Use Tax Act, with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel, the tax imposed by this Act applies to (i) 80% of the proceeds of sales made on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2018 and (ii) 100% of the proceeds of sales made after December 31, 2018 and before January 1, 2024. On and after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2030, the taxation of biodiesel, renewable diesel, and biodiesel blends shall be as provided in Section 3-5.1 of the Use Tax Act. If, at any time, however, the tax under this Act on sales of biodiesel blends, as defined in the Use Tax Act, with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the tax imposed by this Act applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales of biodiesel blends with no less than 1% and no more than 10% biodiesel made during that time.

With respect to biodiesel, as defined in the Use Tax Act, and biodiesel blends, as defined in the Use Tax Act, with more than 10% but no more than 99% biodiesel, the tax imposed by this Act does not apply to the proceeds of sales made on or after July 1, 2003 and on or before December 31, 2023. On and after January 1, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2030, the taxation of biodiesel, renewable diesel, and biodiesel blends

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shall be as provided in Section 3-5.1 of the Use Tax Act.

Until July 1, 2022 and from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, with respect to food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption), the tax is imposed at the rate of 1%. Beginning July 1, 2022 and until July 1, 2023, with respect to food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption), the tax is imposed at the rate of 0%. On and after January 1, 2026, food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption) is exempt from the tax imposed by this Act.

With respect to prescription and nonprescription medicines, drugs, medical appliances, products classified as Class III medical devices by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are used for cancer treatment pursuant to a prescription, as well as any accessories and components related to those devices, modifications to a motor vehicle for the purpose of rendering it usable by a person with a

disability, and insulin, blood sugar testing materials, syringes, and needles used by human diabetics, the tax is imposed at the rate of 1%. For the purposes of this Section, until September 1, 2009: the term "soft drinks" means any complete, finished, ready-to-use, non-alcoholic drink, whether carbonated or not, including, but not limited to, soda water, cola, fruit juice, vegetable juice, carbonated water, and all other preparations commonly known as soft drinks of whatever kind or description that are contained in any closed or sealed bottle, can, carton, or container, regardless of size; but "soft drinks" does not include coffee, tea, non-carbonated water, infant formula, milk or milk products as defined in the Grade A Pasteurized Milk and Milk Products Act, or drinks containing 50% or more natural fruit or vegetable juice.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, beginning September 1, 2009, "soft drinks" means non-alcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. "Soft drinks" does not include beverages that contain milk or milk products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes, or greater than 50% of vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

Until August 1, 2009, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" includes all food sold through a vending machine, except soft drinks and food products that are dispensed hot from a vending machine, regardless of the location of the vending machine. Beginning

August 1, 2009, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" includes all food sold through a vending machine, except soft drinks, candy, and food products that are dispensed hot from a vending machine, regardless of the location of the vending machine.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, beginning September 1, 2009, "food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold" does not include candy. For purposes of this Section, "candy" means a preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops, or pieces. "Candy" does not include any preparation that contains flour or requires refrigeration.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, beginning September 1, 2009, "nonprescription medicines and drugs" does not include grooming and hygiene products. For purposes of this Section, "grooming and hygiene products" includes, but is not limited to, soaps and cleaning solutions, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, antiperspirants, and sun tan lotions and screens, unless those products are available by prescription only, regardless of whether the products meet the definition of "over-the-counter-drugs". For the purposes of this paragraph, "over-the-counter-drug" means a drug for human use that contains a label that identifies the product as a drug

- 1 as required by 21 CFR 201.66. The "over-the-counter-drug"
- 2 label includes:

- (A) a "Drug Facts" panel; or
- 4 (B) a statement of the "active ingredient(s)" with a
- 5 list of those ingredients contained in the compound,
- 6 substance or preparation.
- 7 Beginning on January 1, 2014 (the effective date of Public
- 8 Act 98-122), and through December 31, 2025, "prescription and
- 9 nonprescription medicines and drugs" includes medical cannabis
- 10 purchased from a registered dispensing organization under the
- 11 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- Beginning on January 1, 2026, "prescription and
- 13 nonprescription medicines and drugs" includes cannabis
- 14 purchased by a qualified registered patient, provisional
- patient, designated caregiver, or Opioid Alternative Patient
- Program participant as part of their adequate medical supply,
- 17 as these terms are defined under the Cannabis Regulation and
- 18 Tax Act, from a dispensing organization registered under the
- 19 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act or the
- 20 Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.
- 21 As used in this Section, and through December 31, 2025,
- "adult use cannabis" means cannabis subject to tax under the
- 23 Cannabis Cultivation Privilege Tax Law and the Cannabis
- 24 Purchaser Excise Tax Law and does not include cannabis subject
- 25 to tax under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program
- 26 Act.

- Beginning January 1, 2026, as used in this Section, "adult
- 2 use cannabis" means cannabis subject to tax under the Cannabis
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- 5 qualified registered patient, provisional patient, designated
- 6 caregiver, or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant
- 7 as part of their adequate medical supply.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 102-4, eff. 4-27-21; 102-700, Article 20,
- 9 Section 20-20, eff. 4-19-22; 102-700, Article 60, Section
- 10 60-30, eff. 4-19-22; 102-700, Article 65, Section 65-10, eff.
- 11 4-19-22; 103-9, eff. 6-7-23; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-592,
- 12 eff. 1-1-25; 103-781, eff. 8-5-24; revised 11-26-24.)
- 13 (35 ILCS 120/11) (from Ch. 120, par. 450)
- 14 Sec. 11. All information received by the Department from
- 15 returns filed under this Act, or from any investigation
- 16 conducted under this Act, shall be confidential, except for
- official purposes, and any person, including a third party as
- 18 defined in the Local Government Revenue Recapture Act, who
- 19 divulges any such information in any manner, except in
- 20 accordance with a proper judicial order or as otherwise
- 21 provided by law, including the Local Government Revenue
- 22 Recapture Act, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor with a
- fine not to exceed \$7,500.
- Nothing in this Act prevents the Director of Revenue from
- 25 publishing or making available to the public the names and

addresses of persons filing returns under this Act, or reasonable statistics concerning the operation of the tax by grouping the contents of returns so the information in any individual return is not disclosed.

Nothing in this Act prevents the Director of Revenue from divulging to the United States Government or the government of any other state, or any officer or agency thereof, for exclusively official purposes, information received by the Department in administering this Act, provided that such other governmental agency agrees to divulge requested tax information to the Department.

The Department's furnishing of information derived from a taxpayer's return or from an investigation conducted under this Act to the surety on a taxpayer's bond that has been furnished to the Department under this Act, either to provide notice to such surety of its potential liability under the bond or, in order to support the Department's demand for payment from such surety under the bond, is an official purpose within the meaning of this Section.

The furnishing upon request of information obtained by the Department from returns filed under this Act or investigations conducted under this Act to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission for official use is deemed to be an official purpose within the meaning of this Section.

Notice to a surety of potential liability shall not be given unless the taxpayer has first been notified, not less

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than 10 days prior thereto, of the Department's intent to so notify the surety.

The furnishing upon request of the Auditor General, or his authorized agents, for official use, of returns filed and information related thereto under this Act is deemed to be an official purpose within the meaning of this Section.

Where an appeal or a protest has been filed on behalf of a taxpayer, the furnishing upon request of the attorney for the taxpayer of returns filed by the taxpayer and information related thereto under this Act is deemed to be an official purpose within the meaning of this Section.

The furnishing of financial information to a municipality county, upon request of the chief executive officer thereof, is an official purpose within the meaning of this Section, provided the municipality or county agrees in writing to the requirements of this Section. Information provided to municipalities and counties under this paragraph shall be limited to: (1) the business name; (2) the business address; (3) the standard classification number assigned to business; (4) net revenue distributed to the requesting municipality or county that is directly related to the requesting municipality's or county's local share of proceeds under the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act distributed from the Local Government Tax Fund, and, if applicable, any locally imposed retailers' occupation tax or

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service occupation tax; and (5) a listing of all businesses within the requesting municipality or county by account identification number and address. On and after July 1, 2015, the furnishing of financial information to municipalities and counties under this paragraph may be by electronic means. If the Department may furnish financial information to a municipality or county under this paragraph, then the chief executive officer of the municipality or county may, in turn, provide that financial information to a third party pursuant to the Local Government Revenue Recapture Act. However, the third party shall agree in writing to the requirements of this Section and meet the requirements of the Local Government Revenue Recapture Act.

Information so provided shall be subject confidentiality provisions of this Section. The written agreement shall provide for reciprocity, limitations on access, disclosure, and procedures for requesting information. For the purposes of furnishing financial information to a municipality or county under this Section, "chief executive officer" means the mayor of a city, the village board president of a village, the mayor or president of incorporated town, the county executive of a county that has adopted the county executive form of government, the president of the board of commissioners of Cook County, or the chairperson of the county board or board of commissioners of any other county.

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The Department may make available to the Board of Trustees of any Metro East Mass Transit District information contained on transaction reporting returns required to be filed under Section 3 of this Act that report sales made within the boundary of the taxing authority of that Metro East Mass Transit District, as provided in Section 5.01 of the Local Mass Transit District Act. The disclosure shall be made pursuant to a written agreement between the Department and the Board of Trustees of a Metro East Mass Transit District, which is an official purpose within the meaning of this Section. The written agreement between the Department and the Board of Trustees of a Metro East Mass Transit District shall provide for reciprocity, limitations on access, disclosure, procedures for requesting information. Information so provided shall be subject to all confidentiality provisions of this Section.

The Director may make available to any State agency, including the Illinois Supreme Court, which licenses persons to engage in any occupation, information that a person licensed by such agency has failed to file returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest due under this Act. The Director may make available to any State agency, including the Illinois Supreme Court, information regarding whether a bidder, contractor, or an affiliate of a bidder or contractor has failed to collect and

remit Illinois Use tax on sales into Illinois, or any tax under 1 this Act or pay the tax, penalty, and interest shown therein, 2 3 or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest due under this Act, for the limited purpose of 5 enforcing bidder and contractor certifications. The Director may make available to units of local government and school 6 7 districts that require bidder and contractor certifications, as set forth in Sections 50-11 and 50-12 of the Illinois 8 9 Procurement Code, information regarding whether a bidder, 10 contractor, or an affiliate of a bidder or contractor has 11 failed to collect and remit Illinois Use tax on sales into 12 Illinois, file returns under this Act, or pay the tax, penalty, and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any 13 14 final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest due under this 15 Act, for the limited purpose of enforcing bidder 16 contractor certifications. For purposes of this Section, the 17 "affiliate" means any entity that (1) directly, indirectly, or constructively controls another entity, (2) is 18 19 directly, indirectly, or constructively controlled by another 20 entity, or (3) is subject to the control of a common entity. For purposes of this Section, an entity controls another 21 22 entity if it owns, directly or individually, more than 10% of 23 the voting securities of that entity. As used in this Section, the term "voting security" means a security that (1) confers 24 25 upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members 26 of the board of directors or similar governing body of the 1 business or (2) is convertible into, or entitles the holder to

2 receive upon its exercise, a security that confers such a

right to vote. A general partnership interest is a voting

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The Director may make available to any State agency, including the Illinois Supreme Court, units of government, and school districts, information regarding whether a bidder or contractor is an affiliate of a person who is not collecting and remitting Illinois Use taxes for the limited purpose of enforcing bidder and contractor certifications.

The Director may also make available to the Secretary of State information that a limited liability company, which has filed articles of organization with the Secretary of State, or corporation which has been issued a certificate of incorporation by the Secretary of State has failed to file returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest due under this Act. An assessment is final when all proceedings in court for review of such assessment have terminated or the time for the taking thereof has expired without such proceedings being instituted.

It is an official purpose within the meaning of this Section for the Department to publicly report the aggregate amount of tax revenues from a given tax return type that the Department allocates from a State fund or State trust fund to

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The Director shall make available for public inspection in the Department's principal office and for publication, at cost, administrative decisions issued on or after January 1, 1995. These decisions are to be made available in a manner so that the following taxpayer information is not disclosed:

- (1) The names, addresses, and identification numbers of the taxpayer, related entities, and employees.
- (2) At the sole discretion of the Director, trade secrets or other confidential information identified as such by the taxpayer, no later than 30 days after receipt of an administrative decision, by such means as the Department shall provide by rule.

The Director shall determine the appropriate extent of the deletions allowed in paragraph (2). In the event the taxpayer does not submit deletions, the Director shall make only the deletions specified in paragraph (1).

The Director shall make available for public inspection and publication an administrative decision within 180 days after the issuance of the administrative decision. The term

- 1 "administrative decision" has the same meaning as defined in
- 2 Section 3-101 of Article III of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 3 Costs collected under this Section shall be paid into the Tax
- 4 Compliance and Administration Fund.
- 5 Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the Director
- 6 from divulging information to any person pursuant to a request
- 7 or authorization made by the taxpayer or by an authorized
- 8 representative of the taxpayer.
- 9 The furnishing of information obtained by the Department
- 10 from returns filed under Public Act 101-10 to the Department
- of Transportation for purposes of compliance with Public Act
- 12 101-10 regarding aviation fuel is deemed to be an official
- purpose within the meaning of this Section.
- 14 The Director may make information available to the
- 15 Secretary of State for the purpose of administering Section
- 16 5-901 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 101-10, eff. 6-5-19; 101-628, eff. 6-1-20;
- 18 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-941, eff. 7-1-22.)
- 19 Section 30. The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis
- Program Act is amended by changing Sections 7, 10, 15, 25, 30,
- 21 35, 57, 60, 70, 75, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 115.5, 125,
- 22 120, 130, 140, 145, 150, 165, 180, 200, 205, and 210 as
- 23 follows:
- 24 (410 ILCS 130/7)

- Sec. 7. Lawful user and lawful products. For the purposes of this Act and to clarify the legislative findings on the lawful use of cannabis:
 - (1) A cardholder under this Act shall not be considered an unlawful user or addicted to narcotics solely as a result of his or her qualifying patient, provisional patient, or designated caregiver, or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant status.
 - (2) All medical cannabis products purchased by a qualifying patient, provisional patient, designated caregiver, or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant at a licensed dispensing organization shall be lawful products and a distinction shall be made between medical and non-medical uses of cannabis as a result of the qualifying patient's cardholder status, provisional registration for qualifying patient cardholder status, or participation in the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program under the authorized use granted under State law.
 - (3) An individual with a provisional registration for qualifying patient cardholder status, a qualifying patient in the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program, or an Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant under Section 62 shall not be considered an unlawful user or addicted to narcotics solely as a result of his or her application to or participation in the program.

(Source: P.A. 100-1114, eff. 8-28-18; 101-363, eff. 8-9-19.)

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Sec. 10. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this

Act, shall have the meanings set forth in this Section:

- (a) "Adequate medical supply" means:
- (1) 2.5 ounces of usable cannabis during a period of 14 days and that is derived solely from an intrastate source.
- (2) Subject to the rules of the Department of Public Health, a patient may apply for a waiver where a certifying health care professional provides a substantial medical basis in a signed, written statement asserting that, based on the patient's medical history, in the certifying health care professional's professional judgment, 2.5 ounces is an insufficient adequate medical supply for a 14-day period to properly alleviate the patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the debilitating medical condition.
- (3) This subsection may not be construed to authorize the possession of more than 2.5 ounces at any time without authority from the Department of Public Health.
- (4) The pre-mixed weight of medical cannabis used in making a cannabis infused product shall apply toward the limit on the total amount of medical cannabis a registered qualifying patient may possess at any one time.
- (a-5) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a person

- 1 who is licensed under the Nurse Practice Act as an advanced
- 2 practice registered nurse and has a controlled substances
- 3 license under Article III of the Illinois Controlled
- 4 Substances Act.
- 5 (b) "Cannabis" has the $\underline{\text{same}}$ meaning given $\underline{\text{to}}$ that term in
- 6 Section 1-10 = 3 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Control Act.
- 7 (b-5) "Cannabis business establishment" has the same
- 8 meaning given to that term in Section 1-10 of the Cannabis
- 9 Regulation and Tax Act.
- 10 (c) "Cannabis plant monitoring system" means a system that
- includes, but is not limited to, testing and data collection
- 12 established and maintained by the registered cultivation
- 13 center and available to the Department for the purposes of
- 14 documenting each cannabis plant and for monitoring plant
- 15 development throughout the life cycle of a cannabis plant
- 16 cultivated for the intended use by a qualifying patient from
- seed planting to final packaging.
- 18 (d) "Cardholder" means a qualifying patient, provisional
- 19 patient, or a designated caregiver, or Opioid Alternative
- 20 Patient Program participant who has been issued and possesses
- 21 a valid registry identification card by the Department of
- 22 Public Health.
- 23 (d-5) "Certifying health care professional" means a
- 24 physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a
- 25 physician assistant.
- 26 (e) "Cultivation center" means a facility operated by an

- organization or business that is registered by the Department of Agriculture to perform necessary activities to provide only registered medical cannabis dispensing organizations with usable medical cannabis. Beginning July 1, 2025, cultivation centers registered under this Act are subject to regulation exclusively as a cultivation center under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Cultivation center registrations under this Act shall not be renewed after July 1, 2025.
 - (f) "Cultivation center agent" means a principal officer, board member, employee, or agent of a registered cultivation center who is 21 years of age. This subsection is inoperative on and after January 1, 2026 or older and has not been convicted of an excluded offense.
 - (g) "Cultivation center agent identification card" means a document issued by the Department of Agriculture that identifies a person as a cultivation center agent. This subsection is inoperative on and after January 1, 2026.
 - (h) "Debilitating medical condition" means one or more of the following:
 - (1) cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Crohn's disease (including, but not limited to, ulcerative colitis), agitation of Alzheimer's disease, cachexia/wasting syndrome, muscular dystrophy, severe fibromyalgia, spinal cord disease, including but not

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limited to arachnoiditis, Tarlov cysts, hydromyelia, syringomyelia, Rheumatoid arthritis, fibrous dysplasia, injury, traumatic brain cord injury spinal post-concussion syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis, Arnold-Chiari malformation and Syringomyelia, Spinocerebellar Ataxia (SCA), Parkinson's, Tourette's, Myoclonus, Dystonia, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, RSD (Complex Regional Pain Syndromes Type I), Causalgia, CRPS (Complex Regional Pain Syndromes Type II), Neurofibromatosis, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy, Sjogren's syndrome, Lupus, Interstitial Cystitis, Myasthenia Gravis, Hydrocephalus, nail-patella syndrome, residual limb pain, seizures (including those epilepsy), post-traumatic stress characteristic of disorder (PTSD), autism, chronic pain, irritable bowel syndrome, migraines, osteoarthritis, anorexia nervosa, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, Neuro-Behcet's Autoimmune Disease, neuropathy, polycystic kidney disease, superior canal dehiscence syndrome, endometriosis, ovarian cysts, uterine fibroids, female orgasmic disorder, or treatment of these conditions;

(1.5) terminal illness with a diagnosis of 6 months or less; if the terminal illness is not one of the qualifying debilitating medical conditions, then the certifying health care professional shall on the certification form identify the cause of the terminal illness; or

- (2) any other debilitating medical condition or its treatment that is added by the Department of Public Health by rule as provided in Section 45.
 - (i) "Designated caregiver" means a person who: (1) is at least 21 years of age; (2) has agreed to assist with a patient's medical use of cannabis; and (3) has not been convicted of an excluded offense; and (4) assists no more than one registered qualifying patient with his or her medical use of cannabis, except for parents or legal quardians of minor patients. Beginning January 1, 2026, a designated caregiver registered under this Act may perform the designated caregiver's duties at any dispensary licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.
 - (j) "Dispensing organization agent identification card" means a document issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation that identifies a person as a medical cannabis dispensing organization agent. This definition is inoperative on and after July 1, 2026.
 - (k) "Enclosed, locked facility" means a room, greenhouse, building, or other enclosed area equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by a cultivation center's agents or a dispensing organization's agent working for the registered cultivation center or the registered dispensing organization to cultivate, store, and distribute cannabis for registered qualifying patients. This definition

is inoperative on and after July 1, 2026.

(1) (Blank). "Excluded offense" for cultivation center agents and dispensing organizations means:

(1) a violent crime defined in Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act or a substantially similar offense that was classified as a felony in the jurisdiction where the person was convicted; or

substance law, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act that was classified as a felony in the jurisdiction where the person was convicted, except that the registering Department may waive this restriction if the person demonstrates to the registering Department's satisfaction that his or her conviction was for the possession, cultivation, transfer, or delivery of a reasonable amount of cannabis intended for medical use. This exception does not apply if the conviction was under state law and involved a violation of an existing medical cannabis law.

For purposes of this subsection, the Department of Public Health shall determine by emergency rule within 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly what constitutes a "reasonable amount".

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(1-10) "Illinois <u>Medical</u> Cannabis Tracking System" means a web-based system established and maintained by the Department

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1 of Public Health that is available to the Department of 2 Agriculture, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the Illinois State Police, and registered medical 3 cannabis dispensing organizations on a 24-hour basis to upload 4 5 written certifications for Medical Cannabis Patient Program registered patient and Opioid Alternative Patient Pilot 6 Program participants; to verify Medical Cannabis Patient 7 8 Program registered patient and Opioid Alternative Patient 9 Pilot Program participants; and, to verify Medical Cannabis 10 Patient Program registered patient and Opioid Alternative 11 Patient Pilot Program participants' available cannabis 12 allotment and assigned dispensary, and the tracking of the 13 sale, amount, and price of medical cannabis purchased 14 by an Opioid Alternative Pilot Program participant.

- (m) "Medical cannabis cultivation center registration" means a registration issued by the Department of Agriculture.

 This definition is inoperative on and after July 1, 2026.
- (n) "Medical cannabis container" means a sealed, traceable, food compliant, tamper resistant, tamper evident container, or package used for the purpose of containment of medical cannabis from a cultivation center to a dispensing organization.
- (o) "Medical cannabis dispensing organization", or "dispensing organization", or "dispensary organization", through December 31, 2025, means a facility operated by an organization or business that is registered by the Department

of Financial and Professional Regulation to acquire medical cannabis from a registered cultivation center for the purpose of dispensing cannabis, paraphernalia, or related supplies and educational materials to registered qualifying patients, individuals with a provisional registration for qualifying patient cardholder status, or an Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant. Beginning July 1, 2026, medical cannabis dispensing organizations licensed under this Act are subject to regulation as a dispensary under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

- (p) "Medical cannabis dispensing organization agent" or "dispensing organization agent" means a principal officer, board member, employee, or agent of a registered medical cannabis dispensing organization who is 21 years of age or older and has not been convicted of an excluded offense.

 Beginning January 1, 2026, medical cannabis dispensing organization agents licensed under this Act are subject to regulation as a dispensary organization agent under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.
- (q) "Medical cannabis infused product" means food, oils, ointments, or other products containing usable cannabis that are not smoked.
- (r) "Medical use" means the acquisition; administration; delivery; possession; transfer; transportation; or use of cannabis to treat or alleviate a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms

- 1 associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition.
- 2 (r-5) "Opioid" means a narcotic drug or substance that is
- a Schedule II controlled substance under paragraph (1), (2),
- 4 (3), or (5) of subsection (b) or under subsection (c) of
- 5 Section 206 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.
- 6 (r-10) "Opioid Alternative <u>Patient</u> Program
- 7 participant" means an individual who has received a valid
- 8 written certification to participate in the Opioid Alternative
- 9 Patient Pilot Program for a medical condition for which an
- 10 opioid has been or could be prescribed by a certifying health
- 11 care professional based on generally accepted standards of
- 12 care.
- 13 (s) "Physician" means a doctor of medicine or doctor of
- 14 osteopathy licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 to
- practice medicine and who has a controlled substances license
- 16 under Article III of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.
- 17 It does not include a licensed practitioner under any other
- 18 Act including but not limited to the Illinois Dental Practice
- 19 Act.
- 20 (s-1) "Physician assistant" means a physician assistant
- 21 licensed under the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987
- 22 and who has a controlled substances license under Article III
- of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.
- 24 (s-5) "Provisional registration" means a document issued
- 25 by the Department of Public Health to a qualifying patient who
- 26 has submitted: (1) an online application and paid a fee to

- 1 participate in Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program
- 2 pending approval or denial of the patient's application; or
- 3 (2) a completed application for terminal illness.
- 4 (s-10) "Provisional patient" means a qualifying patient
- 5 who has received a provisional registration from the
- 6 <u>Department of Public Health.</u>
- 7 (t) "Qualifying patient" or "registered qualifying
- 8 patient" means a person who has been diagnosed by a certifying
- 9 health care professional as having a debilitating medical
- 10 condition.
- 11 (u) "Registered" means licensed, permitted, or otherwise
- 12 certified by the Department of Agriculture, Department of
- 13 Public Health, or Department of Financial and Professional
- 14 Regulation.
- 15 (v) "Registry identification card" means a document issued
- by the Department of Public Health that identifies a person as
- 17 a registered qualifying patient, provisional patient, or
- 18 registered designated caregiver.
- 19 (w) "Usable cannabis" means the seeds, leaves, buds, and
- 20 flowers of the cannabis plant and any mixture or preparation
- 21 thereof, but does not include the stalks, and roots of the
- 22 plant. It does not include the weight of any non-cannabis
- 23 ingredients combined with cannabis, such as ingredients added
- to prepare a topical administration, food, or drink.
- 25 (x) "Verification system" means a Web-based system
- 26 established and maintained by the Department of Public Health

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that is available to the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, law enforcement personnel, and registered medical cannabis dispensing organization agents on a 24-hour basis for the verification of registry identification cards, the tracking of delivery of medical cannabis to medical cannabis dispensing organizations, and the tracking of the date of sale, amount, and price of medical cannabis purchased by a registered qualifying patient.

(y) "Written certification" means a document dated and signed by a certifying health care professional practicing in the State of Illinois, stating (1) that the qualifying patient has a debilitating medical condition and specifying the debilitating medical condition the qualifying patient has; and (2) that (A) the certifying health care professional is treating or managing treatment of the patient's debilitating medical condition; or (B) an Opioid Alternative Patient Pilot Program participant has a medical condition for which opioids have been or could be prescribed. A written certification shall be made only in the course of a bona fide health care professional-patient relationship, after the certifying health care professional has completed an assessment of either a qualifying patient's medical history or Opioid Alternative Patient Pilot Program participant, reviewed relevant records related to the patient's debilitating condition, and conducted a physical examination.

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- relationship" means a relationship established at a hospital, certifying health care professional's office, or other health care facility in which the certifying health care professional has an ongoing responsibility for the assessment, care, and treatment of a patient's debilitating medical condition or a symptom of the patient's debilitating medical condition.
 - A veteran who has received treatment at a VA hospital shall be deemed to have bona fide health а professional-patient relationship with a VA certifying health care professional if the patient has been seen for his or her debilitating medical condition at VA the Hospital in accordance with VA Hospital protocols.
- A bona fide health care professional-patient relationship under this subsection is a privileged communication within the meaning of Section 8-802 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 100-1114, eff. 8-28-18; 101-363, eff. 8-9-19.)
- 18 (410 ILCS 130/15)
- 19 Sec. 15. Authority.
- 20 (a) It is the duty of the Department of Public Health to
 21 enforce the following provisions of this Act unless otherwise
 22 provided for by this Act:
- 23 (1) establish and maintain a confidential registry of 24 qualifying patients authorized to engage in the medical 25 use of cannabis and their caregivers;

- 1 (2) distribute educational materials about the health 2 benefits and risks associated with the use of cannabis and 3 prescription medications;
 - (3) adopt rules to administer the patient and caregiver registration program; and
 - (4) adopt rules establishing food handling requirements for cannabis-infused products that are prepared for human consumption.
 - (b) Through July 1, 2025, it It is the duty of the Department of Agriculture to enforce the provisions of this Act relating to the registration and oversight of cultivation centers unless otherwise provided for in this Act.
 - (c) Through December 31, 2025, it It is the duty of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to enforce the provisions of this Act relating to the registration and oversight of dispensing organizations unless otherwise provided for in this Act.
 - (d) Through December 31, 2025, the The Department of Public Health, the Department of Agriculture, or the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall enter into intergovernmental agreements, as necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act including, but not limited to, the provisions relating to the registration and oversight of cultivation centers, dispensing organizations, and qualifying patients, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participants, and caregivers. Beginning January 1, 2026, the

- 1 Department of Public Health may enter into intergovernmental
- 2 agreements, as necessary, to carry out the provisions of this
- 3 Act, including, but not limited to, the provisions relating to
- 4 qualifying patients and caregivers.
- 5 (e) The Department of Public Health, the Department of
- 6 Agriculture through December 31, 2025, or the Department of
- 7 Financial and Professional Regulation through December 31,
- 8 2025 may suspend, revoke, or impose other penalties upon a
- 9 registration for violations of this Act and any rules adopted
- 10 in accordance thereto. The suspension or revocation of, or
- imposition of any other penalty upon, a registration is a
- 12 final Agency action, subject to judicial review. Jurisdiction
- and venue for judicial review are vested in the Circuit Court.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 98-122, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1172, eff. 1-12-15;
- 15 99-519, eff. 6-30-16.)
- 16 (410 ILCS 130/25)
- 17 Sec. 25. Immunities and presumptions related to the
- 18 medical use of cannabis.
- 19 (a) A registered qualifying patient, provisional patient,
- 20 or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant is not
- 21 subject to arrest, prosecution, or denial of any right or
- 22 privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or
- 23 disciplinary action by an occupational or professional
- licensing board, for the medical use of cannabis in accordance
- 25 with this Act, if the registered qualifying patient possesses

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an amount of cannabis that does not exceed an adequate <u>medical</u> supply as defined in subsection (a) of Section 10 of this Act of usable cannabis and, where the registered qualifying patient is a licensed professional, the use of cannabis does not impair that licensed professional when he or she is engaged in the practice of the profession for which he or she is licensed.

(b) A registered designated caregiver is not subject to arrest, prosecution, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary action by an occupational or professional licensing board, for acting in accordance with this Act to assist a registered qualifying patient to whom he or she is connected through the Department's registration process with the medical use of cannabis if the designated caregiver possesses an amount of cannabis that does not exceed an adequate medical supply as defined in subsection (a) of Section 10 of this Act of usable cannabis. A school nurse or school administrator is not subject to arrest, prosecution, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, a civil penalty, for acting in accordance with Section 22-33 of the School Code relating to administering or assisting student а in self-administering a medical cannabis infused product. total amount possessed between the qualifying patient and caregiver shall not exceed the patient's adequate medical supply as defined in subsection (a) of Section 10 of this Act.

- (c) A registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver is not subject to arrest, prosecution, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary action by an occupational or professional licensing board for possession of cannabis that is incidental to medical use, but is not usable cannabis as defined in this Act.
 - (d) (1) There is a rebuttable presumption that a registered qualifying patient or Opioid Alternative Patient Program

 Participant is engaged in, or a designated caregiver is assisting with, the medical use of cannabis in accordance with this Act if the qualifying patient or designated caregiver:
- (A) is in possession of a valid registry identification card; and
 - (B) is in possession of an amount of cannabis that does not exceed the amount allowed under subsection (a) of Section 10.
 - (2) The presumption may be rebutted by evidence that conduct related to cannabis was not for the purpose of treating or alleviating the qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the debilitating medical condition in compliance with this Act.
 - (e) A certifying health care professional is not subject to arrest, prosecution, or penalty in any manner, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary action by the Medical Disciplinary

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Board or by any other occupational or professional licensing board, solely for providing written certifications or for otherwise stating that, in the certifying health care professional's professional opinion, a patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the medical use of cannabis to treat or alleviate the patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the debilitating medical condition, provided that nothing shall prevent a professional licensing or disciplinary board from sanctioning a certifying health care professional for: (1) issuing a written certification to a patient who is not under the certifying health care professional's care for a debilitating medical condition; or (2) failing to properly evaluate a patient's medical condition or otherwise violating the standard of care for evaluating medical conditions.

(f) No person may be subject to arrest, prosecution, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary action by an occupational or professional licensing board, solely for: (1) selling cannabis paraphernalia to a cardholder upon presentation of an unexpired registry identification card in the recipient's name, if employed and registered as a dispensing agent by a registered dispensing organization; (2) being in the presence or vicinity of the medical use of cannabis as allowed under this Act; or (3) assisting a registered qualifying patient with the act of administering cannabis.

- (g) A registered cultivation center is not subject to prosecution; search or inspection, except by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Health, or State or local law enforcement under Section 130; seizure; or penalty in any manner, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary action by a business licensing board or entity, for acting under this Act and Department of Agriculture rules to: acquire, possess, cultivate, manufacture, deliver, transfer, transport, supply, or sell cannabis to registered dispensing organizations. This subsection does not apply to events occurring on and after July 1, 2025; however, the authority granted in this subsection remains in force and effect for events occurring on or before June 30, 2025.
- (h) A registered cultivation center agent is not subject to prosecution, search, or penalty in any manner, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary action by a business licensing board or entity, for working or volunteering for a registered cannabis cultivation center under this Act and Department of Agriculture rules, including to perform the actions listed under subsection (g). This subsection does not apply to events occurring on and after July 1, 2025; however, the authority granted in this subsection remains in force and effect for events occurring on or before June 30, 2025.
 - (i) A registered dispensing organization is not subject to

prosecution; search or inspection, except by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or State or local law enforcement pursuant to Section 130; seizure; or penalty in any manner, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary action by a business licensing board or entity, for acting under this Act and Department of Financial and Professional Regulation rules to: acquire, possess, or dispense cannabis, or related supplies, and educational materials to registered qualifying patients or registered designated caregivers on behalf of registered qualifying patients. This subsection does not apply to events occurring on and after January 1, 2026; however, the authority granted in this subsection remains in force and effect for events occurring on or before December 31, 2025.

(j) A registered dispensing organization agent is not subject to prosecution, search, or penalty in any manner, or denial of any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary action by a business licensing board or entity, for working or volunteering for a dispensing organization under this Act and Department of Financial and Professional Regulation rules, including to perform the actions listed under subsection (i). This subsection does not apply to events occurring on and after January 1, 2026; however, the authority granted in this subsection remains in force and effect for events occurring on or before December 31, 2025.

- (k) Any cannabis, cannabis paraphernalia, illegal property, or interest in legal property that is possessed, owned, or used in connection with the medical use of cannabis as allowed under this Act, or acts incidental to that use, may not be seized or forfeited. This Act does not prevent the seizure or forfeiture of cannabis exceeding the amounts allowed under this Act or the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, nor shall it prevent seizure or forfeiture if the basis for the action is unrelated to the cannabis that is possessed, manufactured, transferred, or used under this Act or the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.
- (1) Mere possession of, or application for, a registry identification card or registration certificate does not constitute probable cause or reasonable suspicion, nor shall it be used as the sole basis to support the search of the person, property, or home of the person possessing or applying for the registry identification card. The possession of, or application for, a registry identification card does not preclude the existence of probable cause if probable cause exists on other grounds.
- (m) Nothing in this Act shall preclude local or State law enforcement agencies from searching a registered cultivation center where there is probable cause to believe that the criminal laws of this State have been violated and the search is conducted in conformity with the Illinois Constitution, the Constitution of the United States, and all State statutes.

- (n) Nothing in this Act shall preclude local or State law enforcement agencies from searching a registered dispensing organization where there is probable cause to believe that the criminal laws of this State have been violated and the search is conducted in conformity with the Illinois Constitution, the Constitution of the United States, and all State statutes.
- (o) No individual employed by the State of Illinois shall be subject to criminal or civil penalties for taking any action in accordance with the provisions of this Act, when the actions are within the scope of his or her employment. Representation and indemnification of State employees shall be provided to State employees as set forth in Section 2 of the State Employee Indemnification Act.
- (p) No law enforcement or correctional agency, nor any individual employed by a law enforcement or correctional agency, shall be subject to criminal or civil liability, except for willful and wanton misconduct, as a result of taking any action within the scope of the official duties of the agency or individual to prohibit or prevent the possession or use of cannabis by a cardholder incarcerated at a correctional facility, jail, or municipal lockup facility, on parole or mandatory supervised release, or otherwise under the lawful jurisdiction of the agency or individual.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-19-19; 101-370, eff. 1-1-20;
- 25 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

1	(410 ILCS 130/30)
2	Sec. 30. Limitations and penalties.
3	(a) This Act does not permit any person to engage in, and
4	does not prevent the imposition of any civil, criminal, or
5	other penalties for engaging in, the following conduct:
6	(1) Undertaking any task under the influence of
7	cannabis, when doing so would constitute negligence,
8	professional malpractice, or professional misconduct;
9	(2) Possessing cannabis:
10	(A) except as provided under Section 22-33 of the
11	School Code, in a school bus;
12	(B) except as provided under Section 22-33 of the
13	School Code, on the grounds of any preschool or
14	primary or secondary school;
15	(C) in any correctional facility;
16	(D) in a vehicle under Section 11-502.1 of the
17	Illinois Vehicle Code;
18	(E) in a vehicle not open to the public unless the
19	medical cannabis is in a reasonably secured, sealed
20	container and reasonably inaccessible while the
21	vehicle is moving; or
22	(F) in a private residence that is used at any time
23	to provide licensed child care or other similar social
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25	(3) Using cannabis:

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- (B) except as provided under Section 22-33 of the School Code, on the grounds of any preschool or primary or secondary school;
 - (C) in any correctional facility;
 - (D) in any motor vehicle;
- (E) in a private residence that is used at any time to provide licensed child care or other similar social service care on the premises;
- (F) except as provided under Section 22-33 of the School Code and Section 31 of this Act, in any public place. "Public place" as used in this subsection means any place where an individual could reasonably be expected to be observed by others. A "public place" includes all parts of buildings owned in whole or in part, or leased, by the State or a local unit of government. A "public place" does not include a private residence unless the private residence is used to provide licensed child care, foster care, or other similar social service care on the premises. For purposes of this subsection, a "public place" does not include a health care facility. For purposes of this Section, a "health care facility" includes, but is not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care centers, and long-term care facilities;
 - (G) except as provided under Section 22-33 of the

School Code and Section 31 of this Act, knowingly in close physical proximity to anyone under the age of 18 years of age;

- (4) Smoking medical cannabis in any public place where an individual could reasonably be expected to be observed by others, in a health care facility, or any other place where smoking is prohibited under the Smoke Free Illinois Act;
- (5) Operating, navigating, or being in actual physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft, or motorboat while using or under the influence of cannabis in violation of Sections 11-501 and 11-502.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code;
- (6) Using or possessing cannabis if that person does not have a debilitating medical condition and is not a registered qualifying patient or caregiver;
- (7) Allowing any person who is not allowed to use cannabis under this Act to use cannabis that a cardholder is allowed to possess under this Act;
- (8) Transferring cannabis to any person contrary to the provisions of this Act;
- (9) The use of medical cannabis by an active duty law enforcement officer, correctional officer, correctional probation officer, or firefighter; or
- (10) The use of medical cannabis by a person who has a school bus permit or a Commercial Driver's License.
- (b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent the

- arrest or prosecution of a registered qualifying patient for reckless driving or driving under the influence of cannabis where probable cause exists.
 - (c) Notwithstanding any other criminal penalties related to the unlawful possession of cannabis, knowingly making a misrepresentation to a law enforcement official of any fact or circumstance relating to the medical use of cannabis to avoid arrest or prosecution is a petty offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, which shall be in addition to any other penalties that may apply for making a false statement or for the use of cannabis other than use undertaken under this Act.
 - (d) Notwithstanding any other criminal penalties related to the unlawful possession of cannabis, any person who makes a misrepresentation of a medical condition to a certifying health care professional or fraudulently provides material misinformation to a certifying health care professional in order to obtain a written certification is guilty of a petty offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.
 - (e) Any registered qualifying patient, provisional patient, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, cardholder or designated registered caregiver who sells cannabis shall have his or her registry identification card revoked and is subject to other penalties for the unauthorized sale of cannabis.
 - (f) Any registered qualifying patient or provisional patient who commits a violation of Section 11-502.1 of the

- 1 Illinois Vehicle Code or refuses a properly requested test
- 2 related to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence
- 3 of cannabis shall have his or her registry identification card
- 4 revoked.
- 5 (g) No registered qualifying patient, provisional patient,
- 6 Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, or designated
- 7 caregiver shall knowingly obtain, seek to obtain, or possess,
- 8 individually or collectively, an amount of usable cannabis
- 9 from a registered medical cannabis dispensing organization
- 10 that would cause him or her to exceed the authorized adequate
- 11 medical supply under subsection (a) of Section 10.
- 12 (h) Nothing in this Act shall prevent a private business
- from restricting or prohibiting the medical use of cannabis on
- 14 its property.
- 15 (i) Nothing in this Act shall prevent a university,
- 16 college, or other institution of post-secondary education from
- 17 restricting or prohibiting the use of medical cannabis on its
- 18 property.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-9-19; 102-67, eff. 7-9-21.)
- 20 (410 ILCS 130/35)
- 21 Sec. 35. Certifying health care professional requirements.
- 22 (a) A certifying health care professional who certifies a
- 23 debilitating medical condition for a qualifying patient shall
- 24 comply with all of the following requirements:
- 25 (1) The certifying health care professional shall be

currently licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 to practice medicine in all its branches, the Nurse Practice Act, or the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987, shall be in good standing, and must hold a controlled substances license under Article III of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.

- (2) A certifying health care professional certifying a patient's condition shall comply with generally accepted standards of medical practice, the provisions of the Act under which he or she is licensed and all applicable rules.
- (3) The physical examination required by this Act may not be conducted performed by remote means, including telemedicine, provided that an Illinois-based medical clinic is established and accessible to patients, ensuring the provision of adequate medical care.
- (4) The certifying health care professional shall maintain a record-keeping system for all patients for whom the certifying health care professional has certified the patient's medical condition. These records shall be accessible to and subject to review by the Department of Public Health and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation upon request.
- (b) A certifying health care professional may not:
- (1) accept, solicit, or offer any form of remuneration from or to a qualifying patient, provisional patient,

designated primary caregiver, cultivation center, or dispensing organization, including each principal officer, board member, agent, and employee, to certify a patient, other than accepting payment from a patient for the fee associated with the required examination, except for the limited purpose of performing a medical cannabis-related research study;

- (1.5) accept, solicit, or offer any form of remuneration from or to a medical cannabis cultivation center or dispensary organization for the purposes of referring a patient to a specific dispensary organization;
- (1.10) engage in any activity that is prohibited under Section 22.2 of the Medical Practice Act of 1987, regardless of whether the certifying health care professional is a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant;
- (2) offer a discount of any other item of value to a qualifying patient or provisional patient who uses or agrees to use a particular designated primary caregiver or dispensing organization to obtain medical cannabis;
- (3) conduct a personal <u>certifying physical</u> examination of a patient for purposes of diagnosing a debilitating medical condition at a location where medical cannabis is sold or distributed or at the address of a principal officer, agent, or employee or a medical cannabis organization;

- (4) hold a direct or indirect economic interest in a cultivation center or dispensing organization if he or she recommends the use of medical cannabis to qualified patients or is in a partnership or other fee or profit-sharing relationship with a certifying health care professional who recommends medical cannabis, except for the limited purpose of performing a medical cannabis-related research study;
- (5) serve on the board of directors or as an employee of a cultivation center or dispensing organization;
- (6) refer patients to a cultivation center, a dispensing organization, or a registered designated caregiver; or
- (7) advertise in a cultivation center or a dispensing organization.
- (c) The Department of Public Health may with reasonable cause refer a certifying health care professional, who has certified a debilitating medical condition of a patient, to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for potential violations of this Section.
- (d) Any violation of this Section or any other provision of this Act or rules adopted under this Act is a violation of the certifying health care professional's licensure act.
- (e) A certifying health care professional who certifies a debilitating medical condition for a qualifying patient <u>or Opioid Alternative Patient Program</u> may notify the Department

- of Public Health in writing: (1) if the certifying health care 1 2 professional has reason to believe either that the registered qualifying patient has ceased to suffer from a debilitating 3 medical condition; (2) that the bona fide health care 4 5 professional-patient relationship has terminated; or (3) that 6 of medical continued use cannabis would result contraindication with the patient's other medication. 7 The 8 registered qualifying patient's or Opioid Alternative Patient 9 Program's registry identification card shall be revoked by the 10 Department of Public Health after receiving the certifying 11 health care professional's notification.
- (f) Nothing in this Act shall preclude a certifying health care professional from referring a patient for health services, except when the referral is limited to certification purposes only, under this Act.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-9-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 17 (410 ILCS 130/57)
- Sec. 57. <u>Designated Caregivers and provisional</u> Qualifying patients.
- 20 (a) Qualifying patients <u>or provisional patients</u> that are
 21 under the age of 18 years shall not be prohibited from
 22 appointing up to 3 designated caregivers who meet the
 23 definition of "designated caregiver" under Section 10 so long
 24 as at least one designated caregiver is a biological parent or
 25 legal guardian.

- 1 (b) Qualifying patients <u>or provisional patients</u> that are
- 2 18 years of age or older shall not be prohibited from
- 3 appointing up to 3 designated caregivers who meet the
- 4 definition of "designated caregiver" under Section 10.
- 5 (c) Beginning January 1, 2026, designated caregivers,
- 6 qualifying patients, Opioid Alternative Patient Program
- 7 participants, or provisional patients registered under this
- 8 Act may purchase an adequate medical supply at any dispensing
- 9 organization licensed by the Department of Financial and
- 10 Professional Regulation under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax
- 11 Act.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-9-19.)
- 13 (410 ILCS 130/60)
- 14 Sec. 60. Issuance of registry identification cards.
- 15 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the Department
- of Public Health shall:
- 17 (1) verify the information contained in an application 18 or renewal for a registry identification card submitted 19 under this Act, and approve or deny an application or 20 renewal, within 90 days of receiving a completed
- 21 application or renewal application and all supporting
- documentation specified in Section 55;
- 23 (2) issue registry identification cards to a
- 24 qualifying patient and his or her designated caregiver, if
- any, within 15 business days of approving the application

1 or renewal; and

- (3) (blank) enter the registry identification number of the registered dispensing organization the patient designates into the verification system; and
- (4) allow for an electronic application process, and provide a confirmation by electronic or other methods that an application has been submitted.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Department of Public Health shall adopt rules for qualifying patients and applicants with life-long debilitating medical conditions, who may be charged annual renewal fees. The Department of Public Health shall not require patients and applicants with life-long debilitating medical conditions to apply to renew registry identification cards.

(b) The Department of Public Health may not issue a registry identification card to a qualifying patient who is under 18 years of age, unless that patient suffers from seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy, or as provided by administrative rule. The Department of Public Health shall adopt rules for the issuance of a registry identification card for qualifying patients who are under 18 years of age and suffering from seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy. The Department of Public Health may adopt rules to allow other individuals under 18 years of age to become registered qualifying patients under this Act with the consent of a parent or legal guardian. Registered

- qualifying patients under 18 years of age shall be prohibited from consuming forms of cannabis other than medical cannabis infused products and purchasing any usable cannabis.
 - (c) A veteran who has received treatment at a VA hospital is deemed to have a bona fide health care professional-patient relationship with a VA certifying health care professional if the patient has been seen for his or her debilitating medical condition at the VA hospital in accordance with VA hospital protocols. All reasonable inferences regarding the existence of a bona fide health care professional-patient relationship shall be drawn in favor of an applicant who is a veteran and has undergone treatment at a VA hospital.
 - (c-10) An individual who submits an application as someone who is terminally ill shall have all fees waived. The Department of Public Health shall within 30 days after this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly adopt emergency rules to expedite approval for terminally ill individuals. These rules shall include, but not be limited to, rules that provide that applications by individuals with terminal illnesses shall be approved or denied within 14 days of their submission.
 - (d) No later than 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the Secretary of State shall remove all existing notations on driving records that the person is a registered qualifying patient or his or her caregiver under this Act.

- (e) Upon the approval of the registration and issuance of 1 2 a registry card under this Section, the Department of Public 3 Health shall electronically forward the registered qualifying patient's identification card information to the Prescription 5 Monitoring Program established under the Illinois Controlled 6 Substances Act and certify that the individual is permitted to engage in the medical use of cannabis. For the purposes of 7 8 patient care, the Prescription Monitoring Program shall make a 9 notation on the person's prescription record stating that the 10 person is а registered qualifying patient or Opioid 11 Alternative Patient Program participant who is entitled to the 12 lawful medical use of cannabis. If the person no longer holds a 13 valid registry card, the Department of Public Health shall 14 notify the Prescription Monitoring Program and Department of 15 Human Services to remove the notation from the person's 16 record. The Department of Human Services and the Prescription 17 Monitoring Program shall establish a system by which the information may be shared electronically. This confidential 18 19 list may not be combined or linked in any manner with any other 20 list or database except as provided in this Section.
- 21 (f) (Blank).
- 22 (Source: P.A. 100-1114, eff. 8-28-18; 101-363, eff. 8-9-19;
- 23 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 24 (410 ILCS 130/70)
- 25 Sec. 70. Registry identification cards.

1	(a) A registered qualifying patient, Opioid Alternative
2	Patient Program participant, provisional patient, or
3	designated caregiver must keep their registry identification
4	card in his or her possession at all times when engaging in the
5	medical use of cannabis.

- 6 (b) Registry identification cards shall contain the following:
 - (1) the name of the cardholder;
 - (2) a designation of whether the cardholder is a designated caregiver or qualifying patient;
 - (3) the date of issuance and expiration date of the registry identification card;
 - (4) a random alphanumeric identification number that is unique to the cardholder;
 - (5) if the cardholder is a designated caregiver, the random alphanumeric identification number of the registered qualifying patient the designated caregiver is receiving the registry identification card to assist; and
- 19 (6) a photograph of the cardholder, if required by 20 Department of Public Health rules.
 - (c) To maintain a valid registration identification card, a registered qualifying patient and <u>designated</u> caregiver must annually resubmit, at least 45 days prior to the expiration date stated on the registry identification card, a completed renewal application, renewal fee, and accompanying documentation as described in Department of Public Health

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- Public Health rules. The Department of shall send notification to a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver 90 days prior to the expiration of the registered qualifying patient's or registered designated caregiver's identification card. If the Department of Public Health fails to grant or deny a renewal application received 7 in accordance with this Section, then the renewal is deemed granted and the registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver may continue to use the expired identification card until the Department of Public Health denies the renewal or issues a new identification card.
- 12 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the 13 expiration date is 3 years after the date of issuance.
 - (e) The Department of Public Health may electronically store in the card any or all of the information listed in subsection (b), along with the address and date of birth of the cardholder and the qualifying patient's designated dispensary organization, to allow it to be read by law enforcement agents.
- (Source: P.A. 98-122, eff. 1-1-14; 99-519, eff. 6-30-16.) 20
- 21 (410 ILCS 130/75)
- 22 Sec. 75. Notifications to Department of Public Health and 23 responses; civil penalty.
- 24 (a) The following notifications and Department of Public 25 Health responses are required:

- (1) A registered qualifying patient or Opioid Alternative Patient Program shall notify the Department of Public Health of any change in his or her name or address, or if the registered qualifying patient ceases to have his or her debilitating medical condition, within 10 days of the change.
- (2) A registered designated caregiver shall notify the Department of Public Health of any change in his or her name or address, or if the designated caregiver becomes aware the registered qualifying patient passed away, within 10 days of the change.
- (3) Before a registered qualifying patient changes his or her designated caregiver, the qualifying patient must notify the Department of Public Health.
- (4) (Blank). If a cardholder loses his or her registry identification card, he or she shall notify the Department within 10 days of becoming aware the card has been lost.
- (b) When a cardholder notifies the Department of Public Health of items listed in subsection (a), but remains eligible under this Act, the Department of Public Health shall issue the cardholder a new registry identification card with a new random alphanumeric identification number within 15 business days of receiving the updated information and a fee as specified in Department of Public Health rules. If the person notifying the Department of Public Health is a registered qualifying patient, the Department shall also issue his or her

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 - (c) If a registered qualifying patient ceases to be a registered qualifying patient, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, or changes his or her registered designated caregiver, the Department of Public Health shall promptly notify the designated caregiver. The registered designated caregiver's protections under this Act as to that qualifying patient shall expire 15 days after notification by the Department.
 - (d) A cardholder who fails to make a notification to the Department of Public Health that is required by this Section is subject to a civil infraction, punishable by a penalty of no more than \$150.
 - (e) (Blank). A registered qualifying patient shall notify the Department of Public Health of any change to his or her designated registered dispensing organization. The Department of Public Health shall provide for immediate changes of a registered qualifying patient's designated registered dispensing organization. Registered dispensing organizations must comply with all requirements of this Act.
 - If the registered qualifying patient's certifying health care professional notifies the Department in writing that either the registered qualifying patient or Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant has ceased to suffer

- 1 from a debilitating medical condition, that the bona fide
- 2 health care professional-patient relationship has terminated,
- 3 or that continued use of medical cannabis would result in
- 4 contraindication with the patient's other medication, the card
- 5 shall become null and void. However, the registered qualifying
- 6 patient shall have 15 days to destroy his or her remaining
- 7 medical cannabis and related paraphernalia.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-9-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 9 (410 ILCS 130/85)
- 10 Sec. 85. Issuance and denial of medical cannabis
- 11 cultivation permit.
- 12 (a) The Department of Agriculture may register up to 22
- 13 cultivation center registrations for operation. The Department
- of Agriculture may not issue more than one registration per
- each Illinois State Police District boundary as specified on
- the date of January 1, 2013. The Department of Agriculture may
- 17 not issue less than the 22 registrations if there are
- 18 qualified applicants who have applied with the Department.
- 19 (b) The registrations shall be issued and renewed annually
- 20 as determined by administrative rule.
- 21 (c) The Department of Agriculture shall determine a
- 22 registration fee by rule.
- 23 (d) A cultivation center may only operate if it has been
- 24 issued a valid registration from the Department of
- 25 Agriculture. When applying for a cultivation center

- registration, the applicant shall submit the following in accordance with Department of Agriculture rules:
 - (1) the proposed legal name of the cultivation center;
 - (2) the proposed physical address of the cultivation center and description of the enclosed, locked facility as it applies to cultivation centers where medical cannabis will be grown, harvested, manufactured, packaged, or otherwise prepared for distribution to a dispensing organization;
 - (3) the name, address, and date of birth of each principal officer and board member of the cultivation center, provided that all those individuals shall be at least 21 years of age;
 - (4) any instance in which a business that any of the prospective board members of the cultivation center had managed or served on the board of the business and was convicted, fined, censured, or had a registration or license suspended or revoked in any administrative or judicial proceeding;
 - (5) cultivation, inventory, and packaging plans;
 - (6) proposed operating by-laws that include procedures for the oversight of the cultivation center, development and implementation of a plant monitoring system, medical cannabis container tracking system, accurate record keeping, staffing plan, and security plan reviewed by the Illinois State Police that are in accordance with the

- rules issued by the Department of Agriculture under this

 Act. A physical inventory shall be performed of all plants

 and medical cannabis containers on a weekly basis;
 - (7) experience with agricultural cultivation techniques and industry standards;
 - (8) any academic degrees, certifications, or relevant experience with related businesses;
 - (9) the identity of every person, association, trust, or corporation having any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the cultivation center operation with respect to which the registration is sought. If the disclosed entity is a trust, the application shall disclose the names and addresses of the beneficiaries; if a corporation, the names and addresses of all stockholders and directors; if a partnership, the names and addresses of all partners, both general and limited;
 - (10) verification from the Illinois State Police that all background checks of the principal officer, board members, and registered agents have been conducted and those individuals have not been convicted of an excluded offense;
 - (11) provide a copy of the current local zoning ordinance to the Department of Agriculture and verify that proposed cultivation center is in compliance with the local zoning rules issued in accordance with Section 140;
 - (12) an application fee set by the Department of

Agriculture by rule; and

- (13) any other information required by Department of Agriculture rules, including, but not limited to a cultivation center applicant's experience with the cultivation of agricultural or horticultural products, operating an agriculturally related business, or operating a horticultural business.
- (e) An application for a cultivation center permit must be denied if any of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) the applicant failed to submit the materials required by this Section, including if the applicant's plans do not satisfy the security, oversight, inventory, or recordkeeping rules issued by the Department of Agriculture;
 - (2) the applicant would not be in compliance with local zoning rules issued in accordance with Section 140;
 - (3) (blank); one or more of the prospective principal officers or board members has been convicted of an excluded offense;
 - (4) one or more of the prospective principal officers or board members has served as a principal officer or board member for a registered dispensing organization or cultivation center that has had its registration revoked;
 - (5) one or more of the principal officers or board members is under 21 years of age;
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- (7) (blank); or a principal officer or board member of the cultivation center has been convicted of any violation of Article 28 of the Criminal Code of 2012, or substantially similar laws of any other jurisdiction; or
- (8) the person has submitted an application for a certificate under this Act which contains false information.
- (f) Beginning January 1, 2026, the Department shall cease to issue or renew any medical cannabis cultivation permit at the next renewal period. Entities that hold dual medical cannabis cultivation permits and Adult use cultivation center licenses may continue all operations with a valid cultivation center license issued under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. The Department may set up a process to transition medical cannabis cultivation permits into cultivation center licenses that includes issuing refunds or proration of renewal fees.
- 20 (g) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2027.
 21 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 22 (410 ILCS 130/90)
- 23 Sec. 90. Renewal of cultivation center registrations.
- 24 (a) Registrations shall be renewed annually. The 25 registered cultivation center shall receive written notice 90

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days prior to the expiration of its current registration that the registration will expire. The Department of Agriculture shall grant a renewal application within 45 days of its

submission if the following conditions are satisfied:

- 5 (1) the registered cultivation center submits a 6 renewal application and the required renewal fee 7 established by the Department of Agriculture by rule; and
 - (2) the Department of Agriculture has not suspended the registration of the cultivation center or suspended or revoked the registration for violation of this Act or rules adopted under this Act.
- 12 (b) Beginning January 1, 2026, all cultivation center
 13 permits issued under Section 85 shall be renewed in accordance
 14 with Section 20-45 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and
 15 shall be subject to the requirements and prohibitions of the
 16 Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.
- (c) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2027.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 98-122, eff. 1-1-14.)
- 19 (410 ILCS 130/95)
- Sec. 95. Background checks.
- 21 (a) The Department of Agriculture through the Illinois 22 State Police shall conduct a background check of the 23 prospective cultivation center agents. The Illinois State 24 Police shall charge a fee for conducting the criminal history 25 record check, which shall be deposited in the State Police

Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the 1 2 record check. In order to carry out this provision, each 3 person applying as a cultivation center agent shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the Illinois State Police for the 5 purpose of obtaining a State and federal criminal records 6 These fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint records now and hereafter, to the extent allowed 7 by law, filed in the Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau 8 9 of Investigation criminal history records databases. 10 Illinois State Police shall furnish, following positive 11 identification, all Illinois conviction information to the 12 Department of Agriculture.

- (b) When applying for the initial permit, the background checks for the principal officer, board members, and registered agents shall be completed prior to submitting the application to the Department of Agriculture.
- (c) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2027.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 19 (410 ILCS 130/100)

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- Sec. 100. Cultivation center agent identification card.
- 21 (a) The Department of Agriculture shall:
 - (1) verify the information contained in an application or renewal for a cultivation center identification card submitted under this Act, and approve or deny an application or renewal, within 30 days of receiving a

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- (2) issue a cultivation center agent identification card to a qualifying agent within 15 business days of approving the application or renewal;
- (3) enter the registry identification number of the cultivation center where the agent works; and
- (4) allow for an electronic application process, and provide a confirmation by electronic or other methods that an application has been submitted.
- (b) A cultivation center agent must keep his or her identification card visible at all times when on the property of a cultivation center and during the transportation of medical cannabis to a registered dispensary organization.
- 15 (c) The cultivation center agent identification cards
 16 shall contain the following:
 - (1) the name of the cardholder;
 - (2) the date of issuance and expiration date of cultivation center agent identification cards;
 - (3) a random 10-digit alphanumeric identification number containing at least 4 numbers and at least 4 letters that is unique to the holder; and
 - (4) a photograph of the cardholder.
 - (d) The cultivation center agent identification cards shall be immediately returned to the cultivation center upon termination of employment.

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- 1 (e) Any card lost by a cultivation center agent shall be 2 reported to the Illinois State Police and the Department of 3 Agriculture immediately upon discovery of the loss.
 - (f) (Blank). An applicant shall be denied a cultivation center agent identification card if he or she has been convicted of an excluded offense.
- q) An agent applicant may begin employment at a cultivation center while the agent applicant's identification card application is pending. Upon approval, the Department shall issue the agent's identification card to the agent. If denied, the cultivation center and the agent applicant shall be notified and the agent applicant must cease all activity at the cultivation center immediately.
- 14 (h) Beginning July 1, 2025, all cultivation center
 15 identification cards and renewals shall be renewed in
 16 accordance with Section 20-45 of the Cannabis Regulation and
 17 Tax Act.
- (i) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2027.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21;
- 20 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)
- 21 (410 ILCS 130/105)
- Sec. 105. Requirements; prohibitions; penalties for
- 23 cultivation centers.
- 24 (a) The operating documents of a registered cultivation 25 center shall include procedures for the oversight of the

- cultivation center, a cannabis plant monitoring system including a physical inventory recorded weekly, a cannabis container system including a physical inventory recorded weekly, accurate record keeping, and a staffing plan.
 - (b) A registered cultivation center shall implement a security plan reviewed by the Illinois State Police and including but not limited to: facility access controls, perimeter intrusion detection systems, personnel identification systems, 24-hour surveillance system to monitor the interior and exterior of the registered cultivation center facility and accessible to authorized law enforcement and the Department of Agriculture in real-time.
 - (c) A registered cultivation center may not be located within 2,500 feet of the property line of a pre-existing public or private preschool or elementary or secondary school or day care center, day care home, group day care home, part day child care facility, or an area zoned for residential use.
 - (d) All cultivation of cannabis for distribution to a registered dispensing organization must take place in an enclosed, locked facility as it applies to cultivation centers at the physical address provided to the Department of Agriculture during the registration process. The cultivation center location shall only be accessed by the cultivation center agents working for the registered cultivation center, Department of Agriculture staff performing inspections, law

- 1 enforcement or other emergency personnel, and contractors
- 2 working on jobs unrelated to medical cannabis, such as
- 3 installing or maintaining security devices or performing
- 4 electrical wiring.
- 5 (e) A cultivation center may not sell or distribute any
- 6 cannabis to any individual or entity other than another
- 7 cultivation center, a dispensing organization registered under
- 8 this Act, or a laboratory licensed by the Department of
- 9 Agriculture.
- 10 (f) All harvested cannabis intended for distribution to a
- dispensing organization must be packaged in a labeled medical
- 12 cannabis container and entered into a data collection system.
- 13 (g) (Blank). No person who has been convicted of an
- 14 excluded offense may be a cultivation center agent.
- 15 (h) Registered cultivation centers are subject to random
- inspection by the Illinois State Police.
- 17 (i) Registered cultivation centers are subject to random
- 18 inspections by the Department of Agriculture and the
- 19 Department of Public Health.
- 20 (j) A cultivation center agent shall notify local law
- 21 enforcement, the Illinois State Police, and the Department of
- 22 Agriculture within 24 hours of the discovery of any loss or
- theft. Notification shall be made by phone or in-person, or by
- 24 written or electronic communication.
- 25 (k) A cultivation center shall comply with all State and
- 26 federal rules and regulations regarding the use of pesticides.

- 1 (1) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2026.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-9-19; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 3 (410 ILCS 130/110)
- 4 Sec. 110. Suspension; revocation; other penalties for 5 cultivation centers and agents. Notwithstanding any other 6 criminal penalties related to the unlawful possession of cannabis, the Department of Agriculture may revoke, suspend, 7 8 place on probation, reprimand, issue cease and desist orders, 9 refuse to issue or renew a registration, or take any other 10 disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the Department of 11 Agriculture may deem proper with regard to a registered 12 cultivation center or cultivation center agent, including imposing fines not to exceed \$50,000 for each violation, for 13 14 any violations of this Act and rules adopted under this Act. 15 The procedures for disciplining a registered cultivation 16 center or cultivation center agent and for administrative hearings shall be determined by rule. All final administrative 17 decisions of the Department of Agriculture are subject to 18 judicial review under the Administrative Review Law and its 19 20 rules. The term "administrative decision" is defined as in 21 Section 3-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure. This Section is 22 repealed on January 1, 2026.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 98-122, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1172, eff. 1-12-15.)
- 24 (410 ILCS 130/115)

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- 1 Sec. 115. Registration of dispensing organizations.
- Department of 2 Financial and Professional (a) The 3 may issue up to 60 dispensing Regulation organization registrations for operation. The Department of Financial and 4 5 Professional Regulation may not issue less than the 60 6 registrations if there are qualified applicants who have 7 applied with the Department of Financial and Professional 8 Regulation. The organizations shall be geographically 9 dispersed throughout the State to allow all registered 10 qualifying patients reasonable proximity and access to a 11 dispensing organization.
 - (a-5) The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may shall adopt rules to create a registration process for Social Equity Justice Involved Applicants and Qualifying Applicants, a streamlined application, and a Social Equity Justice Involved Medical Lottery under Section 115.5 to issue the remaining available 5 dispensing organization registrations for operation. For purposes of this Section:

"Disproportionately Impacted Area" means a census tract or comparable geographic area that satisfies the following criteria as determined by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, that:

- (1) meets at least one of the following criteria:
- (A) the area has a poverty rate of at least 20% according to the latest federal decennial census; or
 - (B) 75% or more of the children in the area

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- (C) at least 20% of the households in the area receive assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; or
- (D) the area has an average unemployment rate, as determined by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, that is more than 120% of the national unemployment average, as determined by the United States Department of Labor, for a period of at least 2 consecutive calendar years preceding the date of the application; and
- (2) has high rates of arrest, conviction, and incarceration related to sale, possession, use, cultivation, manufacture, or transport of cannabis.

"Qualifying Applicant" means an applicant that: (i) submitted an application pursuant to Section 15-30 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act that received at least 85% of 250 application points available under Section 15-30 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act as the applicant's final score; (ii) received points at the conclusion of the scoring process for meeting the definition of a "Social Equity Applicant" as set forth under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act; and (iii) is an applicant that did not receive a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License through

- a Qualifying Applicant Lottery pursuant to Section 15-35 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act or any Tied Applicant Lottery conducted under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.
 - "Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant" means an applicant that is an Illinois resident and one of the following:
 - (1) an applicant with at least 51% ownership and control by one or more individuals who have resided for at least 5 of the preceding 10 years in a Disproportionately Impacted Area;
 - (2) an applicant with at least 51% of ownership and control by one or more individuals who have been arrested for, convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for any offense that is eligible for expungement under subsection (i) of Section 5.2 of the Criminal Identification Act; or
 - (3) an applicant with at least 51% ownership and control by one or more members of an impacted family.
 - (b) A dispensing organization may only operate if it has been issued a registration from the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall adopt rules establishing the procedures for applicants for dispensing organizations.
 - (c) When applying for a dispensing organization registration, the applicant shall submit, at a minimum, the following in accordance with Department of Financial and Professional Regulation rules:

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- 1 (1) a non-refundable application fee established by 2 rule;
- 3 (2) the proposed legal name of the dispensing 4 organization;
 - (3) the proposed physical address of the dispensing organization;
 - (4) the name, address, and date of birth of each principal officer and board member of the dispensing organization, provided that all those individuals shall be at least 21 years of age;
- 11 (5) (blank);
- 12 (6) (blank); and
- 13 (7) (blank).
 - of Financial and Professional (d) The Department Regulation shall conduct a background check of the prospective dispensing organization agents in order to carry out this Section. The Department of State Police shall charge a fee for conducting the criminal history record check, which shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the record check. Each person applying as a dispensing organization agent shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the Department of State Police for the purpose of obtaining a State and federal criminal records These fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint records now and hereafter, to the extent allowed by law, filed in the Department of State Police and Federal

1	Bureau	of	Investigation	criminal	history	records	databases.

- 2 The Department of State Police shall furnish, following
- 3 positive identification, all Illinois conviction information
- 4 to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.
- 5 (e) A dispensing organization must pay a registration fee
- 6 set by the Department of Financial and Professional
- 7 Regulation.
- 8 (f) An application for a medical cannabis dispensing
- 9 organization registration must be denied if any of the
- 10 following conditions are met:
- 11 (1) the applicant failed to submit the materials
- required by this Section, including if the applicant's
- plans do not satisfy the security, oversight, or
- recordkeeping rules issued by the Department of Financial
- and Professional Regulation;
- 16 (2) the applicant would not be in compliance with
- 17 local zoning rules issued in accordance with Section 140;
- 18 (3) the applicant does not meet the requirements of
- 19 Section 130;
- 20 (4) (blank) one or more of the prospective principal
- 21 <u>officers or board members has been convicted of an</u>
- 22 <u>excluded offense;</u>
- 23 (5) one or more of the prospective principal officers
- or board members has served as a principal officer or
- 25 board member for a registered medical cannabis dispensing
- organization that has had its registration revoked; and

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- 1 (6) one or more of the principal officers or board 2 members is under 21 years of age.
- 3 (g) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2026.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-9-19; 102-98, eff. 7-15-21.)
- 5 (410 ILCS 130/120)
- 6 Sec. 120. Dispensing organization agent identification 7 card.
- 8 (a) The Department of Financial and Professional 9 Regulation shall:
 - (1) verify the information contained in an application or renewal for a dispensing organization agent identification card submitted under this Act, and approve or deny an application or renewal, within 30 days of receiving a completed application or renewal application and all supporting documentation required by rule;
 - (2) issue a dispensing organization agent identification card to a qualifying agent within 15 business days of approving the application or renewal;
 - (3) enter the registry identification number of the dispensing organization where the agent works; and
 - (4) allow for an electronic application process, and provide a confirmation by electronic or other methods that an application has been submitted.
 - (b) A dispensing agent must keep his or her identification card visible at all times when on the property of a dispensing

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- 2 (c) The dispensing organization agent identification cards
- shall contain the following: 3
 - (1) the name of the cardholder;
- 5 (2) the date of issuance and expiration date of the dispensing organization agent identification cards; 6
- 7 (3) a random 10 digit alphanumeric identification number containing at least 4 numbers and at least 4 letters; that is unique to the holder; and
- 10 (4) a photograph of the cardholder.
- 11 (d) The dispensing organization agent identification cards 12 shall be immediately returned to the dispensing organization 13 upon termination of employment.
- (e) Any card lost by a dispensing organization agent shall 14 15 be reported to the Illinois State Police and the Department of 16 Financial and Professional Regulation immediately upon 17 discovery of the loss.
- (f) Agent renewal on and after January 1, 2026 shall be in 18 19 accordance with Section 15-40 of the Cannabis Regulation Tax 20 Act. An applicant shall be denied a dispensing organization agent identification card if he or she has been convicted of an 21 22 excluded offense.
- 23 (g) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2026.
- (Source: P.A. 98-122, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1172, eff. 1-12-15.) 24
- 25 (410 ILCS 130/125)

- 1 Sec. 125. Medical cannabis dispensing organization 2 certification renewal.
 - (a) The registered dispensing organization shall receive written notice 90 days prior to the expiration of its current registration that the registration will expire. The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall grant a renewal application within 45 days of its submission if the following conditions are satisfied:
 - (1) the registered dispensing organization submits a renewal application and the required renewal fee established by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation rules; and
 - (2) the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has not suspended the registered dispensing organization or suspended or revoked the registration for violation of this Act or rules adopted under this Act.
 - (b) If a dispensing organization fails to renew its registration prior to expiration, the dispensing organization shall cease operations until registration is renewed.
 - (c) If a dispensing organization agent fails to renew his or her registration prior to its expiration, he or she shall cease to work or volunteer at a dispensing organization until his or her registration is renewed.
- 24 (d) Any dispensing organization that continues to operate 25 or dispensing agent that continues to work or volunteer at a 26 dispensing organization that fails to renew its registration

- shall be subject to penalty as provided in Section 130.
- 2 (e) A dispensing organization licensed under this Act
- 3 shall renew its license in accordance with Section 15-45 of
- 4 the Cannabis Regulation Tax Act on and after January 1, 2026.
- 5 (f) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2026.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 98-122, eff. 1-1-14.)
- 7 (410 ILCS 130/130)
- 8 Sec. 130. Requirements; prohibitions; penalties;
- 9 dispensing organizations.
- 10 (a) The Department of Financial and Professional
- 11 Regulation shall implement the provisions of this Section by
- 12 rule.
- 13 (b) A dispensing organization shall maintain operating
- documents which shall include procedures for the oversight of
- 15 the registered dispensing organization and procedures to
- 16 ensure accurate recordkeeping.
- 17 (c) A dispensing organization shall implement appropriate
- 18 security measures, as provided by rule, to deter and prevent
- 19 the theft of cannabis and unauthorized entrance into areas
- 20 containing cannabis.
- 21 (d) A dispensing organization may not be located within
- 22 1,000 feet of the property line of a pre-existing public or
- 23 private preschool or elementary or secondary school or day
- 24 care center, day care home, group day care home, or part day
- 25 child care facility. A registered dispensing organization may

- 1 not be located in a house, apartment, condominium, or an area
- 2 zoned for residential use. This subsection shall not apply to
- 3 any dispensing organizations registered on or after July 1,
- 4 2019.
- 5 (e) A dispensing organization is prohibited from acquiring
- 6 cannabis from anyone other than a cultivation center, craft
- 7 grower, <u>infuser</u>, processing organization, another dispensing
- 8 organization, or transporting organization licensed or
- 9 registered under this Act or the Cannabis Regulation and Tax
- 10 Act. A dispensing organization is prohibited from obtaining
- 11 cannabis from outside the State of Illinois.
- 12 (f) A registered dispensing organization is prohibited
- from dispensing cannabis for any purpose except to assist
- 14 registered qualifying patients with the medical use of
- 15 cannabis directly or through the qualifying patients'
- designated caregivers.
- 17 (g) The area in a dispensing organization where medical
- 18 cannabis is stored can only be accessed by dispensing
- organization agents working for the dispensing organization,
- 20 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation staff
- 21 performing inspections, law enforcement or other emergency
- 22 personnel, and contractors working on jobs unrelated to
- 23 medical cannabis, such as installing or maintaining security
- 24 devices or performing electrical wiring.
- 25 (h) A dispensing organization may not dispense more than
- 26 2.5 ounces of cannabis to a registered qualifying patient,

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- directly or via a designated caregiver, in any 14-day period unless the qualifying patient has a Department of Public Health-approved quantity waiver. Any Department of Public Health-approved quantity waiver process must be made available to qualified veterans.
 - (i) Except as provided in subsection (i-5), before medical cannabis may be dispensed to a designated caregiver or a registered qualifying patient, a dispensing organization agent must determine that the individual is a current cardholder in the verification system and must verify each of the following:
 - (1) that the registry identification card presented to the registered dispensing organization is valid;
 - (2) that the person presenting the card is the person identified on the registry identification card presented to the dispensing organization agent;
 - (3) (blank); and
 - (4) that the registered qualifying patient has not exceeded his or her adequate supply.
 - (i-5) A dispensing organization may dispense medical cannabis to an Opioid Alternative Patient Pilot Program participant under Section 62 and to a person presenting proof of provisional registration under Section 55. Before dispensing medical cannabis, the dispensing organization shall comply with the requirements of Section 62 or Section 55, whichever is applicable, and verify the following:
 - (1) that the written certification presented to the

- registered dispensing organization is valid and an original document;
 - (2) that the person presenting the written certification is the person identified on the written certification; and
 - (3) that the participant has not exceeded his or her adequate supply.
 - (j) Dispensing organizations shall ensure compliance with this limitation by maintaining internal, confidential records that include records specifying how much medical cannabis is dispensed to the registered qualifying patient and whether it was dispensed directly to the registered qualifying patient or to the designated caregiver. Each entry must include the date and time the cannabis was dispensed. Additional recordkeeping requirements may be set by rule.
 - (k) The health care professional-patient privilege as set forth by Section 8-802 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall apply between a qualifying patient and a registered dispensing organization and its agents with respect to communications and records concerning qualifying patients' debilitating conditions.
 - (1) A dispensing organization may not permit any person to consume cannabis on the property of a medical cannabis organization.
 - (m) A dispensing organization may not share office space with or refer patients to a certifying health care

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- 2 (n) Notwithstanding any other criminal penalties related to the unlawful possession of cannabis, the Department of 3 Financial and Professional Regulation may revoke, suspend, 5 place on probation, reprimand, refuse to issue or renew, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the 6 7 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may deem 8 proper with regard to the registration of any person issued 9 under this Act to operate a dispensing organization or act as a 10 dispensing organization agent, including imposing fines not to 11 exceed \$10,000 for each violation, for any violations of this 12 Act and rules adopted in accordance with this Act. for disciplining registered 13 procedures а dispensing 14 organization shall be determined by rule. All 15 administrative decisions of the Department of Financial and 16 Professional Regulation are subject to judicial review under 17 the Administrative Review Law and its rules. The term "administrative decision" is defined as in Section 3-101 of 18 the Code of Civil Procedure. 19
 - (o) Dispensing organizations are subject to random inspection and cannabis testing by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the Illinois State Police, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Agriculture, or as provided by rule.
- 25 (p) The Department of Financial and Professional 26 Regulation shall adopt rules permitting returns, and potential

- 1 refunds, for damaged or inadequate products.
- of Financial and Professional 2 (q) The Department 3 Regulation may issue nondisciplinary citations for minor violations which may be accompanied by a civil penalty not to 5 exceed \$10,000 per violation. The penalty shall be a civil penalty or other condition as established by rule. 6 7 citation shall be issued to the licensee and shall contain the 8 licensee's name, address, and license number, a brief factual 9 statement, the Sections of the law or rule allegedly violated, 10 and the civil penalty, if any, imposed. The citation must 11 clearly state that the licensee may choose, in lieu of 12 accepting the citation, to request a hearing. If the licensee 13 dispute the matter in the citation with the does not Department of Financial and Professional Regulation within 30 14 15 days after the citation is served, then the citation shall 16 become final and shall not be subject to appeal.
- 17 <u>(r) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2026.</u>
- 18 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-9-19; 102-98, eff. 7-15-21.)
- 19 (410 ILCS 130/140)
- Sec. 140. Local ordinances. A unit of local government may
 enact reasonable zoning ordinances or resolutions, not in
 conflict with this Act or with Department of Agriculture or
 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation rules,
 regulating registered medical cannabis cultivation center or
 medical cannabis dispensing organizations. No unit of local

government, including a home rule unit, or school district may 1 2 regulate registered medical cannabis organizations other than 3 as provided in this Act and may not unreasonably prohibit the cultivation, dispensing, and use of medical cannabis 5 authorized by this Act. This Section is a denial and limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of 6 7 the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home 8 rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

- 9 This Section is repealed on July 1, 2026.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 98-122, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1172, eff. 1-12-15.)
- 11 (410 ILCS 130/145)

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- 12 Sec. 145. Confidentiality.
- (a) The following information received and records kept by 1.3 14 the Department of Public Health, Department of Financial and 15 Professional Regulation, Department of Agriculture, Department 16 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Office of Executive Inspector General, or Illinois State Police for purposes of 17 administering this Act are subject to all applicable federal 18 privacy laws, confidential, and exempt from the Freedom of 19 20 Information Act, and not subject to disclosure to any 21 individual or public or private entity, except as necessary 22 for authorized employees of those authorized agencies to 23 perform official duties under this Act and except as necessary 24 to those involved in enforcing the State Officials and

Employees Ethics Act, and the following information received

- and records kept by Department of Public Health, Department of

 Agriculture, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity,

 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Office of

 Executive Inspector General, and Illinois State Police,

 excluding any existing or non-existing Illinois or national

 criminal history record information as defined in subsection

 (d), may be disclosed to each other upon request:
 - (1) Applications and renewals, their contents, and supporting information submitted by qualifying patients, provisional patients, and designated caregivers, including information regarding their designated caregivers and certifying health care professionals.
 - (2) Applications and renewals, their contents, and supporting information submitted by or on behalf of cultivation centers and dispensing organizations in compliance with this Act, including their physical addresses. This does not preclude the release of ownership information of cannabis business establishment licenses.
 - (3) The individual names and other information identifying persons to whom the Department of Public Health has issued registry identification cards.
 - (4) Any dispensing information required to be kept under Section 135, Section 150, or Department of Public Health, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Financial and Professional Regulation rules shall identify cardholders and registered cultivation centers by their

registry identification numbers and medical cannabis dispensing organizations by their registration number and not contain names or other personally identifying information.

- (5) All medical records provided to the Department of Public Health in connection with an application for a registry card.
- (b) Nothing in this Section precludes the following:
- (1) Department of Agriculture, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, or Public Health employees may notify law enforcement about falsified or fraudulent information submitted to the Departments if the employee who suspects that falsified or fraudulent information has been submitted conferred with his or her supervisor and both agree that circumstances exist that warrant reporting.
- (2) If the employee conferred with his or her supervisor and both agree that circumstances exist that warrant reporting, Department of Public Health employees may notify the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation if there is reasonable cause to believe a certifying health care professional:
 - (A) issued a written certification without a bona fide health care professional-patient relationship under this Act;
 - (B) issued a written certification to a person who

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- (C) failed to abide by the acceptable and prevailing standard of care when evaluating a patient's medical condition.
- (3) The Department of Public Health, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may notify State or local law enforcement about apparent criminal violations of this Act if the employee who suspects the offense has conferred with his or her supervisor and both agree that circumstances exist that warrant reporting.
- (4) Medical cannabis cultivation center agents and medical cannabis dispensing organizations may notify the Department of Public Health, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, or Department of Agriculture of a suspected violation or attempted violation of this Act or the rules issued under it.
- (5) Each Department may verify registry identification cards under Section 150.
- (6) The submission of the report to the General Assembly under Section 160.
- (b-5) Each Department responsible for licensure under this

 Act shall publish on the Department's website a list of the

 ownership information of cannabis business establishment

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- licensees under the Department's jurisdiction. The list shall include, but shall not be limited to, the name of the person or entity holding each cannabis business establishment license and the address at which the entity is operating under this
- 5 Act. This list shall be published and updated monthly.
 - (c) Except for any ownership information released pursuant to subsection (b-5) or as otherwise authorized or required by law, it is a Class B misdemeanor with a \$1,000 fine for any person, including an employee or official of the Department of Public Health, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, or Department of Agriculture or another State agency or local government, to breach the confidentiality of information obtained under this Act.
 - (d) The Department of Public Health, the Department of Agriculture, the Illinois State Police, and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall not share or disclose any existing or non-existing Illinois or national criminal history record information. For the purposes of this Section, "any existing or non-existing Illinois or national criminal history record information" means any Illinois or national criminal history record information, including but not limited to the lack of or non-existence of these records.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-9-19; 102-98, eff. 7-15-21;
- 24 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)

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- 1 Sec. 150. Registry identification and registration 2 certificate verification.
 - (a) The Department of Public Health shall maintain a confidential list of the persons to whom the Department of Public Health has issued registry identification cards and their addresses, phone numbers, and registry identification numbers. This confidential list may not be combined or linked in any manner with any other list or database except as provided in this Section.
 - (b) Within 180 days of the effective date of this Act, the Department of Public Health, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and Department of Agriculture shall together establish a computerized database or verification system. The database or verification system must allow law enforcement personnel and medical cannabis dispensary organization agents to determine whether or not the identification number corresponds with a current, valid registry identification card. The system shall only disclose whether the identification card is valid, whether the cardholder is a registered qualifying patient, an Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, provisional patient, registered designated caregiver, а the registry identification number of the registered medical cannabis dispensing organization designated to serve the registered qualifying patient who holds the card, and the registry identification number of the patient who is assisted by a

- registered designated caregiver who holds the card. 1 Department of Public Health, the Department of Agriculture, 2 3 the Illinois State Police, and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall not share or disclose any 5 existing or non-existing Illinois or national criminal history record information. Notwithstanding any other requirements 6 established by this subsection, the Department of Public 7 8 Health shall issue registry cards to qualifying patients and 9 Opioid Alternative Patient Program participants, the 10 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may issue 11 registration to medical cannabis dispensing organizations for 12 the period during which the database is being established, and 13 the Department of Agriculture may issue registration cards to 14 medical cannabis cultivation organizations for the period 15 during which the database is being established.
 - (c) For the purposes of this Section, "any existing or non-existing Illinois or national criminal history record information" means any Illinois or national criminal history record information, including but not limited to the lack of or non-existence of these records.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 22 (410 ILCS 130/165)

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- Sec. 165. Administrative rulemaking.
- 24 (a) Not later than 120 days after the effective date of 25 this Act, the Department of Public Health, Department of

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- 1 Agriculture, and the Department of Financial and Professional
- 2 Regulation shall develop rules in accordance to their
- 3 responsibilities under this Act and file those rules with the
- 4 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.
- 5 (b) The Department of Public Health rules shall address,
- 6 but not be limited to, the following:
- 7 (1) fees for applications for registration as a qualified patient or caregiver;
 - (2) establishing the form and content of registration and renewal applications submitted under this Act, including a standard form for written certifications;
 - (3) governing the manner in which it shall consider applications for and renewals of registry identification cards;
 - (4) the manufacture of medical cannabis-infused products;
 - (5) fees for the application and renewal of registry identification cards. Fee revenue may be offset or supplemented by private donations;
 - (6) any other matters as are necessary for the fair, impartial, stringent, and comprehensive administration of this Act; and
 - (7) reasonable rules concerning the medical use of cannabis at a nursing care institution, hospice, assisted living center, assisted living facility, assisted living home, residential care institution, or adult day health

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- 1 care facility.
- 2 (c) The Department of Agriculture rules shall address, but
 3 not be limited to the following related to registered
 4 cultivation centers, with the goal of protecting against
 5 diversion and theft, without imposing an undue burden on the
 6 registered cultivation centers:
- 7 (1) oversight requirements for registered cultivation 8 centers;
 - (2) recordkeeping requirements for registered cultivation centers;
 - (3) security requirements for registered cultivation centers, which shall include that each registered cultivation center location must be protected by a fully operational security alarm system;
 - (4) rules and standards for what constitutes an enclosed, locked facility under this Act;
 - (5) procedures for suspending or revoking the registration certificates or registry identification cards of registered cultivation centers and their agents that commit violations of the provisions of this Act or the rules adopted under this Section;
 - (6) rules concerning the intrastate transportation of medical cannabis from a cultivation center to a dispensing organization;
 - (7) standards concerning the testing, quality, and cultivation of medical cannabis;

L	(8) any other matters as are necessary for the fair,
2	impartial, stringent, and comprehensive administration of
3	this Act;

- (9) application and renewal fees for cultivation center agents; and
- 6 (10) application, renewal, and registration fees for cultivation centers.
 - (d) The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation rules shall address, but not be limited to the following matters related to registered dispensing organizations, with the goal of protecting against diversion and theft, without imposing an undue burden on the registered dispensing organizations or compromising the confidentiality of cardholders:
 - (1) application and renewal and registration fees for dispensing organizations and dispensing organizations agents;
 - (2) medical cannabis dispensing agent-in-charge oversight requirements for dispensing organizations;
 - (3) recordkeeping requirements for dispensing organizations;
 - (4) security requirements for medical cannabis dispensing organizations, which shall include that each registered dispensing organization location must be protected by a fully operational security alarm system;
 - (5) procedures for suspending or revoking the

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- registrations of dispensing organizations and dispensing organization agents that commit violations of the provisions of this Act or the rules adopted under this Act;
 - (6) application and renewal fees for dispensing organizations; and
- 7 (7) application and renewal fees for dispensing 8 organization agents.
 - The Department of Public Health may establish a (e)sliding scale of patient application and renewal fees based upon a qualifying patient's household income. The Department of Public health may accept donations from private sources to application and renewal fees, reduce and reaistry identification card fees shall include an additional fee set by rule which shall be used to develop and disseminate educational information about the health risks associated with the abuse of cannabis and prescription medications.
 - (f) During the rule-making process, each Department shall make a good faith effort to consult with stakeholders identified in the rule-making analysis as being impacted by the rules, including patients or a representative of an organization advocating on behalf of patients.
 - (g) The Department of Public Health shall develop and disseminate educational information about the health risks associated with the abuse of cannabis and prescription medications.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 98-122, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1172, eff. 1-12-15.)
- 2 (410 ILCS 130/180)
- 3 Sec. 180. Destruction of medical cannabis.
- 4 (a) All cannabis byproduct, scrap, and harvested cannabis
- 5 not intended for distribution to a medical cannabis
- 6 organization must be destroyed and disposed of pursuant to
- 7 State law. Documentation of destruction and disposal shall be
- 8 retained at the cultivation center for a period of not less
- 9 than 5 years.
- 10 (b) A cultivation center shall prior to the destruction,
- 11 notify the Department of Agriculture and the Illinois State
- 12 Police.
- 13 (c) The cultivation center shall keep record of the date
- of destruction and how much was destroyed.
- 15 (d) A dispensary organization shall destroy all cannabis,
- including cannabis-infused products, that are not sold to
- 17 registered qualifying patients. Documentation of destruction
- and disposal shall be retained at the dispensary organization
- 19 for a period of not less than 5 years.
- 20 (e) A dispensary organization shall prior to the
- 21 destruction, notify the Department of Financial and
- 22 Professional Regulation and the Illinois State Police.
- 23 (f) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2026.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)

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1 (410 ILCS 130/200)

2 Sec. 200. Tax imposed.

(a) Beginning on January 1, 2014 and through June 30, 2025 the effective date of this Act, a tax is imposed upon the privilege of cultivating medical cannabis at a rate of 7% of the sales price per ounce. Beginning July 1, 2025, a tax is imposed on the privilege of cultivating medical cannabis at the rate of 7% of the gross receipts from the first sale of medical cannabis by a cultivator. The sale of any product that contains any amount of medical cannabis or any derivative thereof is subject to the tax under this Section on the full selling price of the product. The Department may determine the selling price of the medical cannabis when the seller and purchaser are affiliated persons or when the sale and purchase of medical cannabis is not an arm's length transaction, and a value is not established for the medical cannabis. The value determined by the Department shall be commensurate with the actual price received for products of like quality, character, and use in the area. If there are no sales of medical cannabis of like quality, character, and use in the area, then the Department shall establish a reasonable value based on sales of products of like quality, character, and use in the other areas of the State, taking into consideration any other relevant factors. Beginning January 1, 2026, the privilege of cultivating cannabis shall be subject to the tax imposed under Section 60-10 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Through

- 1 <u>December 31, 2025,</u> The proceeds from this tax shall be
- 2 deposited into the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Fund
- 3 created under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis
- 4 Program Act. This tax shall be paid by a cultivation center and
- 5 is not the responsibility of a dispensing organization or a
- 6 qualifying patient.
- 7 (b) The tax imposed under this Act shall be in addition to
- 8 all other occupation or privilege taxes imposed by the State
- 9 of Illinois or by any municipal corporation or political
- 10 subdivision thereof.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 101-363, eff. 8-9-19.)
- 12 (410 ILCS 130/205)
- 13 Sec. 205. Department enforcement.
- 14 (a) Every person subject to the tax under this Law shall
- apply to the Department (upon a form prescribed and furnished
- by the Department) for a certificate of registration under
- 17 this Law. Application for a certificate of registration shall
- 18 be made to the Department upon forms furnished by the
- 19 Department. The certificate of registration which is issued by
- the Department to a retailer under the Retailers' Occupation
- 21 Tax Act shall permit the taxpayer to engage in a business which
- is taxable under this Law without registering separately with
- 23 the Department. Beginning January 1, 2026, a person licensed
- 24 as a cultivation center or dispensing organization under the
- 25 Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act shall be deemed to be

- 1 <u>sufficiently licensed under this Law by virtue of his or her</u>
- 2 being properly licensed under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax
- 3 Act.
- 4 (b) The Department shall have full power to administer and
- 5 enforce this Law, to collect all taxes and penalties due
- 6 hereunder, to dispose of taxes and penalties so collected in
- 7 the manner hereinafter provided, and to determine all rights
- 8 to credit memoranda, arising on account of the erroneous
- 9 payment of tax or penalty hereunder. In the administration of,
- and compliance with, this Law, the Department and persons who
- 11 are subject to this Law shall have the same rights, remedies,
- 12 privileges, immunities, powers and duties, and be subject to
- the same conditions, restrictions, limitations, penalties and
- definitions of terms, and employ the same modes of procedure,
- as are prescribed in Sections 1, 1a, 2 through 2-65 (in respect
- to all provisions therein other than the State rate of tax),
- 2a, 2b, 2c, 3 (except provisions relating to transaction
- 18 returns and quarter monthly payments, and except for
- 19 provisions that are inconsistent with this Law), 4, 5, 5a, 5b,
- 20 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5i, 5j, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
- 21 11a, 12 and 13 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and Section
- 22 3-7 of the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act as fully as if
- those provisions were set forth herein.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 98-122, eff. 1-1-14.)

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- 1 Sec. 210. Returns.
- 2 (a) This subsection (a) applies to returns due on or
 3 before June 25, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27)
 4 this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly. On or
 5 before the twentieth day of each calendar month, every person
 6 subject to the tax imposed under this Law during the preceding
 7 calendar month shall file a return with the Department,
 8 stating:
 - (1) The name of the taxpayer;
 - (2) The number of ounces of medical cannabis sold to a dispensing organization or a registered qualifying patient during the preceding calendar month;
 - (3) The amount of tax due;
 - (4) The signature of the taxpayer; and
- 15 (5) Such other reasonable information as the 16 Department may require.
 - If a taxpayer fails to sign a return within 30 days after the proper notice and demand for signature by the Department, the return shall be considered valid and any amount shown to be due on the return shall be deemed assessed.
- 21 The taxpayer shall remit the amount of the tax due to the 22 Department at the time the taxpayer files his or her return.
- 23 (b) Beginning on June 25, 2019 (the effective date of
 24 Public Act 101-27) this amendatory Act of the 101st General
 25 Assembly, Section 60-20 65-20 of the Cannabis Regulation and
 26 Tax Act shall apply to returns filed and taxes paid under this

- 1 Act to the same extent as if those provisions were set forth in
- 2 full in this Section.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 4 (410 ILCS 130/80 rep.)
- 5 (410 ILCS 130/115.5 rep.)
- 6 (410 ILCS 130/135 rep.)
- 7 (410 ILCS 130/162 rep.)
- 8 Section 35. The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis
- 9 Program Act is amended by repealing Sections 80, 115.5, 125,
- 10 135, and 162.
- 11 Section 40. The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act is amended
- 12 by changing Sections 1-10, 5-10, 5-15, 7-10, 7-15, 10-10,
- 13 10-15, 15-10, 15-15, 15-20, 15-25, 15-35, 15-35.10, 15-36,
- 14 15-40, 15-45, 15-50, 15-60, 15-65, 15-70, 15-75, 15-85,
- 15 15-100, 15-135, 15-145, the heading of Article 20, 20-10,
- 16 20-15, 20-20, 20-21, 20-30, 20-35, 20-45, 25-35, 30-10, 30-30,
- 17 30-35, 30-45, 35-25, 35-30, 40-25, 45-5, 50-5, 55-5, 55-10,
- 18 55-30, 55-65, 55-85, 60-5, 60-10, 65-5, 65-10, 65-30, 65-38,
- 19 and 65-42 and adding Sections 15-13, 15-17, 15-23, and 15-24
- 20 as follows:
- 21 (410 ILCS 705/1-10)
- 22 Sec. 1-10. Definitions. In this Act:
- "Adequate medical supply" means:

	(1)	2.5	ounces	of	usable	cannabis	durin	ng a	period	of
14	days	and	that	is	derived	solely	from	an	intrasta	ate
sou	ırce.									

- (2) Subject to the rules of the Department of Public Health, a patient may apply for a waiver where a certifying health care professional provides a substantial medical basis in a signed, written statement asserting that, based on the patient's medical history, in the certifying health care professional's professional judgment, 2.5 ounces is an insufficient adequate medical supply for a 14-day period to properly alleviate the patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the debilitating medical condition.
- (3) This subsection may not be construed to authorize the possession of more than 2.5 ounces at any time without authority from the Department of Public Health.
- (4) The premixed weight of medical cannabis used in making a cannabis-infused product shall apply toward the limit on the total amount of medical cannabis a registered qualifying patient may possess at any one time.
- "Adult Use Cultivation Center License" means a license issued by the Department of Agriculture that permits a person to act as a cultivation center under this Act and any administrative rule made in furtherance of this Act.
- "Adult Use Dispensing Organization License" means a license issued by the Department of Financial and Professional

1 Regulation that permits a person to act as a dispensing

organization under this Act and any administrative rule made

3 in furtherance of this Act.

"Advertise" means to engage in promotional activities including, but not limited to: newspaper, radio, Internet and electronic media, and television advertising; the distribution of fliers and circulars; billboard advertising; and the display of window and interior signs. "Advertise" does not mean exterior signage displaying only the name of the licensed cannabis business establishment.

"Application points" means the number of points a Dispensary Applicant receives on an application for a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License.

"BLS Region" means a region in Illinois used by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics to gather and categorize certain employment and wage data. The 17 such regions in Illinois are: Bloomington, Cape Girardeau, Carbondale Marion, Champaign Urbana, Chicago Naperville Elgin, Danville, Davenport Moline Rock Island, Decatur, Kankakee, Peoria, Rockford, St. Louis, Springfield, Northwest Illinois nonmetropolitan area, West Central Illinois nonmetropolitan area, and South Illinois nonmetropolitan area.

- (1) Bloomington (DeWitt County; McLean County);
- 25 (2) Cape Girardeau (Alexander County);
- 26 (3) Carbondale-Marion (Jackson County; Williamson

1	<pre>County);</pre>
2	(4) Champaign-Urbana (Champaign County; Ford County;
3	Piatt County);
4	(5) Chicago-Naperville-Elgin (Cook County; DeKalb
5	County; DuPage County; Grundy County; Kane County; Kendall
6	County; Lake County; McHenry County; Will County);
7	(6) Danville (Vermilion County);
8	(7) Davenport-Moline-Rock Island (Henry County; Mercer
9	County; Rock Island County);
10	(8) Decatur (Macon County);
11	(9) Kankakee (Kankakee County);
12	(10) Peoria (Marshall County; Peoria County; Stark
13	<pre>County; Tazewell County; Woodford County);</pre>
14	(11) Rockford (Boone County; Winnebago County);
15	(12) St. Louis (Bond County; Calhoun County; Clinton
16	County; Jersey County; Madison County; Macoupin County;
17	Monroe County; St. Clair County),
18	(13) Springfield (Menard County; Sangamon County);
19	(14) Northwest Illinois nonmetropolitan area (Bureau
20	County; Carroll County; Jo Daviess County; LaSalle County;
21	Lee County; Ogle County; Putnam County; Stephenson County;
22	<pre>Whiteside County);</pre>
23	(15) West Central Illinois nonmetropolitan area (Adams
24	County; Brown County; Cass County; Christian County;
25	Fulton County; Greene County; Hancock County; Henderson
26	County; Knox County; Livingston County; Logan County;

1	Mason Co	ounty; McI	onough C	ounty;	Montgome	ry County;	: Morgan
2	County;	Moultrie	County;	Pike	County;	Schuyler	County;
3	Scott Co	ounty; She	lby Count	cy; War	ren County	y) ;	

(16) East Central Illinois nonmetropolitan area (Clark County; Clay County; Coles County; Crawford County; Cumberland County; Douglas County; Edgar County; Effingham County; Fayette County; Iroquois County; Jasper County; Lawrence County; Marion County; Richland County); and

(17) Southern Illinois nonmetropolitan area (Edwards County; Franklin County; Gallatin County; Hamilton County; Hardin County; Jefferson County; Johnson County; Massac County; Perry County; Pope County; Pulaski County; Randolph County; Saline County; Union County; Wabash County; Wayne County; White County).

"By lot" means a randomized method of choosing between 2 or more Eligible Tied Applicants or 2 or more Qualifying Applicants.

"Cannabis" means marijuana, hashish, and other substances that are identified as including any parts of the plant Cannabis sativa and including derivatives or subspecies, such as indica, of all strains of cannabis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin, including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and all other naturally produced cannabinol derivatives, whether produced directly or

indirectly by extraction; however, "cannabis" does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted from it), fiber, oil or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant that is incapable of germination. "Cannabis" does not include industrial hemp as defined and authorized under the Industrial Hemp Act. "Cannabis" also means cannabis flower, concentrate, and cannabis-infused products.

"Cannabis business establishment" means a cultivation center, craft grower, processing organization, infuser organization, dispensing organization, or transporting organization.

"Cannabis concentrate" means a product derived from cannabis that is produced by extracting cannabinoids, including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), from the plant through the use of propylene glycol, glycerin, butter, olive oil, or other typical cooking fats; water, ice, or dry ice; or butane, propane, CO₂, ethanol, or isopropanol and with the intended use of smoking or making a cannabis-infused product. The use of any other solvent is expressly prohibited unless and until it is approved by the Department of Agriculture.

"Cannabis container" means a sealed or resealable, traceable, container, or package used for the purpose of containment of cannabis or cannabis-infused product during

1 transportation.

"Cannabis flower" means marijuana, hashish, and other substances that are identified as including any parts of the plant Cannabis sativa and including derivatives or subspecies, such as indica, of all strains of cannabis; including raw kief, leaves, and buds, but not resin that has been extracted from any part of such plant; nor any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds, or resin.

"Cannabis-infused product" means a beverage, food, oil, ointment, tincture, topical formulation, or another product containing cannabis or cannabis concentrate that is not intended to be smoked.

"Cannabis paraphernalia" means equipment, products, or materials intended to be used for planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, ingesting, or otherwise introducing cannabis into the human body.

"Cannabis plant monitoring system" or "plant monitoring system" means a system that includes, but is not limited to, testing and data collection established and maintained by the cultivation center, craft grower, or infuser processing organization and that is available to the Department of Revenue, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and the Illinois State

- 1 Police for the purposes of documenting each cannabis plant and
- 2 monitoring plant development throughout the life cycle of a
- 3 cannabis plant cultivated for the intended use by a customer
- 4 from seed planting to final packaging.
- 5 "Cannabis testing facility" means an entity <u>licensed</u>
- 6 registered by the Department of Agriculture to test cannabis
- 7 for potency and contaminants. <u>Licensed cannabis testing</u>
- 8 facilities are authorized under this Act to transport cannabis
- 9 from licensed cannabis business establishments to the licensed
- 10 <u>cannabis testing facility and are exempt from the transporting</u>
- organization license requirements.
- "Certifying health care professional" has the meaning
- 13 given to that term under the Compassionate Use of Medical
- 14 Cannabis Program Act.
- "Clone" means a plant section from a female cannabis plant
- 16 not yet rootbound, growing in a water solution or other
- 17 propagation matrix, that is capable of developing into a new
- 18 plant.
- 19 "Community College Cannabis Vocational Training Pilot
- 20 Program faculty participant" means a person who is 21 years of
- 21 age or older, licensed by the Department of Agriculture, and
- is employed or contracted by an Illinois community college to
- 23 provide student instruction using cannabis plants at an
- 24 Illinois Community College.
- 25 "Community College Cannabis Vocational Training Pilot
- 26 Program faculty participant Agent Identification Card" means a

1 document issued by the Department of Agriculture that

identifies a person as a Community College Cannabis Vocational

3 Training Pilot Program faculty participant.

"Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License" means a contingent license awarded to applicants for an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License that reserves the right to an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License if the applicant meets certain conditions described in this Act, but does not entitle the recipient to begin purchasing or selling cannabis or cannabis-infused products.

"Conditional Adult Use Cultivation Center License" means a license awarded to top-scoring applicants for <u>a</u> an Adult Use Cultivation Center License that reserves the right to <u>a</u> an Adult Use Cultivation Center License if the applicant meets certain conditions as determined by the Department of Agriculture by rule, but does not entitle the recipient to begin growing, processing, or selling cannabis or cannabis-infused products.

"Craft grower" means a facility operated by an organization or business that is licensed by the Department of Agriculture to cultivate, dry, cure, and package cannabis and perform other necessary activities to make cannabis available for sale at a dispensing organization or use at an infuser a processing organization. A craft grower may contain up to 14,000 5,000 square feet of canopy space on its premises for plants in the flowering state. The Department of Agriculture

may authorize an increase or decrease of flowering stage cultivation space in increments of 3,000 square feet by rule based on market need, craft grower capacity, and the licensee's history of compliance or noncompliance, with a maximum space of 14,000 square feet for cultivating plants in the flowering stage, which must be cultivated in all stages of growth in an enclosed and secure area. A craft grower may share premises with an infuser a processing organization or a dispensing organization, or both, provided each licensee stores currency and cannabis or cannabis-infused products in a separate secured vault to which the other licensee does not have access or all licensees sharing a vault share more than 50% of the same ownership.

"Craft grower agent" means a principal officer, board member, employee, or other agent of a craft grower who is 21 years of age or older.

"Craft Grower Agent Identification Card" means a document issued by the Department of Agriculture that identifies a person as a craft grower agent.

"Cultivation center" means a facility operated by an organization or business that is licensed by the Department of Agriculture to cultivate, process, transport (unless otherwise limited by this Act), and perform other necessary activities to provide cannabis and cannabis-infused products to cannabis business establishments. As used in this Act, "cultivation center" includes any cultivation center which prior to January

1	1, 2026, was a cultivation center as defined in the
2	Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
3	"Cultivation center agent" means a principal officer,
4	board member, employee, or other agent of a cultivation center
5	who is 21 years of age or older.
6	"Cultivation Center Agent Identification Card" means a
7	document issued by the Department of Agriculture that
8	identifies a person as a cultivation center agent.
9	"Currency" means currency and <u>coins</u> of the United
10	States.
11	"Designated caregiver" means a person who:
12	(1) is at least 21 years of age;
13	(2) has agreed to assist with a patient's medical use
14	of cannabis; and
15	(3) assists no more than one registered qualifying
16	patient with the patient's medical use of cannabis, except
17	the parent of a registered qualifying patient may assist
18	any children of that parent who are registered qualifying
19	<pre>patients.</pre>
20	"Dispensary" means a facility operated by a dispensing
21	organization at which activities licensed by this Act may
22	occur.
23	"Dispensary Applicant" means the Proposed Dispensing
24	Organization Name as stated on an application for a
25	Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License.

"Dispensing organization" or "dispensary" means a facility

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operated by an organization or business that is licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to acquire cannabis from a cultivation center, craft grower, infuser processing organization licensed by the Department of Agriculture, or another dispensary licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, for the purpose of selling or dispensing cannabis, cannabis-infused products, cannabis seeds, paraphernalia, or related supplies under this Act to purchasers or to qualified registered medical cannabis patients, and designated caregivers, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participants, and provisional patients to purchase an adequate medical supply. As used in this Act, "dispensing organization" includes any dispensary which, prior to January 1, 2026, was a registered medical cannabis organization as defined in the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act or its successor Act or that has obtained an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License or Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a Secondary Site under this Act.

"Dispensing organization agent" means a principal officer, employee, or agent of a dispensing organization who is 21 years of age or older.

"Dispensing organization agent identification card" means a document issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation that identifies a person as a dispensing organization agent.

"Disproportio	nately Impac	cted Area	a" means a	census	tract or
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criteria as dete	ermined by	the Dep	artment of	f Comme	rce and
Economic Opportun	ity, that:				

- (1) meets at least one of the following criteria:
- (A) the area has a poverty rate of at least 20% according to the latest federal decennial census; or
- (B) 75% or more of the children in the area participate in the federal free lunch program according to reported statistics from the State Board of Education; or
- (C) at least 20% of the households in the area receive assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; or
- (D) the area has an average unemployment rate, as determined by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, that is more than 120% of the national unemployment average, as determined by the United States Department of Labor, for a period of at least 2 consecutive calendar years preceding the date of the application; and
- (2) has high rates of arrest, conviction, and incarceration related to the sale, possession, use, cultivation, manufacture, or transport of cannabis.
- "Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License" means a license that permits a medical cannabis cultivation

center licensed under the Compassionate Use of Medical
Cannabis Program Act as of the effective date of this Act to
begin cultivating, infusing, packaging, transporting (unless
otherwise provided in this Act), processing, and selling
cannabis or cannabis-infused product to cannabis business
establishments for resale to purchasers as permitted by this
Act as of January 1, 2020.

"Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License" means a license that permits a medical cannabis dispensing organization licensed under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act as of the effective date of this Act to begin selling cannabis or cannabis-infused product to purchasers as permitted by this Act as of January 1, 2020.

"Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization at a secondary site" means a license that permits a medical cannabis dispensing organization licensed under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act as of the effective date of this Act to begin selling cannabis or cannabis-infused product to purchasers as permitted by this Act on January 1, 2020 at a different dispensary location from its existing registered medical dispensary location.

"Eligible Tied Applicant" means a Tied Applicant that is eligible to participate in the process by which a remaining available license is distributed by lot pursuant to a Tied Applicant Lottery.

"Enclosed, locked facility" means a room, greenhouse,

building, or other enclosed area equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by cannabis business establishment agents working for the licensed cannabis business establishment or acting pursuant to this Act to cultivate, process, store, or distribute cannabis.

"Enclosed, locked space" means a closet, room, greenhouse, building, or other enclosed area equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by authorized individuals under this Act. "Enclosed, locked space" may include:

- (1) a space within a residential building that (i) is the primary residence of the individual cultivating 5 or fewer cannabis plants that are more than 5 inches tall and (ii) includes sleeping quarters and indoor plumbing. The space must only be accessible by a key or code that is different from any key or code that can be used to access the residential building from the exterior; or
- (2) a structure, such as a shed or greenhouse, that lies on the same plot of land as a residential building that (i) includes sleeping quarters and indoor plumbing and (ii) is used as a primary residence by the person cultivating 5 or fewer cannabis plants that are more than 5 inches tall, such as a shed or greenhouse. The structure must remain locked when it is unoccupied by people.

"Financial institution" has the same meaning as "financial organization" as defined in Section 1501 of the Illinois

1 Income Tax Act, and also includes the holding companies,
2 subsidiaries, and affiliates of such financial organizations.

"Flowering stage" means the stage of cultivation where and when a cannabis plant is cultivated to produce plant material for cannabis products. This includes mature plants as follows:

- (1) if greater than 2 stigmas are visible at each internode of the plant; or
- (2) if the cannabis plant is in an area that has been intentionally deprived of light for a period of time intended to produce flower buds and induce maturation, from the moment the light deprivation began through the remainder of the marijuana plant growth cycle.
- "Individual" means a natural person.

"Infuser organization" or "infuser" means a facility operated by an organization or business that is licensed by the Department of Agriculture to directly incorporate cannabis or cannabis concentrate into a product formulation to produce a cannabis-infused product.

"Infuser organization agent" means a principal officer, board member, employee, or other agent of an infuser organization.

"Infuser organization agent identification card" means a document issued by the Department of Agriculture that identifies a person as an infuser organization agent.

"Kief" means the resinous crystal-like trichomes that are found on cannabis and that are accumulated, resulting in a

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pressure, or extracted using a solvent.

"Labor peace agreement" means an agreement between a cannabis business establishment and any labor organization recognized under the National Labor Relations Act, referred to in this Act as a bona fide labor organization, that prohibits labor organizations and members from engaging in picketing, work stoppages, boycotts, and any other economic interference with the cannabis business establishment. This agreement means that the cannabis business establishment has agreed not to disrupt efforts by the bona fide labor organization to communicate with, and attempt to organize and represent, the cannabis business establishment's employees. The agreement shall provide a bona fide labor organization access at reasonable times to areas in which the cannabis business establishment's employees work, for the purpose of meeting with employees to discuss their right to representation, employment rights under State law, and terms and conditions of employment. This type of agreement shall not mandate a particular method of election or certification of the bona fide labor organization.

"Limited access area" means a room or other area under the control of a cannabis dispensing organization licensed under this Act and upon the licensed premises where cannabis sales occur with access limited to purchasers, dispensing organization owners and other dispensing organization agents,

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service professionals conducting business 1 with the 2 dispensing organization, or, if sales to registered qualifying 3 patients, caregivers, provisional patients, and Opioid Alternative Patient Pilot Program participants 4 licensed 5 pursuant to the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program 6 are also permitted at the dispensary, 7 qualifying patients, caregivers, provisional patients, and Opioid Alternative Patient Pilot Program participants. 8

"Member of an impacted family" means an individual who has a parent, legal guardian, child, spouse, or dependent, or was a dependent of an individual who, prior to the effective date of this Act, was arrested for, convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for any offense that is eligible for expungement under this Act.

"Mother plant" means a cannabis plant that is cultivated or maintained for the purpose of generating clones, and that will not be used to produce plant material for sale to an infuser or dispensing organization.

"Ordinary public view" means within the sight line with normal visual range of a person, unassisted by visual aids, from a public street or sidewalk adjacent to real property, or from within an adjacent property.

"Ownership and control" means ownership of at least 51% of the business, including corporate stock if a corporation, and control over the management and day-to-day operations of the business and an interest in the capital, assets, and profits

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and losses of the business proportionate to percentage of ownership.

"Person" means a natural individual, firm, partnership, association, joint-stock joint stock company, joint venture, public or private corporation, limited liability company, or a receiver, executor, trustee, guardian, or other representative appointed by order of any court.

"Possession limit" means the amount of cannabis under Section 10-10 that may be possessed at any one time by a person 21 years of age or older or who is a registered qualifying medical cannabis patient or caregiver under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

"Principal officer" includes cannabis business а establishment applicant or licensed cannabis business establishment's board member, owner with more than 1% interest of the total cannabis business establishment or more than 5% interest of the total cannabis business establishment of a publicly traded company, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, partner, officer, member, manager member, or person with a profit sharing, financial interest, or revenue sharing arrangement. The definition includes a person with authority to control the cannabis business establishment, a person who assumes responsibility for the debts of the cannabis business establishment and who is further defined in this Act.

"Primary residence" means a dwelling where a person usually stays or stays more often than other locations. It may

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- 2 address on an Illinois driver's license, an Illinois
- 3 Identification Card, or an Illinois Person with a Disability
- 4 Identification Card; or voter registration. No person may have
- 5 more than one primary residence.
- 6 "Processor license" means a license issued to an infuser
- 7 organization that is licensed by the Department of Agriculture
- 8 <u>under subsection (f) of Section 35-31 to extract raw materials</u>
- 9 from cannabis flower.
- 10 "Provisional registration" means a document issued by the
- 11 Department of Public Health to a qualifying patient who has
- 12 <u>submitted (i) an online application and paid a fee to</u>
- 13 participate in Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program
- 14 pending approval or denial of the patient's application or
- 15 (ii) a completed application for terminal illness.
- 16 "Provisional patient" means a qualifying patient who has
- 17 received a provisional registration from the Department of
- 18 Public Health.
- 19 "Processing organization" or "processor" means a facility
- 20 operated by an organization or business that is licensed by
- 21 the Department of Agriculture to either extract constituent
- 22 chemicals or compounds to produce cannabis concentrate or
- 23 incorporate cannabis or cannabis concentrate into a product
- 24 <u>formulation to produce a cannabis product.</u>
- 25 "Processing organization agent" means a principal officer,
- 26 board member, employee, or agent of a processing organization.

"Processing organization agent identification card" means
a document issued by the Department of Agriculture that
identifies a person as a processing organization agent.

"Purchaser" means a person 21 years of age or older who acquires cannabis for a valuable consideration. "Purchaser" does not include a cardholder under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

"Qualifying Applicant" means an applicant that submitted an application pursuant to Section 15-30 that received at least 85% of 250 application points available under Section 15-30 as the applicant's final score and meets the definition of "Social Equity Applicant" as set forth under this Section.

"Qualifying patient" or "qualified patient" means a person who has been diagnosed by a certifying health care professional as having a debilitating medical condition as defined under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

"Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant" means an applicant that submitted an application pursuant to Section 15-30 that received at least 85% of 250 application points available under Section 15-30 as the applicant's final score and meets the criteria of either paragraph (1) or (2) of the definition of "Social Equity Applicant" as set forth under this Section.

"Qualified Social Equity Applicant" means a Social Equity
Applicant who has been awarded a <u>license or</u> conditional

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- 2 establishment.
- 3 "Qualifying patient" or "qualified patient" means a person
- 4 who has been diagnosed by a certifying health care
- 5 professional as having a debilitating medical condition.
- 6 "Resided" means an individual's primary residence was
- 7 located within the relevant geographic area as established by
- 8 2 of the following:
- 9 (1) a signed lease agreement that includes the
- 10 applicant's name;
- 11 (2) a property deed that includes the applicant's
- 12 name;
- 13 (3) school records;
- 14 (4) a voter registration card;
- 15 (5) an Illinois driver's license, an Illinois
- 16 Identification Card, or an Illinois Person with a
- 17 Disability Identification Card;
- 18 (6) a paycheck stub;
- 19 (7) a utility bill;
- 20 (8) tax records; or
- 21 (9) any other proof of residency or other information
- 22 necessary to establish residence as provided by rule.
- "Smoking" means the inhalation of smoke caused by the
- 24 combustion of cannabis.
- "Social Equity Applicant" means an applicant that is an
- 26 Illinois resident that meets one of the following criteria:

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1	(1) an applicant with at least 51% ownership and
2	control by one or more individuals who have resided for at
3	least 5 of the preceding 10 years in a Disproportionately
4	Impacted Area;
5	(2) an applicant with at least 51% ownership and
6	control by one or more individuals who:
7	(i) have been arrested for, convicted of, or
8	adjudicated delinquent for any offense that is
9	eligible for expungement under this Act; or
10	(ii) is a member of an impacted family;
11	(3) for applicants with a minimum of 10 full-time
12	employees, an applicant with at least 51% of current
13	employees who:
14	(i) currently reside in a Disproportionately
15	Impacted Area; or
16	(ii) have been arrested for, convicted of, or
17	adjudicated delinquent for any offense that is
18	eligible for expungement under this Act or member of
19	an impacted family.
20	Nothing in this Act shall be construed to preempt or limit
21	the duties of any employer under the Job Opportunities for
22	Qualified Applicants Act. Nothing in this Act shall permit an
23	employer to require an employee to disclose sealed or expunged
24	offenses, unless otherwise required by law.

"Social Equity Criteria Lottery Licensee" means a holder

of an adult use cannabis dispensary license awarded through a

lottery held under subsection (c) of Section 15-35.20.

"Tied Applicant" means an application submitted by a Dispensary Applicant pursuant to Section 15-30 that received the same number of application points under Section 15-30 as the Dispensary Applicant's final score as one or more top-scoring applications in the same BLS Region and would have been awarded a license but for the one or more other top-scoring applications that received the same number of application points. Each application for which a Dispensary Applicant was required to pay a required application fee for the application period ending January 2, 2020 shall be considered an application of a separate Tied Applicant.

"Tied Applicant Lottery" means the process established under 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1291.50 for awarding Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses pursuant to Sections 15-25 and 15-30 among Eligible Tied Applicants.

"Tincture" means a cannabis-infused solution, typically composed comprised of alcohol, glycerin, or vegetable oils, derived either directly from the cannabis plant or from a processed cannabis extract. A tincture is not an alcoholic liquor as defined in the Liquor Control Act of 1934. A tincture shall include a calibrated dropper or other similar device capable of accurately measuring servings.

"Transporting organization" or "transporter" means an organization or business that is licensed by the Department of Agriculture to transport cannabis or cannabis-infused product

- on behalf of a cannabis business establishment or a community
- 2 college licensed under the Community College Cannabis
- 3 Vocational Training Pilot Program.
- 4 "Transporting organization agent" means a principal
- officer, board member, employee, or agent of a transporting
- 6 organization.
- 7 "Transporting organization agent identification card"
- 8 means a document issued by the Department of Agriculture that
- 9 identifies a person as a transporting organization agent.
- "Unit of local government" means any county, city,
- 11 village, or incorporated town.
- "Vegetative stage" means the stage of cultivation in which
- 13 a cannabis plant is propagated to produce additional cannabis
- 14 plants or reach a sufficient size for production. This
- 15 includes seedlings, clones, mothers, and other immature
- 16 cannabis plants as follows:
- 17 (1) if the cannabis plant is in an area that has not
- been intentionally deprived of light for a period of time
- intended to produce flower buds and induce maturation, it
- 20 has no more than 2 stigmas visible at each internode of the
- 21 cannabis plant; or
- 22 (2) any cannabis plant that is cultivated solely for
- 23 the purpose of propagating clones and is never used to
- 24 produce cannabis.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 26 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff.

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- 3 Sec. 5-10. Department of Agriculture.
- 4 (a) The Department of Agriculture shall administer and 5 enforce provisions of this Act relating to the oversight and 6 registration of cultivation centers, craft growers, infuser organizations, and transporting organizations and agents, 7 8 including the issuance of identification cards and 9 establishing limits on potency or serving size for cannabis or 10 cannabis products. The Department of Agriculture may suspend 11 or revoke the license of, or impose other penalties upon 12 cannabis testing facilities, cultivation centers, craft 13 growers, infuser organizations, transporting organizations, 14 and their principal officers, Agents-in-Charge, and agents for 15 violations of this Act and any rules adopted under this Act.
 - (b) The Department of Agriculture may establish, by rule, market protections that protect against unfair business practices, including, but not limited to, price-fixing, bid rigging, boycotts, agreements to not compete, exclusive wholesale arrangements for cannabis concentrate, cannabis flower, cannabis-infused products, and any product that is licensed under this Act to ensure all license types have equal access to the market without unfair competition.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)

- 1 (410 ILCS 705/5-15)
- 2 Sec. 5-15. Department of Financial and Professional
- 3 Regulation.
- 4 (a) The Department of Financial and Professional
- 5 Regulation shall enforce the provisions of this Act relating
- 6 to the oversight and registration of dispensing organizations
- 7 and agents, including the issuance of identification cards for
- 8 dispensing organization agents. The Department of Financial
- 9 and Professional Regulation may suspend or revoke the license
- 10 of, or otherwise discipline dispensing organizations,
- 11 principal officers, agents-in-charge, and agents for
- violations of this Act and any rules adopted under this Act.
- 13 (b) The Department of Financial and Professional
- 14 Regulation may establish, by rule, market protections that
- 15 protect against unfair business practices, including, but not
- limited to, price-fixing, bid rigging, boycotts, agreements to
- 17 not compete, exclusive wholesale arrangements for cannabis
- 18 concentrate, cannabis flower, cannabis-infused products, and
- 19 any product that is licensed under this Act to ensure all
- 20 license types have equal access to the market without unfair
- 21 competition.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 23 (410 ILCS 705/7-10)
- Sec. 7-10. Cannabis Business Development Fund.
- 25 (a) There is created in the State treasury a special fund,

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- 2 moneys, to be known as the Cannabis Business Development Fund.
- 3 The Cannabis Business Development Fund shall be exclusively
- 4 used for the following purposes:
 - (1) to provide low-interest rate loans to Qualified Social Equity Applicants and Social Equity Criteria Lottery Licensees to pay for ordinary and necessary expenses to start and operate a cannabis business establishment permitted by this Act;
 - (2) to provide grants to Qualified Social Equity Applicants to pay for ordinary and necessary expenses to start and operate a cannabis business establishment permitted by this Act;
 - (3) to compensate the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for any costs related to the provision of low-interest loans and grants to Qualified Social Equity Applicants and Social Equity Criteria Lottery Licensees;
 - (4) to pay for outreach that may be provided or targeted to attract and support Social Equity Applicants, and Qualified Social Equity Applicants, and Social Equity Criteria Lottery Licensees;
 - (5) (blank);
 - (5.5) to provide financial assistance that supports

 lending to or private investment in Qualified Social

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- (6) to conduct any study or research concerning the participation of minorities, women, veterans, or people with disabilities in the cannabis industry, including, without limitation, barriers to such individuals entering the industry as equity owners of cannabis business establishments:
- (7) (blank); and
- 11 (8) to assist with job training and technical
 12 assistance for residents in Disproportionately Impacted
 13 Areas.
 - (b) All moneys collected under Sections 15-15 and 15-20 for Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses issued before January 1, 2021 and remunerations made as a result of transfers of permits awarded to Qualified Social Equity Applicants shall be deposited into the Cannabis Business Development Fund.
- 20 (c) (Blank).
 - (c-5) In addition to any other transfers that may be provided for by law, on July 1, 2023, or as soon thereafter as practical, the State Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer the sum of \$40,000,000 from the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Fund to the Cannabis Business Development Fund.

- 1 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
- 2 Cannabis Business Development Fund is not subject to sweeps,
- 3 administrative charge-backs, or any other fiscal or budgetary
- 4 maneuver that would in any way transfer any amounts from the
- 5 Cannabis Business Development Fund into any other fund of the
- 6 State.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)
- 8 (410 ILCS 705/7-15)
- 9 Sec. 7-15. Loans, financial assistance, and grants to
- 10 <u>Qualified Social Equity Applicants and Social Equity Criteria</u>
- 11 Lottery Licensees.
- 12 (a) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- 13 shall establish grant, and loan, and financial assistance
- 14 programs, subject to appropriations from the Cannabis Business
- 15 Development Fund, for the purposes of providing financial
- 16 assistance, loans, grants, and technical assistance to
- 17 Qualified Social Equity Applicants and Social Equity Criteria
- 18 Lottery Licensees.
- 19 (b) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- 20 has the power to:
- 21 (1) provide Cannabis Social Equity loans, financial
- 22 assistance, and grants from appropriations from the
- Cannabis Business Development Fund to assist Qualified
- 24 Social Equity Applicants and Social Equity Criteria
- 25 Lottery Licensees in gaining entry to, and successfully

operating in, the State's regulated cannabis marketplace;

- (2) enter into agreements that set forth terms and conditions of the financial assistance, accept funds or grants, and engage in cooperation with private entities and agencies of State or local government to carry out the purposes of this Section;
- (3) fix, determine, charge, and collect any premiums, fees, charges, costs and expenses, including application fees, commitment fees, program fees, financing charges, or publication fees in connection with its activities under this Section;
- (4) coordinate assistance under these <u>financial</u> <u>assistance</u> <u>loan</u> programs with activities of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and other agencies as needed to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of this Act;
- (5) provide staff, administration, and related support required to administer this Section;
- (6) take whatever actions are necessary or appropriate to protect the State's interest in the event of bankruptcy, default, foreclosure, or noncompliance with the terms and conditions of financial assistance provided under this Section, including the ability to recapture funds if the recipient is found to be noncompliant with the terms and conditions of the financial assistance

- (6.5) enter into financial intermediary agreements to facilitate lending to or investment in Qualified Social Equity Applicants, Social Equity Criteria Lottery Licensees, or their subsidiaries or affiliates to ensure the availability of facilities necessary to operate a cannabis business establishment;
- (7) establish application, notification, contract, and other forms, procedures, or rules deemed necessary and appropriate; and
- (8) utilize vendors or contract work to carry out the purposes of this Act.
- (c) Loans made under this Section:
- (1) shall only be made if, in the Department's judgment, the project furthers the goals set forth in this Act; and
- (2) shall be in such principal amount and form and contain such terms and provisions with respect to security, insurance, reporting, delinquency charges, default remedies, <u>forgiveness</u>, and other matters as the Department shall determine appropriate to protect the public interest and to be consistent with the purposes of this Section. The terms and provisions may be less than required for similar loans not covered by this Section; and—
 - (3) may be distributed by a lottery if the Department

determines that the amount of funding available is
insufficient to provide an adequate amount of funding for
all of the applicants eligible to receive a loan.

The Department may determine the number of loans available based on the amount of funding available and communicate the number of loans available on the loan application. The Department may use competitive criteria to establish which applicants are eligible to receive a grant, loan, or financial assistance.

- (d) Grants made under this Section shall be awarded on a competitive and annual basis under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Grants made under this Section shall further and promote the goals of this Act, including promotion of Social Equity Applicants, Qualified Social Equity Applicants, or Social Equity Criteria Lottery Licensees, job training and workforce development, and technical assistance to Social Equity Applicants. To the extent registration with the federal System for Award Management requires a grant applicant to certify compliance with all federal laws, the grant applicants under this Section shall not be required to register for a unique entity identifier through the federal System for Award Management to be qualified to receive a grant so long as federal law prohibits the cultivation and sale of cannabis.
- (d-5) Financial intermediary agreements to provide financial assistance must further the goals set forth in this

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Act and result in financing or lease costs that are affordable or below market rate.

- (e) Beginning January 1, 2021 and each year thereafter, the Department shall annually report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the outcomes and effectiveness of this Section that shall include the following:
- 7 (1) the number of persons or businesses receiving 8 financial assistance under this Section;
 - (2) the amount in financial assistance awarded in the aggregate, in addition to the amount of loans made that are outstanding and the amount of grants awarded;
 - (3) the location of the project engaged in by the person or business; and
- 14 (4) if applicable, the number of new jobs and other
 15 forms of economic output created as a result of the
 16 financial assistance.
- 17 (f) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity 18 shall include engagement with individuals with limited English 19 proficiency as part of its outreach provided or targeted to 20 attract and support Social Equity Applicants.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 22 (410 ILCS 705/10-10)
- Sec. 10-10. Possession limit.
- 24 (a) Except if otherwise authorized by this Act, for a 25 person who is 21 years of age or older and a resident of this

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- 1 State, the possession limit is as follows:
- 2 (1) 30 grams of cannabis flower;
- 3 (2) no more than 500 milligrams of THC contained in cannabis-infused product;
 - (3) 5 grams of cannabis concentrate; and
 - (4) for registered qualifying patients, any cannabis produced by cannabis plants grown under subsection (b) of Section 10-5, provided any amount of cannabis produced in excess of 30 grams of raw cannabis or its equivalent must remain secured within the residence or residential property in which it was grown.
- 12 (b) For a person who is 21 years of age or older and who is not a resident of this State, the possession limit is:
 - (1) 15 grams of cannabis flower;
 - (2) 2.5 grams of cannabis concentrate; and
- 16 (3) 250 milligrams of THC contained in a cannabis-infused product.
- 18 (c) The possession limits found in subsections (a) and (b)
 19 of this Section are to be considered cumulative.
 - (d) No person shall knowingly obtain, seek to obtain, or possess an amount of cannabis from a dispensing organization or craft grower that would cause him or her to exceed the possession limit under this Section, including cannabis that is cultivated by a person under this Act or obtained as a qualified registered medical patient, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, provisional patient, or

- designated caregiver.
- 2 (d-1) No qualified registered patient, provisional
 3 patient, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, or
 4 designated caregiver shall knowingly obtain, seek to obtain,
 5 or possess, individually or collectively, an amount that would
- 6 cause the individual to exceed their adequate medical supply
- 7 under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- 8 (e) Cannabis and cannabis-derived substances regulated 9 under the Industrial Hemp Act are not covered by this Act.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 11 (410 ILCS 705/10-15)
- 12 Sec. 10-15. Persons under 21 years of age.
- 13 (a) Nothing in this Act is intended to permit the transfer
- of cannabis, with or without remuneration, to a person under
- 15 21 years of age, or to allow a person under 21 years of age to
- purchase, possess, use, process, transport, grow, or consume
- 17 cannabis except where authorized by this Act, the
- 18 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or by the
- 19 Community College Cannabis Vocational Pilot Program.
- 20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law
- 21 authorizing the possession of medical cannabis or
- 22 cannabis-infused products by a qualified registered medical
- 23 patient, provisional patient, or designated caregiver, nothing
- in this Act authorizes a person who is under 21 years of age to
- 25 possess cannabis. A person under 21 years of age with cannabis

- in his or her possession is guilty of a civil law violation as outlined in paragraph (a) of Section 4 of the Cannabis Control
- 3 Act.

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- (c) If the person under the age of 21 was in a motor vehicle at the time of the offense, the Secretary of State may suspend or revoke the driving privileges of any person for a violation of this Section under Section 6-206 of the Illinois Vehicle Code and the rules adopted under it.
 - (d) It is unlawful for any parent or quardian to knowingly permit his or her residence, any other private property under his or her control, or any vehicle, conveyance, or watercraft under his or her control to be used by an invitee of the parent's child or the quardian's ward, if the invitee is under the age of 21, in a manner that constitutes a violation of this Section. A parent or guardian is deemed to have knowingly permitted his or her residence, any other private property under his or her control, or any vehicle, conveyance, or watercraft under his or her control to be used in violation of this Section if he or she knowingly authorizes or permits consumption of cannabis by underage invitees. Any person who violates this subsection (d) is quilty of a Class A misdemeanor and the person's sentence shall include, but shall not be limited to, a fine of not less than \$500. If a violation of this subsection (d) directly or indirectly results in great bodily harm or death to any person, the person violating this subsection is quilty of a Class 4 felony. In this subsection

- 1 (d), where the residence or other property has an owner and a
- 2 tenant or lessee, the trier of fact may infer that the
- 3 residence or other property is occupied only by the tenant or
- 4 lessee.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 6 (410 ILCS 705/15-10)
- 7 Sec. 15-10. Medical cannabis dispensing organization
- 8 exemption. This Article does not apply to medical cannabis
- 9 dispensing organizations registered under the Compassionate
- 10 Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act, except where
- otherwise specified. This Section is repealed on July 1, 2026.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 13 (410 ILCS 705/15-13 new)
- 14 Sec. 15-13. Adult Use and medical cannabis dispensing
- organization license merger; medical patient prioritization.
- 16 (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, all medical cannabis
- 17 dispensing organizations registered under the Compassionate
- 18 Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and that have received an
- 19 Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License shall
- 20 be deemed to be an adult use dispensing organization licensed
- 21 pursuant to Section 15-36 of this Act. In addition to selling
- 22 cannabis and cannabis-infused products to persons 21 years of
- age or older, beginning January 1, 2026, but no later than
- 24 April 1, 2026, all dispensing organizations licensed pursuant

- to Section 15-36 of this Act shall also offer services to
 registered qualifying patients, provisional patients, Opioid
 Alternative Patient Program participants, and designated
- 4 <u>caregivers.</u>

- (b) Beginning January 1, 2026, all dispensing organization agents registered under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act shall be deemed to be a dispensing organization agent as that term is defined in this Act. All dispensing organization agents registered under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act shall have the same rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of dispensing organization agents licensed under this Act. All dispensing organization agents shall be subject to this Act and any administrative rules adopted under this Act.
- (c) On and after January 1, 2026, any dispensing organization previously registered as an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License or an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization at a secondary site shall renew pursuant to Section 15-45 of this Act. The Department shall provate any dispensing organization previously registered as an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License or an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization at a secondary site's first renewal fee due under Section 15-45.
- (d) By April 1, 2026, all dispensing organizations shall pay a one-time fee of \$10,000 to be deposited into the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Fund. After this

- 1 <u>one-time fee</u>, all dispensing organizations shall renew
- 2 pursuant to the provisions of Section 15-45. The Department
- 3 may approve payment plans that extend beyond April 1, 2026 for
- 4 the fee paid under this subsection if the first payment under
- 5 <u>the payment plan is remitted by April 1, 2026.</u>
- 6 (e) All dispensing organizations must maintain an adequate
- 7 supply of cannabis and cannabis-infused products for purchase
- 8 by qualifying patients, designated caregivers, and provisional
- 9 patients. For the purposes of this subsection, the Department
- 10 <u>may promulgate administrative rules establishing what</u>
- 11 constitutes an adequate supply.
- 12 (f) If there is a shortage of cannabis or cannabis-infused
- products, a dispensing organization shall prioritize serving
- 14 qualifying patients, designated caregivers, and provisional
- patients before serving purchasers.
- 16 (g) Beginning January 1, 2026, cannabis and
- 17 cannabis-infused products purchased from a dispensing
- 18 organization by a qualified patient, Opioid Alternative
- 19 Patient Program participant, provisional patient, or
- 20 designated caregiver are not subject to tax under Section
- 21 65-10 of this Act.
- 22 (410 ILCS 705/15-15)
- 23 Sec. 15-15. Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing
- 24 Organization License.
- 25 (a) Any medical cannabis dispensing organization holding a

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- valid registration under the Compassionate Use of Medical
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 within 60 days of the effective date of this Act, apply to the
 Department for an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing
 Organization License to serve purchasers at any medical
 cannabis dispensing location in operation on the effective
 date of this Act, pursuant to this Section.
 - (b) A medical cannabis dispensing organization seeking issuance of Early Approval Adult Use an Dispensing Organization License to serve purchasers at any medical cannabis dispensing location in operation as of the effective date of this Act shall submit an application on forms provided by the Department. The application must be submitted by the same person or entity that holds the medical cannabis dispensing organization registration and include the following:
 - (1) Payment of a nonrefundable fee of \$30,000 to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund;
 - (2) Proof of registration as a medical cannabis dispensing organization that is in good standing;
 - (3) Certification that the applicant will comply with the requirements contained in the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act except as provided in this Act;
 - (4) The legal name of the dispensing organization;
 - (5) The physical address of the dispensing

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- (6) The name, address, social security number, and date of birth of each principal officer and board member of the dispensing organization, each of whom must be at least 21 years of age;
- (7) A nonrefundable Cannabis Business Development Fee equal to 3% of the dispensing organization's total sales between June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019, or \$100,000, whichever is less, to be deposited into the Cannabis Business Development Fund; and
- (8) Identification of one of the following Social Equity Inclusion Plans to be completed by March 31, 2021:
 - (A) Make a contribution of 3% of total sales from June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019, or \$100,000, whichever is less, to the Cannabis Business Development Fund. This is in addition to the fee required by item (7) of this subsection (b);
 - (B) Make a grant of 3% of total sales from June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019, or \$100,000, whichever is less, to a cannabis industry training or education program at an Illinois community college as defined in the Public Community College Act;
 - (C) Make a donation of \$100,000 or more to a program that provides job training services to persons recently incarcerated or that operates in a Disproportionately Impacted Area;

(D) Participate as a host in a cannabis business 1 2 establishment incubator program approved by the 3 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and in which an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder agrees to provide a loan 5 of at least \$100,000 and mentorship to incubate, for 6 7 at least a year, a Social Equity Applicant intending 8 to seek a license or a licensee that qualifies as a 9 Social Equity Applicant. As used in this Section, 10 "incubate" means providing direct financial assistance 11 and training necessary to engage in licensed cannabis 12 industry activity similar to that of the 13 licensee. The Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing 14 Organization License holder or the same entity holding 15 any other licenses issued pursuant to this Act shall 16 not take an ownership stake of greater than 10% in any 17 business receiving incubation services to comply with this subsection. If an Early Approval Adult Use 18 Dispensing Organization License holder fails to find a 19 20 business to incubate to comply with this subsection 21 before its Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing 22 Organization License expires, it may opt to meet the 23 requirement of this subsection by completing another 24 item from this subsection; or 25

(E) Participate in a sponsorship program for at least 2 years approved by the Department of Commerce

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and Economic Opportunity in which an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder agrees to provide an interest-free loan of at least \$200,000 to a Social Equity Applicant. The sponsor shall not take an ownership stake in any cannabis business establishment receiving sponsorship services to comply with this subsection.

(b-5) Beginning 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization licensee whose license was issued pursuant to this Section may apply to relocate within the same geographic district where its existing associated medical cannabis dispensing organization dispensary licensed under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act is authorized to operate. A request to relocate under this subsection is subject to approval by the Early Approval Adult Use Department. An Dispensing Organization's application to relocate its license under this subsection shall be deemed approved 30 days following the submission of a complete application to relocate, unless sooner approved or denied in writing by the Department. If an application to relocate is denied, the Department shall provide, in writing, the specific reason for denial.

An Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization may request to relocate under this subsection if:

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a unit of local government that prohibits the sale of adult use cannabis; or

(2) the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization has obtained the approval of the municipality or, if outside the boundaries of a municipality in an unincorporated area of the county, the approval of the county where the existing license is located to move to another location within that unit of local government.

At no time may an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization dispensary licensed under this Section operate in a separate facility from its associated medical cannabis dispensing organization dispensary licensed under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. The relocation of an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this subsection shall be subject to Sections 55-25 and 55-28 of this Act.

- (c) The license fee required by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Section shall be in addition to any license fee required for the renewal of a registered medical cannabis dispensing organization license.
- 21 (d) Applicants must submit all required information, 22 including the requirements in subsection (b) of this Section, 23 to the Department. Failure by an applicant to submit all 24 required information may result in the application being 25 disqualified.
 - (e) If the Department receives an application that fails

- 1 to provide the required elements contained in subsection (b),
- 2 the Department shall issue a deficiency notice to the
- 3 applicant. The applicant shall have 10 calendar days from the
- 4 date of the deficiency notice to submit complete information.
- 5 Applications that are still incomplete after this opportunity
- 6 to cure may be disqualified.
- 7 (f) If an applicant meets all the requirements of
- 8 subsection (b) of this Section, the Department shall issue the
- 9 Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License
- 10 within 14 days of receiving a completed application unless:
- 11 (1) The licensee or a principal officer is delinquent
- in filing any required tax returns or paying any amounts
- owed to the State of Illinois;
- 14 (2) The Secretary of Financial and Professional
- 15 Regulation determines there is reason, based on documented
- 16 compliance violations, the licensee is not entitled to an
- 17 Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License;
- 18 or
- 19 (3) Any principal officer fails to register and remain
- in compliance with this Act or the Compassionate Use of
- 21 Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- 22 (g) A registered medical cannabis dispensing organization
- 23 that obtains an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing
- 24 Organization License may begin selling cannabis,
- 25 cannabis-infused products, paraphernalia, and related items to
- 26 purchasers under the rules of this Act no sooner than January

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- 2 (h) A dispensing organization holding a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate 3 Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act must maintain an adequate 4 5 supply of cannabis and cannabis-infused products for purchase by qualifying patients, <u>designated</u> caregivers, provisional 6 7 patients, and Opioid Alternative Patient Pilot Program 8 participants. For the purposes of this subsection, "adequate 9 supply" means a monthly inventory level that is comparable in 10 type and quantity to those medical cannabis products provided 11 to qualified patients, Opioid Alternative Patient Program 12 participants , provisional patients, and designated caregivers 13 on an average monthly basis for the 6 months before the effective date of this Act. 14
 - (i) If there is a shortage of cannabis or cannabis-infused products, a dispensing organization holding both a dispensing organization license under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and this Act shall prioritize serving qualifying patients, <u>designated</u> caregivers, provisional patients, and Opioid Alternative <u>Patient</u> Program participants before serving purchasers.
 - (j) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, a person that holds a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License may permit purchasers into a limited

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- access area as that term is defined in administrative rules made under the authority in the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
 - (k) An Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization valid until March 31, 2021. A dispensing organization that obtains an Early Approval Adult Dispensing Organization License shall receive written or electronic notice 90 days before the expiration of the license that the license will expire, and that informs the license holder that it may apply to renew its Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License on forms provided by the Department. The Department shall renew the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License within 60 days of the renewal application being deemed complete if:
 - (1) the dispensing organization submits an application and the required nonrefundable renewal fee of \$30,000, to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund;
 - (2) the Department has not suspended or permanently revoked the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license on the same premises for violations of this Act, the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or rules adopted pursuant to those Acts;
 - (3) the dispensing organization has completed a Social Equity Inclusion Plan as provided by parts (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (8) of subsection (b) of this Section or

- has made substantial progress toward completing a Social Equity Inclusion Plan as provided by parts (D) and (E) of paragraph (8) of subsection (b) of this Section; and
 - (4) the dispensing organization is in compliance with this Act and rules.
 - (1) The Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License renewed pursuant to subsection (k) of this Section shall expire March 31, 2022. The Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licensee shall receive written or electronic notice 90 days before the expiration of the license that the license will expire, and that informs the license holder that it may apply for an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License on forms provided by the Department. The Department shall grant an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License within 60 days of an application being deemed complete if the applicant has met all of the criteria in Section 15-36.
 - (m) If a dispensing organization fails to submit an application for renewal of an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License or for an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License before the expiration dates provided in subsections (k) and (l) of this Section, the dispensing organization shall cease serving purchasers and cease all operations until it receives a renewal or an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, as the case may be.
 - (n) A dispensing organization agent who holds a valid dispensing organization agent identification card issued under

- 1 the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and is
- 2 an officer, director, manager, or employee of the dispensing
- 3 organization licensed under this Section may engage in all
- 4 activities authorized by this Article to be performed by a
- 5 dispensing organization agent.
- 6 (o) If the Department suspends, permanently revokes, or
- 7 otherwise disciplines the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing
- 8 Organization License of a dispensing organization that also
- 9 holds a medical cannabis dispensing organization license
- 10 issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program
- 11 Act, the Department may consider the suspension, permanent
- 12 revocation, or other discipline of the medical cannabis
- dispensing organization license.
- 14 (p) All fees collected pursuant to this Section shall be
- 15 deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund, unless otherwise
- 16 specified.
- 17 (q) On and after January 1, 2026, all dispensaries which
- 18 were previously issued an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing
- 19 Organization License pursuant to this Section shall be deemed
- 20 to be a dispensary pursuant to Section 15-36 of this Act.
- 21 (r) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2026.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 23 102-98, eff. 7-15-21.)
- 24 (410 ILCS 705/15-17 new)
- 25 Sec. 15-17. Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing

- 1 Organization License merger with Adult Use Dispensing
- 2 Organization License.
- 3 (a) On and after January 1, 2026, all dispensing
- 4 organizations previously registered as an Early Approval Adult
- 5 Use Dispensing Organization License shall be a dispensing
- 6 organization or a dispensary under this Act and shall be an
- 7 Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder under Section
- 8 15-36 of this Act.
- 9 (b) The BLS Region in which the dispensing organization
- 10 licensee's Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization
- 11 License was originally issued shall be considered the
- 12 licensee's BLS Region. The dispensing organization shall
- 13 remain in that BLS Region even if the license or licensee
- 14 changes its ownership, is sold, is relocated under Section
- 15 15-24 of this Act, or receives authorization under subsection
- 16 7 (e-5) of Section 15-25.
- 17 (410 ILCS 705/15-20)
- 18 Sec. 15-20. Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing
- 19 Organization License; secondary site.
- 20 (a) Any medical cannabis dispensing organization holding a
- 21 valid registration under the Compassionate Use of Medical
- 22 Cannabis Program Act as of the effective date of this Act may,
- 23 within 60 days of the effective date of this Act, apply to the
- 24 Department for an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing
- 25 Organization License to operate a dispensing organization to

serve purchasers at a secondary site not within 1,500 feet of another medical cannabis dispensing organization or adult use dispensing organization. The Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization secondary site shall be within any BLS Region that shares territory with the dispensing organization district to which the medical cannabis dispensing organization is assigned under the administrative rules for dispensing organizations under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

- (a-5) If, within 360 days of the effective date of this Act, a dispensing organization is unable to find a location within the BLS Regions prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section in which to operate an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization at a secondary site because no jurisdiction within the prescribed area allows the operation of an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may waive the geographic restrictions of subsection (a) of this Section and specify another BLS Region into which the dispensary may be placed.
- 21 (b) (Blank).
 - (c) A medical cannabis dispensing organization seeking issuance of an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site to serve purchasers at a secondary site as prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section shall submit an application on forms provided by the

1	Department.	The	application	must	meet	or	include	the	following
2	qualificatio	ons:							

- 3 (1) a payment of a nonrefundable application fee of \$30,000;
 - (2) proof of registration as a medical cannabis dispensing organization that is in good standing;
 - (3) submission of the application by the same person or entity that holds the medical cannabis dispensing organization registration;
 - (4) the legal name of the medical cannabis dispensing organization;
 - (5) the physical address of the medical cannabis dispensing organization and the proposed physical address of the secondary site;
 - (6) a copy of the current local zoning ordinance Sections relevant to dispensary operations and documentation of the approval, the conditional approval or the status of a request for zoning approval from the local zoning office that the proposed dispensary location is in compliance with the local zoning rules;
 - (7) a plot plan of the dispensary drawn to scale. The applicant shall submit general specifications of the building exterior and interior layout;
 - (8) a statement that the dispensing organization agrees to respond to the Department's supplemental requests for information;

Τ	(9) for the building or land to be used as the proposed
2	dispensary:
3	(A) if the property is not owned by the applicant,
4	a written statement from the property owner and
5	landlord, if any, certifying consent that the
6	applicant may operate a dispensary on the premises; or
7	(B) if the property is owned by the applicant,
8	confirmation of ownership;
9	(10) a copy of the proposed operating bylaws;
10	(11) a copy of the proposed business plan that
11	complies with the requirements in this Act, including, at
12	a minimum, the following:
13	(A) a description of services to be offered; and
14	(B) a description of the process of dispensing
15	cannabis;
16	(12) a copy of the proposed security plan that
17	complies with the requirements in this Article, including:
18	(A) a description of the delivery process by which
19	cannabis will be received from a transporting
20	organization, including receipt of manifests and
21	protocols that will be used to avoid diversion, theft,
22	or loss at the dispensary acceptance point; and
23	(B) the process or controls that will be
24	implemented to monitor the dispensary, secure the
25	premises, agents, patients, and currency, and prevent
26	the diversion, theft, or loss of cannabis; and

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- (13) a proposed inventory control plan that complies with this Section;
- (14) the name, address, social security number, and date of birth of each principal officer and board member of the dispensing organization; each of those individuals shall be at least 21 years of age;
- (15) a nonrefundable Cannabis Business Development Fee equal to \$200,000, to be deposited into the Cannabis Business Development Fund; and
- (16) a commitment to completing one of the following Social Equity Inclusion Plans in subsection (d).
- (d) Before receiving an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site, a dispensing organization shall indicate the Social Equity Inclusion Plan that the applicant plans to achieve before the expiration of the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License from the list below:
- (1) make a contribution of 3% of total sales from June
 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019, or \$100,000, whichever is less, to
 the Cannabis Business Development Fund. This is in
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subsection (c) of this Section;

- (2) make a grant of 3% of total sales from June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019, or \$100,000, whichever is less, to a cannabis industry training or education program at an Illinois community college as defined in the Public Community College Act;
- (3) make a donation of \$100,000 or more to a program that provides job training services to persons recently incarcerated or that operates in a Disproportionately Impacted Area;
- (4) participate as a host in a cannabis business establishment incubator program approved by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and in which an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site holder agrees to provide a loan of at least \$100,000 and mentorship to incubate, for at least a year, a Social Equity Applicant intending to seek a license or a licensee that qualifies as a Social Equity Applicant. In this paragraph (4), "incubate" means providing direct financial assistance and training necessary to engage in licensed cannabis industry activity similar to that of the host licensee. The Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder or the same entity holding any other licenses issued under this Act shall not take an ownership stake of greater than 10% in any business receiving incubation services to comply

with this subsection. If an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site holder fails to find a business to incubate in order to comply with this subsection before its Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site expires, it may opt to meet the requirement of this subsection by completing another item from this subsection before the expiration of its Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site to avoid a penalty; or

- (5) participate in a sponsorship program for at least 2 years approved by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in which an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site holder agrees to provide an interest-free loan of at least \$200,000 to a Social Equity Applicant. The sponsor shall not take an ownership stake of greater than 10% in any business receiving sponsorship services to comply with this subsection.
- (e) The license fee required by paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Section is in addition to any license fee required for the renewal of a registered medical cannabis dispensing organization license.
- (f) Applicants must submit all required information, including the requirements in subsection (c) of this Section, to the Department. Failure by an applicant to submit all

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- required information may result in the application being disqualified. Principal officers shall not be required to submit to the fingerprint and background check requirements of
- 5 (g) If the Department receives an application that fails
 6 to provide the required elements contained in subsection (c),
 7 the Department shall issue a deficiency notice to the
 8 applicant. The applicant shall have 10 calendar days from the
 9 date of the deficiency notice to submit complete information.
 10 Applications that are still incomplete after this opportunity
 - (h) Once all required information and documents have been submitted, the Department will review the application. The Department may request revisions and retains final approval over dispensary features. Once the application is complete and the Department's approval, the Department shall conditionally license. approve the Final approval is contingent on the build-out and Department inspection.
 - (i) Upon submission of the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization at a secondary site application, the applicant shall request an inspection and the Department may inspect the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization's secondary site to confirm compliance with the application and this Act.
 - (j) The Department shall only issue an Early Approval

 Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site

- 1 after the completion of a successful inspection.
- 2 (k) If an applicant passes the inspection under this 3 Section, the Department shall issue the Early Approval Adult 4 Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site within 5 10 business days unless:
 - (1) the The licensee, any principal officer or board member of the licensee, or any person having a financial or voting interest of 5% or greater in the licensee is delinquent in filing any required tax returns or paying any amounts owed to the State of Illinois; or
 - (2) the The Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation determines there is reason, based on documented compliance violations, the licensee is not entitled to an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at its secondary site.
 - (1) Once the Department has issued a license, the dispensing organization shall notify the Department of the proposed opening date.
 - (m) A registered medical cannabis dispensing organization that obtains an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site may begin selling cannabis, cannabis-infused products, paraphernalia, and related items to purchasers under the rules of this Act no sooner than January 1, 2020.
 - (n) If there is a shortage of cannabis or cannabis-infused products, a dispensing organization holding both a dispensing

- organization license under the Compassionate Use of Medical
 Cannabis Program Act and this Article shall prioritize serving
 qualifying patients, Opioid Alternative Patient Program
 participants, provisional patients, and designated caregivers
 before serving purchasers.
 - (o) An Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site is valid until March 31, 2021. A dispensing organization that obtains an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site shall receive written or electronic notice 90 days before the expiration of the license that the license will expire, and inform the license holder that it may renew its Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site. The Department shall renew an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site within 60 days of submission of the renewal application being deemed complete if:
 - (1) the dispensing organization submits an application and the required nonrefundable renewal fee of \$30,000, to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund;
 - (2) the Department has not suspended or permanently revoked the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license held by the same person or entity for violating this Act or rules adopted under this Act or the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act or rules

adopted under that Act; and

- (3) the dispensing organization has completed a Social Equity Inclusion Plan provided by paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (d) of this Section or has made substantial progress toward completing a Social Equity Inclusion Plan provided by paragraph (4) or (5) of subsection (d) of this Section.
- (p) The Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licensee at a secondary site renewed pursuant to subsection (o) shall receive written or electronic notice 90 days before the expiration of the license that the license will expire, and that informs the license holder that it may apply for an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License on forms provided by the Department. The Department shall grant an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License within 60 days of an application being deemed complete if the applicant has meet all of the criteria in Section 15-36.
- (q) If a dispensing organization fails to submit an application for renewal of an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License or for an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License before the expiration dates provided in subsections (o) and (p) of this Section, the dispensing organization shall cease serving purchasers until it receives a renewal or an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License.
- (r) A dispensing organization agent who holds a valid dispensing organization agent identification card issued under

- the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and is an officer, director, manager, or employee of the dispensing organization licensed under this Section may engage in all
- 4 activities authorized by this Article to be performed by a
- 5 dispensing organization agent.
- 6 (s) If the Department suspends, permanently revokes, or otherwise disciplines the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing 7 Organization License of a dispensing organization that also 8 9 holds a medical cannabis dispensing organization license 10 issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program 11 Act, the Department may consider the suspension, permanent 12 revocation, other discipline as or grounds to take 13 disciplinary action against the medical cannabis dispensing 14 organization.
- 15 (t) All fees collected pursuant to this Section shall be 16 deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund, unless otherwise 17 specified.
- 18 <u>(u) On and after January 1, 2026, all dispensaries that</u>
 19 <u>were previously issued an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing</u>
 20 <u>Organization at a secondary site license pursuant to this</u>
 21 <u>Section shall be deemed to be a dispensary pursuant to Section</u>
 22 15-36 of this Act.
- 23 (v) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2026.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 25 revised 7-19-24.)

- 1 (410 ILCS 705/15-23 new)
- 2 Sec. 15-23. Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing
- 3 Organization at a secondary site license merger with Adult Use
- 4 Dispensing Organization license.
- 5 (a) On and after January 1, 2026, all dispensing
- 6 organizations previously registered as an Early Approval Adult
- 7 Use Dispensing Organization at a secondary site license shall
- 8 be a dispensing organization or a dispensary under this Act
- 9 and shall be an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License
- 10 holder under Section 15-36 of this Act.
- 11 (b) The BLS Region in which the dispensing organization
- 12 licensee's Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization at
- 13 a secondary site license was originally issued shall be
- 14 considered the licensee's BLS Region. The dispensing
- organization shall remain in that BLS Region even if the
- 16 license or licensee changes its ownership, is sold, is
- 17 relocated under Section 15-24 of this Act, or receives
- 18 authorization under subsection (e-5) of Section 15-25.
- 19 (410 ILCS 705/15-24 new)
- Sec. 15-24. Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licensee
- 21 relocation.
- 22 (a) An Adult Use Dispensing Organization licensee may
- apply to relocate within the Licensee's specific BLS Region
- 24 consistent with this Section. A request to relocate under this
- 25 Section is subject to approval by the Department. An Adult Use

Dispensing Organization's application to relocate its license under this Section shall be considered to be approved 30 days following the submission of a complete application to relocate, unless the request is sooner approved or denied in writing by the Department. If an application to relocate is denied, the Department shall provide, in writing, the specific reason for denial. An Adult Use Dispensing Organization may request to relocate under this Section only if:

- (1) the Adult Use Dispensing Organization's existing location is within the boundaries of a unit of local government that prohibits the sale of adult use cannabis;
- (2) the Adult Use Dispensing Organization has obtained the zoning approval of a new location by the municipality it currently operates in if the new location is within that same municipality, or if outside the boundaries of a municipality in an unincorporated area of the county, the zoning approval of a new location by the county where it currently operates in if the new location is within the same county, to move to a different location within that unit of local government; or
- (3) the Adult Use Dispensing Organization has obtained the approval, as evidenced by a letter of intent or full zoning approval, to operate within the boundaries of a new unit of local government, so long as the new unit of local government is within the dispensing organization's specific BLS Region.

- 1 (b) The relocation of an Adult Use Dispensing Organization
- 2 Licensee under this Section shall be subject to Sections 55-25
- 3 and 55-28.
- 4 (410 ILCS 705/15-25)
- 5 Sec. 15-25. Awarding of Conditional Adult Use Dispensing
- 6 Organization Licenses prior to January 1, 2021.
- 7 (a) The Department shall issue up to 75 Conditional Adult
- 8 Use Dispensing Organization Licenses before May 1, 2020.
- 9 (b) The Department shall make the application for a
- 10 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License
- 11 available no later than October 1, 2019 and shall accept
- 12 applications no later than January 1, 2020.
- 13 (c) To ensure the geographic dispersion of Conditional
- 14 Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holders, the
- 15 following number of licenses shall be awarded in each BLS
- Region as determined by each region's percentage of the
- 17 State's population:
- 18 (1) Bloomington: 1
- 19 (2) Cape Girardeau: 1
- 20 (3) Carbondale-Marion: 1
- 21 (4) Champaign-Urbana: 1
- 22 (5) Chicago-Naperville-Elgin: 47
- 23 (6) Danville: 1
- 24 (7) Davenport-Moline-Rock Island: 1
- 25 (8) Decatur: 1

1	(9) Kankakee: 1
2	(10) Peoria: 3
3	(11) Rockford: 2
4	(12) St. Louis: 4
5	(13) Springfield: 1
6	(14) Northwest Illinois nonmetropolitan: 3
7	(15) West Central Illinois nonmetropolitan: 3
8	(16) East Central Illinois nonmetropolitan: 2
9	(17) South Illinois nonmetropolitan: 2
10	(d) An applicant seeking issuance of a Conditional Adult
11	Use Dispensing Organization License shall submit an
12	application on forms provided by the Department. An applicant
13	must meet the following requirements:
14	(1) Payment of a nonrefundable application fee of
15	\$5,000 for each license for which the applicant is
16	applying, which shall be deposited into the Cannabis
17	Regulation Fund;
18	(2) Certification that the applicant will comply with
19	the requirements contained in this Act;
20	(3) The legal name of the proposed dispensing
21	organization;
22	(4) A statement that the dispensing organization
23	agrees to respond to the Department's supplemental
24	requests for information;
25	(5) From each principal officer, a statement

indicating whether that person:

1	(A) has previously held or currently holds an
2	ownership interest in a cannabis business
3	establishment in Illinois; or
4	(B) has held an ownership interest in a dispensing
5	organization or its equivalent in another state or
6	territory of the United States that had the dispensing
7	organization registration or license suspended,
8	revoked, placed on probationary status, or subjected
9	to other disciplinary action;
10	(6) Disclosure of whether any principal officer has
11	ever filed for bankruptcy or defaulted on spousal support
12	or child support obligation;
13	(7) A resume for each principal officer, including
14	whether that person has an academic degree, certification,
15	or relevant experience with a cannabis business
16	establishment or in a related industry;
17	(8) A description of the training and education that
18	will be provided to dispensing organization agents;
19	(9) A copy of the proposed operating bylaws;
20	(10) A copy of the proposed business plan that
21	complies with the requirements in this Act, including, at
22	a minimum, the following:
23	(A) A description of services to be offered; and
24	(B) A description of the process of dispensing
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(11) A copy of the proposed security plan that

complies with the requirements in this Article, including:

- (A) The process or controls that will be implemented to monitor the dispensary, secure the premises, agents, and currency, and prevent the diversion, theft, or loss of cannabis; and
- (B) The process to ensure that access to the restricted access areas is restricted to, registered agents, service professionals, transporting organization agents, Department inspectors, and security personnel;
- (12) A proposed inventory control plan that complies with this Section;
- (13) A proposed floor plan, a square footage estimate, and a description of proposed security devices, including, without limitation, cameras, motion detectors, servers, video storage capabilities, and alarm service providers;
- (14) The name, address, social security number, and date of birth of each principal officer and board member of the dispensing organization; each of those individuals shall be at least 21 years of age;
- (15) Evidence of the applicant's status as a Social Equity Applicant, if applicable, and whether a Social Equity Applicant plans to apply for a loan or grant issued by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity;
- (16) The address, telephone number, and email address of the applicant's principal place of business, if

applicable. A post office box is not permitted;

- (17) Written summaries of any information regarding instances in which a business or not-for-profit that a prospective board member previously managed or served on were fined or censured, or any instances in which a business or not-for-profit that a prospective board member previously managed or served on had its registration suspended or revoked in any administrative or judicial proceeding;
 - (18) A plan for community engagement;
- (19) Procedures to ensure accurate recordkeeping and security measures that are in accordance with this Article and Department rules;
- (20) The estimated volume of cannabis it plans to store at the dispensary;
- (21) A description of the features that will provide accessibility to purchasers as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act:
- (22) A detailed description of air treatment systems that will be installed to reduce odors;
- (23) A reasonable assurance that the issuance of a license will not have a detrimental impact on the community in which the applicant wishes to locate;
 - (24) The dated signature of each principal officer;
- (25) A description of the enclosed, locked facility where cannabis will be stored by the dispensing

1 organization;

- (26) Signed statements from each dispensing organization agent stating that he or she will not divert cannabis;
 - (27) The number of licenses it is applying for in each BLS Region;
 - (28) A diversity plan that includes a narrative of at least 2,500 words that establishes a goal of diversity in ownership, management, employment, and contracting to ensure that diverse participants and groups are afforded equality of opportunity;
 - (29) A contract with a private security contractor agency that is licensed under Section 10-5 of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 in order for the dispensary to have adequate security at its facility; and
 - (30) Other information deemed necessary by the Illinois Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer to conduct the disparity and availability study referenced in subsection (e) of Section 5-45.
- (e) An applicant who receives a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this Section has 180 days from the date of award to identify a physical location for the dispensing organization retail storefront. The applicant shall provide evidence that the location is not within 1,500 feet of an existing dispensing organization, unless the

applicant is a Social Equity Applicant or Social Equity 1 2 Justice Involved Applicant located or seeking to locate within 1,500 feet of a dispensing organization licensed under Section 3 15-15 or Section 15-20. However, the Department may approve 4 5 locations to be within 1,500 feet of each other if both have received local government zoning approval for sites within 6 7 1,500 feet of each other and the conditional licenses were issued pursuant to a lottery conducted under 68 Ill. Adm. Code 8 9 1291.50, subsection (c) of Section 15-35.20, Section 15-35, or 10 Section 15-35.10. If an applicant is unable to find a suitable 11 physical address in the opinion of the Department within 180 12 days of the issuance of the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing 13 Organization License, the Department may extend the period for finding a physical address an additional 540 days if the 14 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder 15 16 demonstrates concrete attempts to secure a location and a 17 hardship. If the Department denies the extension or the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder 18 is unable to either find a location within 720 days of being 19 20 awarded a conditional license and become operational within 180 days thereafter, or become operational within 720 days of 21 22 being awarded a conditional license, the Department may, 23 considering the totality of the circumstances, rescind the 24 conditional license. If the conditional license holder does 25 not become operational within 365 days after having found a location, the Department may mandate a date by which the 26

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conditional license holder shall become operational prior to the Department rescinding the conditional license. If the Department rescinds shall rescind the conditional license and award it to the next highest scoring applicant in the BLS Region for which the license was assigned, provided the applicant receiving the license: (i) confirms a continued interest in operating a dispensing organization; (ii) can provide evidence that the applicant continues to meet all requirements for holding a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License set forth in this Act; and (iii) has not otherwise become ineligible to be awarded a dispensing organization license. If the new awardee is unable to accept the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, the Department may issue shall award the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License to the next highest scoring applicant in the same manner. The new awardee shall be subject to the same required deadlines as provided in this subsection. (e-5) If, within 720 days of being awarded a Conditional

(e-5) If, within 720 days of being awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, a dispensing organization is unable to find a location within the BLS Region in which it was awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License because no jurisdiction within the BLS Region allows for the operation of an Adult Use Dispensing Organization, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may authorize the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder to transfer its

this Act.

- 1 license to a BLS Region specified by the Department.
- 2 (f) A dispensing organization that is awarded a
 3 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License pursuant
 4 to the criteria in Section 15-30 shall not purchase, possess,
 5 sell, or dispense cannabis or cannabis-infused products until
 6 the person has received an Adult Use Dispensing Organization
 7 License issued by the Department pursuant to Section 15-36 of
- 9 (g) The Department shall conduct a background check of the 10 prospective organization agents in order to carry out this 11 Article. The Illinois State Police shall charge the applicant 12 a fee for conducting the criminal history record check, which shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund and 13 shall not exceed the actual cost of the record check. Each 14 15 person applying as a dispensing organization agent shall 16 submit a full set of fingerprints to the Illinois State Police 17 for the purpose of obtaining a State and federal criminal records check. These fingerprints shall be checked against the 18 fingerprint records now and hereafter, to the extent allowed 19 20 by law, filed in the Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau of Identification criminal history records databases. The 21 22 Illinois State Police shall furnish, following positive 23 identification, all Illinois conviction information to the 24 Department.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21;
- 26 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)

- 1 (410 ILCS 705/15-35)
- 2 Sec. 15-35. Qualifying Applicant Lottery for Conditional
- 3 Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses.
- 4 (a) In addition to any of the licenses issued under
- 5 Section 15-15, Section 15-20, Section 15-25, Section 15-30.20,
- or Section 15-35.10 of this Act, within 10 business days after
- 7 the resulting final scores for all scored applications
- 8 pursuant to Sections 15-25 and 15-30 are released, the
- 9 Department shall issue up to 55 Conditional Adult Use
- 10 Dispensing Organization Licenses by lot, pursuant to the
- 11 application process adopted under this Section. In order to be
- 12 eligible to be awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing
- Organization License by lot under this Section, a Dispensary
- 14 Applicant must be a Qualifying Applicant.
- 15 The licenses issued under this Section shall be awarded in
- each BLS Region in the following amounts:
- 17 (1) Bloomington: 1.
- 18 (2) Cape Girardeau: 1.
- 19 (3) Carbondale-Marion: 1.
- 20 (4) Champaign-Urbana: 1.
- 21 (5) Chicago-Naperville-Elgin: 36.
- 22 (6) Danville: 1.
- 23 (7) Davenport-Moline-Rock Island: 1.
- 24 (8) Decatur: 1.
- 25 (9) Kankakee: 1.

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- 1 (10) Peoria: 2.
- 2 (11) Rockford: 1.
- 3 (12) St. Louis: 3.
- 4 (13) Springfield: 1.
- 5 (14) Northwest Illinois nonmetropolitan: 1.
- 6 (15) West Central Illinois nonmetropolitan: 1.
- 7 (16) East Central Illinois nonmetropolitan: 1.
- 8 (17) South Illinois nonmetropolitan: 1.
- 9 (a-5) Prior to issuing licenses under subsection (a), the
 10 Department may adopt rules through emergency rulemaking in
 11 accordance with subsection (kk) of Section 5-45 of the
 12 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The General Assembly
 13 finds that the adoption of rules to regulate cannabis use is
 14 deemed an emergency and necessary for the public interest,
 15 safety, and welfare.
 - (b) The Department shall distribute the available licenses established under this Section subject to the following:
 - (1) The drawing by lot for all available licenses issued under this Section shall occur on the same day when practicable.
 - (2) Within each BLS Region, the first Qualifying Applicant drawn will have the first right to an available license. The second Qualifying Applicant drawn will have the second right to an available license. The same pattern will continue for each subsequent Qualifying Applicant drawn.

- (3) The process for distributing available licenses under this Section shall be recorded by the Department in a format selected by the Department.
 - (4) A Dispensary Applicant is prohibited from becoming a Qualifying Applicant if a principal officer resigns after the resulting final scores for all scored applications pursuant to Sections 15-25 and 15-30 are released.
 - (5) No Qualifying Applicant may be awarded more than 2 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses at the conclusion of a lottery conducted under this Section.
 - (6) No individual may be listed as a principal officer of more than 2 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses awarded under this Section.
 - established under this Section, a Qualifying Applicant exceeds the limits under paragraph (5) or (6), the Qualifying Applicant must choose which license to abandon and notify the Department in writing within 5 business days. If the Qualifying Applicant does not notify the Department as required, the Department shall refuse to issue the Qualifying Applicant all available licenses established under this Section obtained by lot in all BLS Regions.
 - (8) If, upon being selected for an available license established under this Section, a Qualifying Applicant has

a principal officer who is a principal officer in more than 10 Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, or any combination thereof, the licensees and the Qualifying Applicant listing that principal officer must choose which license to abandon pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 15-36 and notify the Department in writing within 5 business days. If the Qualifying Applicant or licensees do not notify the Department as required, the Department shall refuse to issue the Qualifying Applicant all available licenses established under this Section obtained by lot in all BLS Regions.

(9) All available licenses that have been abandoned under paragraph (7) or (8) shall be distributed to the next Qualifying Applicant drawn by lot.

Any and all rights conferred or obtained under this Section shall be limited to the provisions of this Section.

(c) An applicant who receives a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this Section has 180 days from the date it is awarded to identify a physical location for the dispensing organization's retail storefront. The applicant shall provide evidence that the location is not within 1,500 feet of an existing dispensing organization, unless the applicant is a Social Equity Applicant or Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant located or seeking to locate

within 1,500 feet of a dispensing organization licensed under 1 2 Section 15-15 or Section 15-20. If an applicant is unable to find a suitable physical address in the opinion of 3 4 Department within 180 days from the issuance the 5 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, 6 Department may extend the period for finding a physical address an additional 540 days if the Conditional Adult Use 7 8 Dispensing Organization License holder demonstrates a concrete 9 attempt to secure a location and a hardship. If the Department 10 denies the extension or the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing 11 Organization License holder is unable to either find a 12 location within 720 days of being awarded a conditional 13 license and become operational within 180 days thereafter, or 14 become operational within 720 days of being awarded a 15 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under 16 this Section, the Department may, considering the totality of 17 the circumstances, rescind the conditional license. If the conditional license holder does not become operational within 18 19 365 days after having found a location, the Department may mandate a date by which the conditional license holder shall 20 21 become operational prior to the Department rescinding the 22 conditional license. If the Department rescinds shall rescind 23 the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, it 24 may issue and award it pursuant to subsection (b), provided 25 the applicant receiving the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License: (i) confirms a continued interest in 26

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operating a dispensing organization; (ii) can provide evidence 1 2 that the applicant continues to meet all requirements for 3 holding a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License set forth in this Act; and (iii) has not otherwise 4 5 become ineligible to be awarded a Conditional Adult Use 6 Dispensing Organization License. If the new awardee is unable 7 to accept the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization 8 License, the Department may issue shall award the Conditional Adult Use 9 Dispensing Organization License pursuant 10 subsection (b). The new conditional license holder awardee 11 shall be subject to the same required deadlines as provided in 12 this subsection. However, the Department may approve locations to be within 1,500 feet of each other if both have received 13 14 local government zoning approval for sites within 1,500 feet of each other and the conditional licenses were issued 15 pursuant to a lottery conducted under 68 Ill. Adm. Code 16 17 1291.50, subsection (c) of Section 15-35.20, Section 15-35, or Section 15-35.10. 18

(d) If, within 720 days of being awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, a dispensing organization is unable to find a location within the BLS Region in which it was awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License because no jurisdiction within the BLS Region allows for the operation of an Adult Use Dispensing Organization, the Department may authorize the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder

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- to transfer its Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization
 License to a BLS Region specified by the Department.
 - (e) A dispensing organization that is awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this Section shall not purchase, possess, sell, or dispense cannabis or cannabis-infused products until the dispensing organization has received an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License issued by the Department pursuant to Section 15-36.
 - (f) The Department shall conduct a background check of the prospective dispensing organization agents in order to carry out this Article. The Illinois State Police shall charge the applicant a fee for conducting the criminal history record check, which shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the record check. Each person applying as a dispensing organization agent shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the Illinois State Police for the purpose of obtaining a State and federal criminal records check. These fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint records now and hereafter, to the extent allowed by law, filed with the Illinois State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history records databases. The Illinois State Police shall furnish, following positive identification, all Illinois conviction information to the Department.
 - (g) The Department may verify information contained in each application and accompanying documentation to assess the

- applicant's veracity and fitness to operate a dispensing organization.
 - (h) The Department may, in its discretion, refuse to issue authorization to an applicant who meets any of the following criteria:
 - (1) An applicant who is unqualified to perform the duties required of the applicant.
 - (2) An applicant who fails to disclose or states falsely any information called for in the application.
 - (3) An applicant who has been found guilty of a violation of this Act, who has had any disciplinary order entered against the applicant by the Department, who has entered into a disciplinary or nondisciplinary agreement with the Department, whose medical cannabis dispensing organization, medical cannabis cultivation organization, Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site, Early Approval Cultivation Center License, Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License was suspended, restricted, revoked, or denied for just cause, or whose cannabis business establishment license was suspended, restricted, revoked, or denied in any other state.
 - (4) An applicant who has engaged in a pattern or practice of unfair or illegal practices, methods, or

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- activities in the conduct of owning a cannabis business establishment or other business.
 - (i) The Department shall deny issuance of a license under this Section if any principal officer, board member, or person having a financial or voting interest of 5% or greater in the licensee is delinquent in filing any required tax return or paying any amount owed to the State of Illinois.
 - (j) The Department shall verify an applicant's compliance with the requirements of this Article and rules adopted under this Article before issuing a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this Section.
 - (k) If an applicant is awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this Section, information and plans provided in the application, including any plans submitted for bonus points, shall become a condition of the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License and any Adult Use Dispensing Organization License issued to holder of the Conditional Adult t.he Use Dispensing Organization License, except as otherwise provided by this Act or by rule. A dispensing organization has a duty to disclose any material changes to the application. The Department shall review all material changes disclosed by the dispensing organization and may reevaluate its prior decision regarding Conditional awarding of a Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, including, but not limited suspending or permanently revoking a Conditional Adult Use

- Dispensing Organization License. Failure to comply with the conditions or requirements in the application may subject the dispensing organization to discipline up to and including suspension or permanent revocation of its authorization or Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License by the Department.
- 7 (1)Ιf an applicant has not begun operating as 8 dispensing organization within one year after the issuance of 9 the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License 10 under this Section, the Department may permanently revoke the 11 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License and 12 award it to the next highest scoring applicant in the BLS Region if a suitable applicant indicates a continued interest 13 in the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License 14 15 or may begin a new selection process to award a Conditional 16 Adult Use Dispensing Organization License.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)
- 18 (410 ILCS 705/15-35.10)
- 19 Sec. 15-35.10. Social Equity Justice Involved Lottery for 20 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses.
- 21 (a) In addition to any of the licenses issued under 22 Section 15-15, Section 15-20, Section 15-25, Section 15-30.20, 23 or Section 15-35, within 10 business days after the resulting 24 final scores for all scored applications pursuant to Sections 25 15-25 and 15-30 are released, the Department shall issue up to

- 1 55 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses by
- lot, pursuant to the application process adopted under this
- 3 Section. In order to be eligible to be awarded a Conditional
- 4 Adult Use Dispensing Organization License by lot, a Dispensary
- 5 Applicant must be a Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved
- 6 Applicant.
- 7 The licenses issued under this Section shall be awarded in
- 8 each BLS Region in the following amounts:
- 9 (1) Bloomington: 1.
- 10 (2) Cape Girardeau: 1.
- 11 (3) Carbondale-Marion: 1.
- 12 (4) Champaign-Urbana: 1.
- 13 (5) Chicago-Naperville-Elgin: 36.
- 14 (6) Danville: 1.
- 15 (7) Davenport-Moline-Rock Island: 1.
- 16 (8) Decatur: 1.
- 17 (9) Kankakee: 1.
- 18 (10) Peoria: 2.
- 19 (11) Rockford: 1.
- 20 (12) St. Louis: 3.
- 21 (13) Springfield: 1.
- 22 (14) Northwest Illinois nonmetropolitan: 1.
- 23 (15) West Central Illinois nonmetropolitan: 1.
- 24 (16) East Central Illinois nonmetropolitan: 1.
- 25 (17) South Illinois nonmetropolitan: 1.
- 26 (a-5) Prior to issuing licenses under subsection (a), the

- Department may adopt rules through emergency rulemaking in accordance with subsection (kk) of Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The General Assembly finds that the adoption of rules to regulate cannabis use is deemed an emergency and necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
 - (b) The Department shall distribute the available licenses established under this Section subject to the following:
 - (1) The drawing by lot for all available licenses established under this Section shall occur on the same day when practicable.
 - (2) Within each BLS Region, the first Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant drawn will have the first right to an available license. The second Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant drawn will have the second right to an available license. The same pattern will continue for each subsequent applicant drawn.
 - (3) The process for distributing available licenses under this Section shall be recorded by the Department in a format selected by the Department.
 - (4) A Dispensary Applicant is prohibited from becoming a Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant if a principal officer resigns after the resulting final scores for all scored applications pursuant to Sections 15-25 and 15-30 are released.

- (5) No Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant may be awarded more than 2 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses at the conclusion of a lottery conducted under this Section.
 - (6) No individual may be listed as a principal officer of more than 2 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses awarded under this Section.
 - established under this Section, a Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant exceeds the limits under paragraph (5) or (6), the Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant must choose which license to abandon and notify the Department in writing within 5 business days on forms prescribed by the Department. If the Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant does not notify the Department as required, the Department shall refuse to issue the Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant all available licenses established under this Section obtained by lot in all BLS Regions.
 - (8) If, upon being selected for an available license established under this Section, a Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant has a principal officer who is a principal officer in more than 10 Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, and thereof, the

licensees and the Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant listing that principal officer must choose which license to abandon pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 15-36 and notify the Department in writing within 5 business days on forms prescribed by the Department. If the Dispensary Applicant or licensees do not notify the Department as required, the Department shall refuse to issue the Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant all available licenses established under this Section obtained by lot in all BLS Regions.

(9) All available licenses that have been abandoned under paragraph (7) or (8) shall be distributed to the next Qualifying Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant drawn by lot.

Any and all rights conferred or obtained under this subsection shall be limited to the provisions of this subsection.

(c) An applicant who receives a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this Section has 180 days from the date of the award to identify a physical location for the dispensing organization's retail storefront. The applicant shall provide evidence that the location is not within 1,500 feet of an existing dispensing organization, unless the applicant is a Social Equity Applicant or Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant located or seeking to locate within 1,500 feet of a dispensing organization licensed under

Section 15-15 or Section 15-20. If an applicant is unable to 1 2 find a suitable physical address in the opinion of Department within 180 days from the issuance 3 of the 4 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, 5 Department may extend the period for finding a physical 6 address an additional 540 days if the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder demonstrates a concrete 7 attempt to secure a location and a hardship. If the Department 8 9 denies the extension or the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing 10 Organization License holder is unable to either find a 11 location within 720 days of being awarded a conditional 12 license and become operational within 180 days thereafter, or 13 become operational within 720 days of being awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under 14 this Section, the Department may, considering the totality of 15 16 the circumstances, rescind the conditional license. If the 17 conditional license holder does not become operational within 365 days after having found a location, the Department may 18 19 mandate a date by which the conditional license holder shall 20 become operational prior to the Department rescinding the conditional license. If the Department rescinds shall rescind 21 22 the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, it 23 may issue and award it pursuant to subsection (b) and notify the new awardee at the email address provided in the awardee's 24 25 application, provided the applicant receiving the Conditional 26 Adult Use Dispensing Organization License: (i) confirms a

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(d) If, within 720 180 days of being awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, a dispensing organization is unable to find a location within the BLS Region in which it was awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this Section because no jurisdiction within the BLS Region allows for the operation of an Adult Use Dispensing Organization, the Department may authorize the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization

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 - (e) A dispensing organization that is awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this Section shall not purchase, possess, sell, or dispense cannabis or cannabis-infused products until the dispensing organization has received an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License issued by the Department pursuant to Section 15-36.
 - (f) The Department shall conduct a background check of the prospective dispensing organization agents in order to carry out this Article. The Illinois State Police shall charge the applicant a fee for conducting the criminal history record check, which shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the record check. Each person applying as a dispensing organization agent shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the Illinois State Police for the purpose of obtaining a State and federal criminal records check. These fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint records now and hereafter, to the extent allowed by law, filed with the Illinois State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history records databases. The Illinois State Police shall furnish, following positive identification, all Illinois conviction information to the Department.
 - (q) The Department may verify information contained in

- each application and accompanying documentation to assess the applicant's veracity and fitness to operate a dispensing organization.
 - (h) The Department may, in its discretion, refuse to issue an authorization to an applicant who meets any of the following criteria:
 - (1) An applicant who is unqualified to perform the duties required of the applicant.
 - (2) An applicant who fails to disclose or states falsely any information called for in the application.
 - (3) An applicant who has been found guilty of a violation of this Act, who has had any disciplinary order entered against the applicant by the Department, who has entered into a disciplinary or nondisciplinary agreement with the Department, whose medical cannabis dispensing organization, medical cannabis cultivation organization, Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License at a secondary site, Early Approval Cultivation Center License, Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License was suspended, restricted, revoked, or denied for just cause, or whose cannabis business establishment license was suspended, restricted, revoked, or denied in any other state.
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- practice of unfair or illegal practices, methods, or activities in the conduct of owning a cannabis business establishment or other business.
 - (i) The Department shall deny the license if any principal officer, board member, or person having a financial or voting interest of 5% or greater in the licensee is delinquent in filing any required tax return or paying any amount owed to the State of Illinois.
 - (j) The Department shall verify an applicant's compliance with the requirements of this Article and rules adopted under this Article before issuing a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License.
 - (k) If an applicant is awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License under this Section, information and plans provided in the application, including any plans submitted for bonus points, shall become a condition of the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License and any Adult Use Dispensing Organization License issued to holder t.he $\circ f$ the Conditional Adult. Use Dispensing Organization License, except as otherwise provided by this Act or by rule. Dispensing organizations have a duty to disclose any material changes to the application. The Department shall review all material changes disclosed by the dispensing organization and may reevaluate its prior decision regarding awarding of а Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, including, but not limited

- suspending or permanently revoking a Conditional Adult Use
 Dispensing Organization License. Failure to comply with the
 conditions or requirements in the application may subject the
 dispensing organization to discipline up to and including
 suspension or permanent revocation of its authorization or
 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License by the
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- 8 applicant has not begun operating (1)Ιf an 9 dispensing organization within one year after the issuance of 10 the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License 11 under this Section, the Department may permanently revoke the 12 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License and 13 award it to the next highest scoring applicant in the BLS Region if a suitable applicant indicates a continued interest 14 15 in the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License 16 or may begin a new selection process to award a Conditional 17 Adult Use Dispensing Organization License.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)
- 19 (410 ILCS 705/15-36)
- 20 Sec. 15-36. Adult Use Dispensing Organization License.
- 21 (a) A person is only eligible to receive <u>or hold</u> an Adult
 22 Use Dispensing Organization <u>License</u> if the person has been
 23 <u>issued</u> awarded a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization
 24 License pursuant to this Act <u>or its administrative rules</u>, was
 25 issued an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization

License, an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization

License at a Secondary Site, or was a registered medical

dispensing organization as defined under the Compassionate Use

of Medical Cannabis Act or has renewed its license pursuant to

subsection (k) of Section 15 15 or subsection (p) of Section

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organizations registered under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Act shall be a dispensing organization or a dispensary as those terms are defined in this Act and shall be an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder under this Section.

Beginning January 1, 2026, all dispensing organizations registered under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Act shall have the same rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of dispensing organizations licensed pursuant to this Section and shall be subject to any administrative rules adopted under this Act.

(a-10) In addition to selling cannabis and cannabis-infused products to persons 21 years of age or older, beginning January 1, 2026, but no later than April 1, 2026, all dispensing organizations licensed pursuant to this Act shall also offer cannabis and cannabis-infused products for sale to registered qualifying patients, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participants, provisional patients, and designated

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- (a-15) By April 1, 2026, all dispensing organizations

 licensed under Section 15-36 shall pay the fee under subsection (d) of Section 15-13 of this Act or shall have entered into an approved payment plan with the Department to pay the fee.
- 7 (b) The Department shall not issue an Adult Use Dispensing 8 Organization License until:
 - (1) the Department has inspected the dispensary site and proposed operations and verified that they are in compliance with this Act and local zoning laws;
 - (2) the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder has paid a license fee of \$70,000 \$60,000 or a prorated amount accounting for the difference of time between when the Adult Use Dispensing Organization License is issued and March 31 of the next even-numbered year; \$60,000 (or the proportional prorated amount paid) of the fee shall be remitted into the Cannabis Regulation Fund, and \$10,000 (or the proportional prorated amount paid) of the fee shall be remitted into the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Fund; and
 - (3) the Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License holder has met all the requirements in this Act and rules.
 - (c) No person or entity shall hold any legal, equitable, ownership, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly, of

- 1 more than 10 dispensing organizations licensed under this 2 Article. Further, no person or entity that is:
 - (1) employed by, is an agent of, or participates in the management of a dispensing organization or registered medical cannabis dispensing organization;
 - (2) a principal officer of a dispensing organization or registered medical cannabis dispensing organization; or
 - (3) an entity controlled by or affiliated with a principal officer of a dispensing organization or registered medical cannabis dispensing organization;
 - shall hold any legal, equitable, ownership, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly, in a dispensing organization that would result in such person or entity owning or participating in the management of more than 10 Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses at a secondary site, Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, or Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses. For the purpose of this subsection, participating in management may include, without limitation, controlling decisions regarding staffing, pricing, purchasing, marketing, store design, hiring, and website design.
 - (d) The Department shall deny an application if granting that application would result in a person or entity obtaining direct or indirect financial interest in more than 10 Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses,

- 1 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, Adult
- 2 Use Dispensing Organization Licenses, or any combination
- 3 thereof. If a person or entity is awarded a Conditional Adult
- 4 Use Dispensing Organization License that would cause the
- 5 person or entity to be in violation of this subsection, he,
- 6 she, or it shall choose which license application it wants to
- 7 abandon and such licenses shall become available to the next
- 8 qualified applicant in the region in which the abandoned
- 9 license was awarded.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 11 revised 7-19-24.)
- 12 (410 ILCS 705/15-40)
- 13 Sec. 15-40. Dispensing organization agent identification
- 14 card; agent training.
- 15 (a) The Department shall:
- 16 (1) verify the information contained in an application
- 17 or renewal for a dispensing organization agent
- 18 identification card submitted under this Article, and
- approve or deny an application or renewal, within 30 days
- of receiving a completed application or renewal
- 21 application and all supporting documentation required by
- 22 rule:
- 23 (2) issue a dispensing organization agent
- identification card to a qualifying agent within 15
- 25 business days of approving the application or renewal;

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- (4) within one year from the effective date of this Act, allow for an electronic application process and provide a confirmation by electronic or other methods that an application has been submitted; and
- (5) collect a \$100 nonrefundable fee from the applicant to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund.
- 10 (b) A dispensing organization agent must keep his or her
 11 identification card visible at all times when in the
 12 dispensary.
- 13 (c) The dispensing organization agent identification cards
 14 shall contain the following:
 - (1) the name of the cardholder;
 - (2) the date of issuance and expiration date of the dispensing organization agent identification cards;
 - (3) a random 10-digit alphanumeric identification number containing at least 4 numbers and at least 4 letters that is unique to the cardholder; and
 - (4) a photograph of the cardholder.
 - (d) The dispensing organization agent identification cards shall be immediately returned to the dispensing organization upon termination of employment.
 - (e) The Department shall not issue an agent identification card if the applicant is delinquent in filing any required tax

- 1 returns or paying any amounts owed to the State of Illinois.
 - (f) Any card lost by a dispensing organization agent shall be reported to the Illinois State Police and the Department immediately upon discovery of the loss.
 - (g) An applicant shall be denied a dispensing organization agent identification card renewal if he or she fails to complete the training provided for in this Section.
 - (h) A dispensing organization agent shall only be required to hold one card for the same employer regardless of what type of dispensing organization license the employer holds.
 - (i) Cannabis retail sales training requirements.
 - (1) Within 90 days of September 1, 2019, or 90 days of employment, whichever is later, all owners, managers, employees, and agents involved in the handling or sale of cannabis or cannabis-infused product employed by an adult use dispensing organization or medical cannabis dispensing organization as defined in Section 10 of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act shall attend and successfully complete a Responsible Vendor Program.
 - (2) Each owner, manager, employee, and agent of an adult use dispensing organization or medical cannabis dispensing organization shall successfully complete the program annually.
 - (3) Responsible Vendor Program Training modules shall include at least 2 hours of instruction time approved by the Department including:

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2	including the responsible use of cannabis, its
3	physical effects, onset of physiological effects,
4	recognizing signs of impairment, and appropriate
5	responses in the event of overconsumption.
6	(ii) Training on laws and regulations on driving
7	while under the influence and operating a watercraft
8	or snowmobile while under the influence.
9	(iii) Sales to minors prohibition. Training shall
10	cover all relevant Illinois laws and rules.
11	(iv) Quantity limitations on sales to purchasers.
12	Training shall cover all relevant Illinois laws and
13	rules.
14	(v) Acceptable forms of identification. Training
15	shall include:
16	(I) How to check identification; and
17	(II) Common mistakes made in verification;
18	(vi) Safe storage of cannabis;
19	(vii) Compliance with all inventory tracking
20	system regulations;
21	(viii) Waste handling, management, and disposal;
22	(ix) Health and safety standards;
23	(x) Maintenance of records;
24	(xi) Security and surveillance requirements;
25	(xii) Permitting inspections by State and local
26	licensing and enforcement authorities;

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1	(xiii) Privacy issues, including, but not limited
2	to, the safe storage and handling of confidential
3	information such as qualifying patient information;
4	(xiv) Packaging and labeling requirement for sales
5	to purchasers; and
6	(xv) Prioritizing the needs of a qualifying
7	patient, provisional patient, Opioid Alternative
8	Patient Program participant, or designated caregiver;
9	<u>and</u>
10	(xvi) Other areas as determined by rule.
11	(j) Blank.
12	(k) Upon the successful completion of the Responsible
13	Vendor Program, the provider shall deliver proof of completion
14	either through mail or electronic communication to the
15	dispensing organization, which shall retain a copy of the
16	certificate.
17	(1) The license of a dispensing organization or medical
18	cannabis dispensing organization whose owners, managers,
19	employees, or agents fail to comply with this Section may be
20	suspended or permanently revoked under Section 15-145 or may
21	face other disciplinary action.
22	(m) The regulation of dispensing organization and medical
23	cannabis dispensing employer and employee training is an

exclusive function of the State, and regulation by a unit of

local government, including a home rule unit, is prohibited.

This subsection (m) is a denial and limitation of home rule

- 1 powers and functions under subsection (h) of Section 6 of 2 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.
 - (n) Persons seeking Department approval to offer the training required by paragraph (3) of subsection (i) may apply for such approval between August 1 and August 15 of each odd-numbered year in a manner prescribed by the Department.
 - (o) Persons seeking Department approval to offer the training required by paragraph (3) of subsection (i) shall submit a nonrefundable application fee of \$2,000 to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund or a fee as may be set by rule. Any changes made to the training module shall be approved by the Department.
 - (p) The Department shall not unreasonably deny approval of a training module that meets all the requirements of paragraph(3) of subsection (i). A denial of approval shall include a detailed description of the reasons for the denial.
 - (q) Any person approved to provide the training required by paragraph (3) of subsection (i) shall submit an application for re-approval between August 1 and August 15 of each odd-numbered year and include a nonrefundable application fee of \$2,000 to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund or a fee as may be set by rule.
 - (r) All persons applying to become or renewing their registrations to be agents, including agents-in-charge and principal officers, shall disclose any disciplinary action taken against them that may have occurred in Illinois, another

- state, or another country in relation to their employment at a cannabis business establishment or at any cannabis cultivation center, processor, infuser, dispensary, or other cannabis business establishment.
 - (s) An agent applicant may begin employment at a dispensing organization while the agent applicant's identification card application is pending. Upon approval, the Department shall issue the agent's identification card to the agent. If denied, the dispensing organization and the agent applicant shall be notified and the agent applicant must cease all activity at the dispensing organization immediately.
 - (t) The Department and the Department of Agriculture may develop and implement an integrated system to issue an agent identification card which identifies a dispensary agent licensed by the Department as well as any cultivator, craft grower, transporter, community college program or infuser license or registration the agent may simultaneously hold.
 - (u) Beginning January 1, 2026, all dispensing organization agents registered under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act shall, subject to the agent being in good standing with all licensing requirements, be deemed to be an agent under this Act. The Department shall issue all agents previously registered as an agent under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act a new license number at the time of their first renewal on or after January 1, 2026.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;

- 1 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff.
- 2 5-13-22.)

- 3 (410 ILCS 705/15-45)
- 4 Sec. 15-45. Renewal.
- 5 (a) Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses shall expire on March 31 of even-numbered years.
- 7 (b) Agent identification cards shall expire one year from 8 the date they are issued.
 - (c) Licensees and dispensing agents shall submit a renewal application as provided by the Department and pay the required renewal fee. The Department shall require an agent, employee, contracting, and subcontracting diversity report and an environmental impact report with its renewal application. No license or agent identification card shall be renewed if it is currently under revocation or suspension for violation of this Article or any rules that may be adopted under this Article or the licensee, principal officer, board member, person having a financial or voting interest of 5% or greater in the licensee, or agent is delinquent in filing any required tax returns or paying any amounts owed to the State of Illinois.
 - (d) Renewal fees are:
 - (1) For a dispensing organization, \$60,000, to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund; and \$10,000 to be deposited into Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Fund.

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- 1 (2) For an agent identification card, \$100, to be 2 deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund.
- 3 (e) If a dispensing organization fails to renew its 4 license before expiration, the dispensing organization shall 5 cease operations until the license is renewed.
 - (f) If a dispensing organization agent fails to renew his or her registration before its expiration, he or she shall cease to perform duties authorized by this Article at a dispensing organization until his or her registration is renewed.
- 11 (g) Any dispensing organization that continues to operate 12 or dispensing agent that continues to perform duties 13 authorized by this Article at a dispensing organization that 14 fails to renew its license is subject to penalty as provided in 15 this Article, or any rules that may be adopted pursuant to this 16 Article.
 - (h) The Department shall not renew a license if the applicant is delinquent in filing any required tax returns or paying any amounts owed to the State of Illinois. The Department shall not renew a dispensing agent identification card if the applicant is delinquent in filing any required tax returns or paying any amounts owed to the State of Illinois.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 24 (410 ILCS 705/15-50)
- 25 Sec. 15-50. Disclosure of ownership and control.

- (a) Each dispensing organization applicant and licensee shall file and maintain a Table of Organization, Ownership, and Control with the Department. The Table of Organization, Ownership, and Control shall contain the information required by this Section in sufficient detail to identify all owners, directors, and principal officers, and the title of each principal officer or business entity that, through direct or indirect means, manages, owns, or controls the applicant or licensee.
 - (b) The Table of Organization, Ownership, and Control shall identify the following information:
 - (1) The management structure, ownership, and control of the applicant or license holder including the name of each principal officer or business entity, the office or position held, and the percentage ownership interest, if any. If the business entity has a parent company, the name of each owner, board member, and officer of the parent company and his or her percentage ownership interest in the parent company and the dispensing organization.
 - (2) If the applicant or licensee is a business entity with publicly traded stock, the identification of ownership shall be provided as required in subsection (c).
 - (c) If a business entity identified in subsection (b) is a publicly traded company, the following information shall be provided in the Table of Organization, Ownership, and Control:
 - (1) The name and percentage of ownership interest of

- each individual or business entity with ownership of more
 than 5% of the voting shares of the entity, to the extent
 such information is known or contained in 13D or 13G
 Securities and Exchange Commission filings.
 - (2) To the extent known, the names and percentage of interest of ownership of persons who are relatives of one another and who together exercise control over or own more than 10% of the voting shares of the entity.
 - (d) A dispensing organization with a parent company or companies, or partially owned or controlled by another entity must disclose to the Department the relationship and all owners, board members, officers, or individuals with control or management of those entities. A dispensing organization shall not shield its ownership or control from the Department.
 - (e) All principal officers must submit a complete online application with the Department within 14 days of the dispensing organization being licensed by the Department or within 14 days of Department notice of approval as a new principal officer.
 - (f) A principal officer may not allow his or her registration to expire.
 - (g) A dispensing organization separating with a principal officer must do so under this Act. The principal officer must communicate the separation to the Department within 5 business days.
 - (h) A principal officer not in compliance with the

- 1 requirements of this Act shall be removed from his or her
- 2 position with the dispensing organization or shall otherwise
- 3 terminate his or her affiliation. Failure to do so may subject
- 4 the dispensing organization to discipline, suspension, or
- 5 revocation of its license by the Department.
- 6 (i) It is the responsibility of the dispensing
- 7 organization and its principal officers to promptly notify the
- 8 Department of any change of the principal place of business
- 9 address, hours of operation, change in ownership or control,
- 10 or a change of the dispensing organization's primary or
- 11 secondary contact information. Any changes must be made to the
- 12 Department in writing.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 14 (410 ILCS 705/15-60)
- 15 Sec. 15-60. Changes to a dispensing organization.
- 16 (a) A license shall be issued to the specific dispensing
- 17 organization identified on the application and for the
- 18 specific location proposed. The license is valid only as
- 19 designated on the license and for the location for which it is
- 20 issued.
- 21 (b) A dispensing organization may only add principal
- officers after being approved by the Department.
- 23 (c) A dispensing organization shall provide written notice
- of the removal of a principal officer within 5 business days
- 25 after removal. The notice shall include the written agreement

- 1 of the principal officer being removed, unless otherwise
- 2 approved by the Department, and allocation of ownership shares
- 3 after removal in an updated ownership chart.
- 4 (d) A dispensing organization shall provide a written
- 5 request to the Department for the addition of principal
- 6 officers. A dispensing organization shall submit proposed
- 7 principal officer applications on forms approved by the
- 8 Department.
- 9 (e) All proposed new principal officers shall be subject
- 10 to the requirements of this Act, this Article, and any rules
- 11 that may be adopted pursuant to this Act.
- 12 (f) The Department may prohibit the addition of a
- principal officer to a dispensing organization for failure to
- 14 comply with this Act, this Article, and any rules that may be
- 15 adopted pursuant to this Act.
- 16 (g) A dispensing organization may not assign a license.
- 17 (h) A dispensing organization may not transfer a license
- 18 without prior Department approval. Such approval may be
- 19 withheld if the person to whom the license is being
- 20 transferred does not commit to the same or a similar community
- 21 engagement plan provided as part of the dispensing
- 22 organization's application under paragraph (18) of subsection
- 23 (d) of Section 15-25, and such transferee's license shall be
- 24 conditional upon that commitment.
- 25 (i) With the addition or removal of principal officers,
- 26 the Department will review the ownership structure to

- determine whether the change in ownership has had the effect of a transfer of the license. The dispensing organization shall supply all ownership documents requested by the Department.
 - (j) A dispensing organization may apply to the Department to approve a sale of the dispensing organization. A request to sell the dispensing organization must be on application forms provided by the Department. A request for an approval to sell a dispensing organization must comply with the following:
 - (1) New application materials shall comply with this Act and any rules that may be adopted pursuant to this Act;
 - (2) Application materials shall include a change of ownership fee of \$5,000 to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund;
 - (3) The application materials shall provide proof that the transfer of ownership will not have the effect of granting any of the owners or principal officers direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 10 adult use dispensing organization licenses;
 - (4) New principal officers shall each complete the proposed new principal officer application;
 - (5) If the Department approves the application materials and proposed new principal officer applications, it will perform an inspection before approving the sale and issuing the dispensing organization license;
 - (6) If a new license is approved, the Department will

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- issue a new license number and certificate to the new dispensing organization.
 - (k) The dispensing organization shall provide the Department with the personal information for all new dispensing organizations agents as required in this Article and all new dispensing organization agents shall be subject to the requirements of this Article. A dispensing organization agent must obtain an agent identification card from the Department before beginning work at a dispensary.
- (1) Before remodeling, expansion, reduction, or other physical, noncosmetic alteration of a dispensary, the dispensing organization must notify the Department and confirm the alterations are in compliance with this Act and any rules that may be adopted pursuant to this Act.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 16 (410 ILCS 705/15-65)
- 17 Sec. 15-65. Administration.
- (a) A dispensing organization shall establish, maintain, 18 19 and comply with written policies and procedures as submitted in the Business, Financial and Operating plan as required in 20 21 this Article or by rules established by the Department, and 22 approved by the Department, for the security, inventory, and distribution of cannabis. These policies and 23 24 procedures shall include methods for identifying, recording, and reporting diversion, theft, or loss, and for correcting 25

- errors and inaccuracies in inventories. At a minimum, dispensing organizations shall ensure the written policies and procedures provide for the following:
 - (1) Mandatory and voluntary recalls of cannabis products. The policies shall be adequate to deal with recalls due to any action initiated at the request of the Department and any voluntary action by the dispensing organization to remove defective or potentially defective cannabis from the market or any action undertaken to promote public health and safety, including:
 - (i) A mechanism reasonably calculated to contact purchasers who have, or likely have, obtained the product from the dispensary, including information on the policy for return of the recalled product;
 - (ii) A mechanism to identify and contact the adult
 use cultivation center, craft grower, or infuser that
 manufactured the cannabis;
 - (iii) Policies for communicating with the Department, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Public Health within 24 hours of discovering defective or potentially defective cannabis; and
 - (iv) Policies for destruction of any recalled
 cannabis product;
 - (2) Responses to local, State, or national emergencies, including natural disasters, that affect the

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- (3) Segregation and destruction of outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded, or adulterated cannabis. This procedure shall provide for written documentation of the cannabis disposition;
- (4) Ensure the oldest stock of a cannabis product is distributed first. The procedure may permit deviation from this requirement, if such deviation is temporary and appropriate;
- (5) Training of dispensing organization agents in the provisions of this Act and rules, to effectively operate the point-of-sale system and the State's verification system, proper inventory handling and tracking, specific uses of cannabis or cannabis-infused products, instruction regarding regulatory inspection preparedness enforcement interaction. awareness of the legal requirements for maintaining status as an agent, and other topics as specified by the dispensing organization or the Department. The dispensing organization shall maintain evidence of all training provided to each agent in its files that is subject to inspection and audit by the Department. The dispensing organization shall agents receive a minimum of 8 hours of training subject to requirements in subsection (i) of Section 15-40 annually, unless otherwise approved by the Department;
 - (6) Maintenance of business records consistent with

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industry standards, including bylaws, consents, manual or
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monetary transactions, journals, ledgers, and supporting
documents, including agreements, checks, invoices,
receipts, and vouchers. Records shall be maintained in a
manner consistent with this Act and shall be retained for
5 years;
(7) Inventory control, including:

- - (i) Tracking purchases and denials of sale;
- (ii) Disposal of unusable or damaged cannabis as required by this Act and rules; and
- (8) Purchaser education and support, including:
- (i) Whether possession of cannabis is illegal under federal law;
- (ii) Current educational information issued by the Department of Public Health about the health risks associated with the use or abuse of cannabis;
 - (iii) Information about possible side effects;
- (iv) Prohibition on smoking cannabis in public places; and
- 21 (v) Offering any other appropriate purchaser 22 education or support materials.
- (b) Blank. 23
 - (c) A dispensing organization shall maintain copies of the policies and procedures on the dispensary premises and provide copies to the Department upon request. The dispensing

- 1 organization shall review the dispensing organization policies
- 2 and procedures at least once every 12 months from the issue
- date of the license and update as needed due to changes in
- 4 industry standards or as requested by the Department.
- 5 (d) A dispensing organization shall ensure that each
- 6 principal officer and each dispensing organization agent has a
- 7 current agent identification card in the agent's immediate
- 8 possession when the agent is at the dispensary.
- 9 (e) A dispensing organization shall provide prompt written
- 10 notice to the Department, including the date of the event,
- when a dispensing organization agent no longer is employed by
- 12 the dispensing organization.
- 13 (f) A dispensing organization shall promptly document and
- 14 report any loss or theft of cannabis from the dispensary to the
- 15 Illinois State Police and the Department. It is the duty of any
- dispensing organization agent who becomes aware of the loss or
- 17 theft to report it as provided in this Article.
- 18 (g) A dispensing organization shall post the following
- 19 information in a conspicuous location in an area of the
- 20 dispensary accessible to consumers:
 - (1) The dispensing organization's license;
- 22 (2) The hours of operation.

- 23 (h) Signage that shall be posted inside the premises.
- 24 (1) All dispensing organizations must display a
- 25 placard that states the following: "Cannabis consumption
- can impair cognition and driving, is for adult use only,

may be habit forming, and should not be used by pregnant or breastfeeding women.".

- (2) Any dispensing organization that sells edible cannabis-infused products must display a placard that states the following:
 - (A) "Edible cannabis-infused products were produced in a kitchen that may also process common food allergens."; and
 - (B) "The effects of cannabis products can vary from person to person, and it can take as long as two hours to feel the effects of some cannabis-infused products. Carefully review the portion size information and warnings contained on the product packaging before consuming.".
- (3) All of the required signage in this subsection (h) shall be no smaller than 24 inches tall by 36 inches wide, with typed letters no smaller than 2 inches. The signage shall be clearly visible and readable by customers. The signage shall be placed in the area where cannabis and cannabis-infused products are sold and may be translated into additional languages as needed. The Department may require a dispensary to display the required signage in a different language, other than English, if the Secretary deems it necessary.
- (i) A dispensing organization shall prominently post notices inside the dispensing organization that state

- 1 activities that are strictly prohibited and punishable by law,
- 2 including, but not limited to:
- 3 (1) no minors permitted on the premises unless the
- 4 minor is a minor qualifying patient under the
- 5 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act;
- 6 (2) distribution to persons under the age of 21 is
- 7 prohibited;
- 8 (3) transportation of cannabis or cannabis products
- 9 across state lines is prohibited.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 11 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 12 (410 ILCS 705/15-70)
- 13 Sec. 15-70. Operational requirements; prohibitions.
- 14 (a) A dispensing organization shall operate in accordance
- with the representations made in its application and license
- 16 materials. It shall be in compliance with this Act and rules.
- 17 (b) Beginning January 1, 2026, but no later than April 1,
- 18 2026, all dispensaries shall have a patient prioritization
- 19 plan demonstrating that the dispensary is prioritizing
- 20 qualifying patients, provisional patients, Opioid Alternative
- 21 Patient Program participants, and designated caregivers.
- 22 Prioritization may include, but is not limited to, the
- 23 following: a dedicated service line for patients or
- 24 caregivers; a dedicated time of the day for patients or
- 25 caregivers, so long as the dispensary remains open at all

- other hours of operation to serve patients and caregivers; and
 a dedicated register for patients or caregivers. A dispensing
 organization must include the legal name of the dispensary on
 the packaging of any cannabis product it sells.
 - (c) All cannabis, cannabis-infused products, and cannabis seeds must be obtained from an Illinois registered adult use cultivation center, craft grower, infuser, or another dispensary.
 - (c-5) A dispensing organization may sell cannabis and cannabis-infused products purchased from any cultivation center, craft grower, infuser, or other dispensary to persons over 21 years of age and to qualifying patients, Opioid Alternative Patient Program Participants, designated caregivers, and provisional patients.
 - (d) Dispensing organizations are prohibited from selling any product containing alcohol except tinctures, which must be limited to containers that are no larger than 100 milliliters.
 - (e) A dispensing organization shall inspect and count product received from a transporting organization, adult use cultivation center, craft grower, infuser organization, or other dispensing organization before dispensing it.
 - (f) A dispensing organization may only accept cannabis deliveries into a restricted access area. Deliveries may not be accepted through the public or limited access areas unless otherwise approved by the Department.
 - (g) A dispensing organization shall maintain compliance

- with State and local building, fire, and zoning requirements or regulations.
 - (h) A dispensing organization shall submit a list to the Department of the names of all service professionals that will work at the dispensary. The list shall include a description of the type of business or service provided. Changes to the service professional list shall be promptly provided. No service professional shall work in the dispensary until the name is provided to the Department on the service professional list.
- 11 (i) A dispensing organization's license allows for a 12 dispensary to be operated only at a single location.
- 13 (j) <u>All dispensaries' hours of operation may be</u> A

 14 <u>dispensary may operate</u> between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. local time.
 - (k) A dispensing organization must keep all lighting outside and inside the dispensary in good working order and wattage sufficient for security cameras.
 - (1) A dispensing organization must keep all air treatment systems that will be installed to reduce odors in good working order.
 - (m) A dispensing organization must contract with a private security contractor that is licensed under Section 10-5 of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 to provide on-site security at all hours of the dispensary's operation.
- 26 (n) A dispensing organization shall ensure that any

- 1 building or equipment used by a dispensing organization for
- 2 the storage or sale of cannabis is maintained in a clean and
- 3 sanitary condition.
- 4 (o) The dispensary shall be free from infestation by insects, rodents, or pests.
 - (p) A dispensing organization shall not:
 - (1) Produce or manufacture cannabis;
 - (2) Accept a cannabis product from <u>a</u> an adult use cultivation center, craft grower, infuser, dispensing organization, or transporting organization unless it is pre-packaged and labeled in accordance with this Act and any rules that may be adopted pursuant to this Act;
 - (3) Obtain cannabis or cannabis-infused products from outside the State of Illinois;
 - (4) Sell cannabis or cannabis-infused products to a purchaser unless the purchaser has been verified to be 21 years of age or older, or beginning January 1, 2026, the person is verified to be a qualifying patient, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, provisional patient, or designated caregiver the dispensing organization is licensed under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, and the individual is registered under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program or the purchaser has been verified to be 21 years of age or older;
 - (5) Enter into an exclusive agreement with any adult

use cultivation center, craft grower, or infuser. Dispensaries shall provide consumers an assortment of products from various cannabis business establishment licensees such that the inventory available for sale at any dispensary from any single cultivation center, craft grower, processor, transporter, or infuser entity shall not be more than 40% of the total inventory available for sale. For the purpose of this subsection, a cultivation center, craft grower, processor, or infuser shall be considered part of the same entity if the licensees share at least one principal officer. The Department may request that a dispensary diversify its products as needed or otherwise discipline a dispensing organization for violating this requirement;

- (6) Refuse to conduct business with an adult use cultivation center, craft grower, transporting organization, or infuser that has the ability to properly deliver the product and is permitted by the Department of Agriculture, on the same terms as other adult use cultivation centers, craft growers, infusers, or transporters with whom it is dealing;
 - (7) (Blank); Operate drive-through windows;
- (8) Allow for the dispensing of cannabis or cannabis-infused products in vending machines;
- (9) Transport cannabis to residences or <u>transport</u> <u>cannabis to</u> other locations where purchasers may be for

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- (10) Enter into agreements to allow persons who are not dispensing organization agents to deliver cannabis or to transport cannabis to purchasers;
- (11) Operate a dispensary if its video surveillance equipment is inoperative;
- (12) Operate a dispensary if the point-of-sale equipment is inoperative;
- (13) Operate a dispensary if the State's cannabis electronic verification system is inoperative;
- (14) Have fewer than 2 people working at the dispensary at any time while the dispensary is open;
- of a pre-existing dispensing organization, unless the applicant is a Social Equity Applicant or Social Equity Justice Involved Applicant located or seeking to locate within 1,500 feet of a dispensing organization licensed under Section 15-15 or Section 15-20; however, the Department may approve locations to be within 1,500 feet of each other if both have received local government zoning approval for sites within 1,500 feet of each other and the conditional licenses were issued pursuant to a lottery conducted under 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1291.50, subsection (c) of Section 15-35.20, Section 15-35, or Section 15-35.10;

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- (17) Sell cannabis, cannabis concentrate, or cannabis-infused products in combination or bundled with each other or any other items for one price, and each item of cannabis, concentrate, or cannabis-infused product must be separately identified by quantity and price on the receipt;
- on-site at the dispensary, make referrals to a certifying health care professional, include links to a certifying health care professional on the dispensary's website, or otherwise direct patients to a certifying health care professional;
- (19) Beginning January 1, 2026, fail to prioritize qualifying patients, provisional patients, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participants, and designated caregivers; or
- (20) Violate any other requirements or prohibitions set by Department rules.
- (q) It is unlawful for any person having an Early Approval Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization License, a Conditional Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act or any officer, associate, member, representative, or agent of such

licensee to accept, receive, or borrow money or anything else of value or accept or receive credit (other than merchandising credit in the ordinary course of business for a period not to exceed 30 days) directly or indirectly from any adult use cultivation center, craft grower, infuser, or transporting organization in exchange for preferential placement on the dispensing organization's shelves, display cases, or website. This includes anything received or borrowed or from any stockholders, officers, agents, or persons connected with a an adult use cultivation center, craft grower, infuser, or transporting organization.

Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization License, a Conditional Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program to enter into any contract with any person licensed to cultivate, process, or transport cannabis whereby such dispensing organization agrees not to sell any cannabis cultivated, processed, transported, manufactured, or distributed by any other cultivator, transporter, or infuser, and any provision in any contract violative of this Section shall render the whole of such contract void and no action shall be brought thereon in any court.

(Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;

- 1 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; revised 7-23-24.)
- 2 (410 ILCS 705/15-75)
- 3 Sec. 15-75. Inventory control system.
- 4 (a) A dispensing organization agent-in-charge shall have
- 5 primary oversight of the dispensing organization's cannabis
- 6 inventory verification system, and its point-of-sale system.
- 7 The inventory point-of-sale system shall be real-time,
- 8 web-based, and accessible by the Department at any time. The
- 9 point-of-sale system shall track, at a minimum the date of
- sale, amount, price, and currency.
- 11 (b) A dispensing organization shall establish an account
- 12 with the State's verification system that documents:
- 13 (1) Each sales transaction at the time of sale and
- 14 each day's beginning inventory, acquisitions, sales,
- disposal, and ending inventory.
- 16 (2) Acquisition of cannabis and cannabis-infused
- 17 products from a licensed adult use cultivation center,
- 18 craft grower, infuser, or transporter, including:
- 19 (i) A description of the products, including the
- quantity, strain, variety, and batch number of each
- 21 product received;
- 22 (ii) The name and registry identification number
- 23 of the licensed adult use cultivation center, craft
- grower, or infuser providing the cannabis and
- cannabis-infused products;

L	(iii) The name and registry identification number
2	of the licensed adult use cultivation center, craft
3	grower, infuser, or transporting agent delivering the
4	cannabis:

- (iv) The name and registry identification number of the dispensing organization agent receiving the cannabis; and
 - (v) The date of acquisition.
- (3) The disposal of cannabis, including:
- (i) A description of the products, including the quantity, strain, variety, batch number, and reason for the cannabis being disposed;
 - (ii) The method of disposal; and
- 14 (iii) The date and time of disposal.
 - (c) Upon cannabis delivery, a dispensing organization shall confirm the product's name, strain name, weight, and identification number on the manifest matches the information on the cannabis product label and package. The product name listed and the weight listed in the State's verification system shall match the product packaging.
 - (d) The agent-in-charge shall conduct daily inventory reconciliation documenting and balancing cannabis inventory by confirming the State's verification system matches the dispensing organization's point-of-sale system and the amount of physical product at the dispensary.
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- approval before completing an inventory adjustment. It shall provide a detailed reason for the adjustment. Inventory adjustment documentation shall be kept at the dispensary for 2 years from the date performed.
 - imbalance in the amount of cannabis after the daily inventory reconciliation due to mistake, the dispensing organization shall determine how the imbalance occurred and immediately upon discovery take and document corrective action. If the dispensing organization cannot identify the reason for the mistake within 2 calendar days after first discovery, it shall inform the Department immediately in writing of the imbalance and the corrective action taken to date. The dispensing organization shall work diligently to determine the reason for the mistake.
 - If the dispensing organization identifies an imbalance in the amount of cannabis after the daily inventory reconciliation or through other means due to theft, criminal activity, or suspected criminal activity, the dispensing organization shall immediately determine how the reduction occurred and take and document corrective action. Within 24 hours after the first the reduction due to theft, discovery of criminal activity, or suspected criminal activity, the dispensing organization shall inform the Department and the Illinois State Police in writing.

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- (4) The dispensing organization shall file an annual compilation report with the Department, including a financial statement that shall include, but not be limited to, an income statement, balance sheet, profit and loss statement, statement of cash flow, wholesale cost and sales, and any other documentation requested by Department in writing. The financial statement shall any other information the Department include necessary in order to effectively administer this Act and all rules, orders, and final decisions promulgated under this Act. Statements required by this Section shall be filed with the Department within 60 days after the end of the calendar year. The compilation report shall include a letter authored by a licensed certified public accountant that it has been reviewed and is accurate based on the information provided. The dispensing organization, financial statement, and accompanying documents are not required to be audited unless specifically requested by the Department.
- (e) A dispensing organization shall:
- (1) Maintain the documentation required in this Section in a secure locked location at the dispensing organization for 5 years from the date on the document;
- (2) Provide any documentation required to be maintained in this Section to the Department for review upon request; and

- 1 (3) If maintaining a bank account, retain for a period 2 of 5 years a record of each deposit or withdrawal from the 3 account.
- 4 (f) If a dispensing organization chooses to have a return 5 policy for cannabis and cannabis products, the dispensing 6 organization shall seek prior approval from the Department.
- 7 (g) Beginning January 1, 2026, all dispensing organizations shall maintain internal, confidential records 8 9 that record a registered qualifying patient, provisional patient, or designated caregiver's transactions for the 10 11 patient's adequate medical supply and whether it was dispensed 12 directly to the patient, the Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, or to the designated caregiver. Each 13 14 entry must include the amount and the date and time the cannabis was dispensed. Additional recordkeeping requirements 15 16 may be set by rule.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 18 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 19 (410 ILCS 705/15-85)
- 20 Sec. 15-85. Dispensing cannabis.
- 21 (a) Before a dispensing organization agent dispenses 22 cannabis to a purchaser, the agent shall:
- 23 (1) Verify the age of the purchaser by checking a 24 government-issued identification card by use of an 25 electronic reader or electronic scanning device to scan a

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1	purchaser's government-issued identification, if
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3	validity of the identification;
4	(2) Verify the validity of the government-issued
5	identification card by use of an electronic reader or
6	electronic scanning device to scan a purchaser's
7	government-issued identification, if applicable, to
8	determine the purchaser's age and the validity of the
9	identification;
10	(3) Offer any appropriate purchaser education or
11	<pre>support materials;</pre>
12	(3-5) Verify the qualifying patient, Opioid
13	Alternative Patient Program participant, provisional
14	patient, or designated caregiver's registration card, if
15	purchasing as a patient or caregiver;
16	(4) Enter the following information into the State's
17	cannabis electronic verification system:
18	(i) The dispensing organization agent's
19	identification number, or if the agent's card
20	application is pending the Department's approval, a
21	temporary and unique identifier until the agent's card

(ii) The dispensing organization's identification
number;

application is approved or denied by the Department;

(iii) The amount, type (including strain, if applicable) of cannabis or cannabis-infused product

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dispensed;

- 2 (iv) The date and time the cannabis was dispensed.
- A dispensing organization shall refuse to 3 (b) 4 cannabis or cannabis-infused products to any person unless the 5 person produces a valid identification showing that the person 21 years of age or older or a qualifying patient, 6 7 provisional patient, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, or designated caregivers registered under the 8 9 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. A medical 10 cannabis dispensing organization may sell cannabis or 11 cannabis-infused products to a person who is under 21 years of 12 age if the sale complies with the provisions of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and rules. 13
- 14 (c) For the purposes of this Section, valid identification 15 must:
 - (1) Be valid and unexpired;
- 17 (2) Contain a photograph and the date of birth of the person.
 - (d) A dispensing organization shall not dispense to a registered qualifying patient, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, provisional patient, or a designated caregiver, an amount exceeding the patient's adequate medical supply unless the qualifying patient has a Department of Public Health-approved quantity waiver.
 - (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a dispensing organization may offer pickup or drive-through

- 1 <u>locations</u> for cannabis or cannabis-infused products to
- 2 purchasers over 21 years of age, qualifying patients,
- 3 provisional patients, and designated caregivers in accordance
- 4 with Section 15-100 of this Act.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 6 102-98, eff. 7-15-21.)
- 7 (410 ILCS 705/15-100)
- 8 Sec. 15-100. Security.
- 9 (a) A dispensing organization shall implement security
- 10 measures to deter and prevent entry into and theft of cannabis
- 11 or currency.
- 12 (b) A dispensing organization shall submit any changes to
- 13 the floor plan or security plan to the Department for
- 14 pre-approval. All cannabis shall be maintained and stored in a
- 15 restricted access area during construction.
- 16 (c) The dispensing organization shall implement security
- measures to protect the premises, purchasers, and dispensing
- 18 organization agents including, but not limited to the
- 19 following:
- 20 (1) Establish a locked door or barrier between the
- facility's entrance and the limited access area;
- 22 (2) Prevent individuals from remaining on the premises
- 23 if they are not engaging in activity permitted by this Act
- 24 or rules;
- 25 (3) Develop a policy that addresses the maximum

- capacity and purchaser flow in the waiting rooms and limited access areas;
 - (4) Dispose of cannabis in accordance with this Act and rules;
 - (5) During hours of operation, store and dispense all cannabis in from the restricted access area. During operational hours, cannabis shall be stored in an enclosed locked room or cabinet and accessible only to specifically authorized dispensing organization agents;
 - (5.5) During hours of operation, dispense all cannabis from the restricted access area, including a drive-through window, or from a pickup location in close proximity to the restricted access area. Orders in the pickup or drive-through location may only be placed by the purchaser or patient in advance, and the dispensing organization shall, prior to dispensing the cannabis, confirm that the purchaser, registered qualifying patient, Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, provisional patient, or designated caregiver is in compliance with Section 15-85 of this Act. As used in this paragraph, "pickup location in close proximity" means an area contiguous to the real property of the dispensary, such as a sidewalk or parking lot;
 - (6) When the dispensary is closed, store all cannabis and currency in a reinforced vault room in the restricted access area and in a manner as to prevent diversion,

1 theft, or loss;

- (7) Keep the reinforced vault room and any other equipment or cannabis storage areas securely locked and protected from unauthorized entry;
- (8) Keep an electronic daily log of dispensing organization agents with access to the reinforced vault room and knowledge of the access code or combination;
- (9) Keep all locks and security equipment in good working order;
- (10) Maintain an operational security and alarm system at all times;
- (11) Prohibit keys, if applicable, from being left in the locks, or stored or placed in a location accessible to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;
- (12) Prohibit accessibility of security measures, including combination numbers, passwords, or electronic or biometric security systems to persons other than specifically authorized dispensing organization agents;
- (13) Ensure that the dispensary interior and exterior premises are sufficiently lit to facilitate surveillance;
- (14) Ensure that trees, bushes, and other foliage outside of the dispensary premises do not allow for a person or persons to conceal themselves from sight;
- (15) Develop emergency policies and procedures for securing all product and currency following any instance of diversion, theft, or loss of cannabis, and conduct an

- assessment to determine whether additional safeguards are necessary; and
 - (16) Develop sufficient additional safeguards in response to any special security concerns, or as required by the Department; and.
 - (17) Maintain a security and safe storage plan for qualifying patient information. The health care professional-patient privilege as set forth by Section 8-802 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall apply between a qualifying patient, provisional patient, and a dispensing organization and its agents with respect to communications and records concerning patients' debilitating conditions.
 - (d) The Department may request or approve alternative security provisions that it determines are an adequate substitute for a security requirement specified in this Article. Any additional protections may be considered by the Department in evaluating overall security measures.
 - (e) A dispensing organization may share premises with a craft grower or an infuser organization, or both, provided each licensee stores currency and cannabis or cannabis-infused products in a separate secured vault to which the other licensee does not have access or all licensees sharing a vault share more than 50% of the same ownership.
 - (f) A dispensing organization shall provide additional security as needed and in a manner appropriate for the community where it operates.

- 1 (g) Restricted access areas.
 - (1) All restricted access areas must be identified by the posting of a sign that is a minimum of 12 inches by 12 inches and that states "Do Not Enter Restricted Access Area Authorized Personnel Only" in lettering no smaller than one inch in height.
 - (2) All restricted access areas shall be clearly described in the floor plan of the premises, in the form and manner determined by the Department, reflecting walls, partitions, counters, and all areas of entry and exit. The floor plan shall show all storage, disposal, and retail sales areas.
 - (3) All restricted access areas must be secure, with locking devices that prevent access from the limited access areas.
 - (h) Security and alarm.
 - (1) A dispensing organization shall have an adequate security plan and security system to prevent and detect diversion, theft, or loss of cannabis, currency, or unauthorized intrusion using commercial grade equipment installed by an Illinois licensed private alarm contractor or private alarm contractor agency that shall, at a minimum, include:
 - (i) A perimeter alarm on all entry points and glass break protection on perimeter windows;
 - (ii) Security shatterproof tinted film on exterior

windows;

(iii) A failure notification system that provides an audible, text, or visual notification of any failure in the surveillance system, including, but not limited to, panic buttons, alarms, and video monitoring system. The failure notification system shall provide an alert to designated dispensing organization agents within 5 minutes after the failure, either by telephone or text message;

- (iv) A duress alarm, panic button, and alarm, or holdup alarm and after-hours intrusion detection alarm that by design and purpose will directly or indirectly notify, by the most efficient means, the Public Safety Answering Point for the law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction;
- (v) Security equipment to deter and prevent unauthorized entrance into the dispensary, including electronic door locks on the limited and restricted access areas that include devices or a series of devices to detect unauthorized intrusion that may include a signal system interconnected with a radio frequency method, cellular, private radio signals or other mechanical or electronic device.
- (2) All security system equipment and recordings shall be maintained in good working order, in a secure location so as to prevent theft, loss, destruction, or alterations.

- (3) Access to surveillance monitoring recording equipment shall be limited to persons who are essential to surveillance operations, law enforcement authorities acting within their jurisdiction, security system service personnel, and the Department. A current list of authorized dispensing organization agents and service personnel that have access to the surveillance equipment must be available to the Department upon request.
- (4) All security equipment shall be inspected and tested at regular intervals, not to exceed one month from the previous inspection, and tested to ensure the systems remain functional.
- (5) The security system shall provide protection against theft and diversion that is facilitated or hidden by tampering with computers or electronic records.
- (6) The dispensary shall ensure all access doors are not solely controlled by an electronic access panel to ensure that locks are not released during a power outage.
- (i) To monitor the dispensary, the dispensing organization shall incorporate continuous electronic video monitoring including the following:
 - (1) All monitors must be 19 inches or greater;
 - (2) Unobstructed video surveillance of all enclosed dispensary areas, unless prohibited by law, including all points of entry and exit that shall be appropriate for the normal lighting conditions of the area under surveillance.

The cameras shall be directed so all areas are captured, including, but not limited to, safes, vaults, sales areas, and areas where cannabis is stored, handled, dispensed, or destroyed. Cameras shall be angled to allow for facial recognition, the capture of clear and certain identification of any person entering or exiting the dispensary area and in lighting sufficient during all times of night or day;

- (3) Unobstructed video surveillance of outside areas, the storefront, and the parking lot, that shall be appropriate for the normal lighting conditions of the area under surveillance. Cameras shall be angled so as to allow for the capture of facial recognition, clear and certain identification of any person entering or exiting the dispensary and the immediate surrounding area, and license plates of vehicles in the parking lot;
- (4) 24-hour recordings from all video cameras available for immediate viewing by the Department upon request. Recordings shall not be destroyed or altered and shall be retained for at least 90 days. Recordings shall be retained as long as necessary if the dispensing organization is aware of the loss or theft of cannabis or a pending criminal, civil, or administrative investigation or legal proceeding for which the recording may contain relevant information;
 - (5) The ability to immediately produce a clear, color

still photo from the surveillance video, either live or recorded;

- (6) A date and time stamp embedded on all video surveillance recordings. The date and time shall be synchronized and set correctly and shall not significantly obscure the picture;
- (7) The ability to remain operational during a power outage and ensure all access doors are not solely controlled by an electronic access panel to ensure that locks are not released during a power outage;
- (8) All video surveillance equipment shall allow for the exporting of still images in an industry standard image format, including .jpg, .bmp, and .gif. Exported video shall have the ability to be archived in a proprietary format that ensures authentication of the video and guarantees that no alteration of the recorded image has taken place. Exported video shall also have the ability to be saved in an industry standard file format that can be played on a standard computer operating system. All recordings shall be erased or destroyed before disposal;
- (9) The video surveillance system shall be operational during a power outage with a 4-hour minimum battery backup;
- (10) A video camera or cameras recording at each point-of-sale location allowing for the identification of

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- the dispensing organization agent distributing the cannabis and any purchaser. The camera or cameras shall capture the sale, the individuals and the computer monitors used for the sale;
 - (11) A failure notification system that provides an audible and visual notification of any failure in the electronic video monitoring system; and
 - (12) All electronic video surveillance monitoring must record at least the equivalent of 8 frames per second and be available as recordings to the Department and the Illinois State Police 24 hours a day via a secure web-based portal with reverse functionality.
- 13 (j) The requirements contained in this Act are minimum 14 requirements for operating a dispensing organization. The 15 Department may establish additional requirements by rule.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 17 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 18 (410 ILCS 705/15-135)
- 19 Sec. 15-135. Investigations.
- 20 (a) Dispensing organizations are subject to random and unannounced dispensary inspections and cannabis testing by the Department, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Public Health, the Illinois State Police, local law enforcement, local health officials, or as
- 25 provided by rule.

- (b) The Department and its authorized representatives may enter any place, including a vehicle, in which cannabis is held, stored, dispensed, sold, produced, delivered, transported, manufactured, or disposed of and inspect, in a reasonable manner, the place and all pertinent equipment, containers and labeling, and all things including records, files, financial data, sales data, shipping data, pricing data, personnel data, research, papers, processes, controls, and facility, and inventory any stock of cannabis and obtain samples of any cannabis or cannabis-infused product, any labels or containers for cannabis, or paraphernalia.
 - (c) The Department may conduct an investigation of an applicant, application, dispensing organization, principal officer, dispensary agent, third party vendor, or any other party associated with a dispensing organization for an alleged violation of this Act or rules or to determine qualifications to be granted a registration by the Department.
 - (d) The Department may require an applicant or holder of any license issued pursuant to this Article to produce documents, records, or any other material pertinent to the investigation of an application or alleged violations of this Act or rules. Failure to provide the required material may be grounds for denial or discipline.
- (e) Every person charged with preparation, obtaining, or keeping records, logs, reports, or other documents in connection with this Act and rules and every person in charge,

- or having custody, of those documents shall, upon request by
- 2 the Department, make the documents immediately available for
- 3 inspection and copying by the Department, the Department's
- 4 authorized representative, or others authorized by law to
- 5 review the documents.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 102-98, eff. 7-15-21;
- 7 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)
- 8 (410 ILCS 705/15-145)
- 9 Sec. 15-145. Grounds for discipline.
- 10 (a) The Department may deny issuance, refuse to renew or
- 11 restore, or may reprimand, place on probation, suspend,
- 12 revoke, or take other disciplinary or nondisciplinary action
- 13 against any license or agent identification card or may impose
- a fine for any of the following:
- 15 (1) Material misstatement in furnishing information to
- 16 the Department;
- 17 (2) Violations of this Act or rules;
- 18 (3) Obtaining an authorization or license by fraud or
- 19 misrepresentation;
- 20 (4) A pattern of conduct that demonstrates
- 21 incompetence or that the applicant has engaged in conduct
- or actions that would constitute grounds for discipline
- 23 under this Act;
- 24 (5) Aiding or assisting another person in violating
- any provision of this Act or rules;

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- (7) Engaging in unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public;
- (8) Adverse action by another United States jurisdiction or foreign nation;
- (9) A finding by the Department that the licensee, after having his or her license placed on suspended or probationary status, has violated the terms of the suspension or probation;
- (10) Conviction, entry of a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or the equivalent in a State or federal court of a principal officer or agent-in-charge of a felony offense in accordance with Sections 2105-131, 2105-135, and 2105-205 of the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois;
- (11) Excessive use of or addiction to alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical agent or drug;
- (12) A finding by the Department of a discrepancy in a Department audit of cannabis;
- (13) A finding by the Department of a discrepancy in a Department audit of capital or funds;
- (14) A finding by the Department of acceptance of cannabis from a source other than a cultivation center $\frac{1}{2}$

Adult Use Cultivation Center, craft grower, infuser, or transporting organization licensed by the Department of Agriculture, or a dispensing organization licensed by the Department;

- (15) An inability to operate using reasonable judgment, skill, or safety due to physical or mental illness or other impairment or disability, including, without limitation, deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor skills or mental incompetence;
- (16) Failing to report to the Department within the time frames established, or if not identified, 14 days, of any adverse action taken against the dispensing organization or an agent by a licensing jurisdiction in any state or any territory of the United States or any foreign jurisdiction, any governmental agency, any law enforcement agency or any court defined in this Section;
- (17) Any violation of the dispensing organization's policies and procedures submitted to the Department annually as a condition for licensure;
- (18) Failure to inform the Department of any change of address within 10 business days;
- (19) Disclosing customer names, personal information, or protected health information in violation of any State or federal law;
- (20) Operating a dispensary before obtaining a license from the Department;

1	(21) Performing duties authorized by this Act prior to
2	receiving a license to perform such duties;
3	(22) Dispensing cannabis when prohibited by this Act
4	or rules;
5	(23) Any fact or condition that, if it had existed at
6	the time of the original application for the license,
7	would have warranted the denial of the license;
8	(24) Permitting a person without a valid agent
9	identification card to perform licensed activities under
10	this Act;
11	(25) Failure to assign an agent-in-charge as required
12	by this Article;
13	(26) Failure to provide the training required by
14	paragraph (3) of subsection (i) of Section 15-40 within
15	the provided timeframe;
16	(27) Personnel insufficient in number or unqualified
17	in training or experience to properly operate the
18	dispensary business;
19	(28) Any pattern of activity that causes a harmful
20	impact on the community; and
21	(29) Failing to prevent diversion, theft, or loss of
22	cannabis; and -
23	(30) Engaging in a pattern of nonpayment or late
24	payment for goods or services to a cannabis business
25	establishment.

(b) All fines and fees imposed under this Section shall be

- 1 paid within 60 days after the effective date of the order
- 2 imposing the fine or as otherwise specified in the order.
- 3 (c) A circuit court order establishing that an
- 4 agent-in-charge or principal officer holding an agent
- 5 identification card is subject to involuntary admission as
- 6 that term is defined in Section 1-119 or 1-119.1 of the Mental
- 7 Health and Developmental Disabilities Code shall operate as a
- 8 suspension of that card.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 10 (410 ILCS 705/Art. 20 heading)
- 11 Article 20.
- 12 Adult Use Cultivation Centers
- 13 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 14 (410 ILCS 705/20-10)
- 15 Sec. 20-10. Early Approval of Adult Use Cultivation Center
- 16 License.
- 17 (a) Any medical cannabis cultivation center registered and
- 18 in good standing under the Compassionate Use of Medical
- 19 Cannabis Program Act as of the effective date of this Act may,
- 20 within 60 days of the effective date of this Act but no later
- 21 than 180 days from the effective date of this Act, apply to the
- 22 Department of Agriculture for an Early Approval Adult Use
- 23 Cultivation Center License to produce cannabis and
- 24 cannabis-infused products at its existing facilities as of the

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- 1 effective date of this Act.
- 2 (b) A medical cannabis cultivation center seeking issuance 3 of an Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License 4 shall submit an application on forms provided by the 5 Department of Agriculture. The application must meet or 6 include the following qualifications:
- 7 (1) Payment of a nonrefundable application fee of \$100,000 to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation 9 Fund:
 - (2) Proof of registration as a medical cannabis cultivation center that is in good standing;
 - (3) Submission of the application by the same person or entity that holds the medical cannabis cultivation center registration;
 - (4) Certification that the applicant will comply with the requirements of Section 20-30;
 - (5) The legal name of the cultivation center;
 - (6) The physical address of the cultivation center;
 - (7) The name, address, social security number, and date of birth of each principal officer and board member of the cultivation center; each of those individuals shall be at least 21 years of age;
 - (8) A nonrefundable Cannabis Business Development Fee equal to 5% of the cultivation center's total sales between June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019 or \$750,000, whichever is less, but at not less than \$250,000, to be

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1	deposited into the Cannabis Business Development Fund; and
2	(9) A commitment to completing one of the following
3	Social Equity Inclusion Plans provided for in this
4	subsection (b) before the expiration of the Early Approval
5	Adult Use Cultivation Center License:
6	(A) A contribution of 5% of the cultivation
7	center's total sales from June 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019,
8	or \$100,000, whichever is less, to one of the
9	following:
10	(i) the Cannabis Business Development Fund.
11	This is in addition to the fee required by item (8)
12	of this subsection (b);
13	(ii) a cannabis industry training or education
14	program at an Illinois community college as
15	defined in the Public Community College Act;
16	(iii) a program that provides job training
17	services to persons recently incarcerated or that
18	operates in a Disproportionately Impacted Area.
19	(B) Participate as a host in a cannabis business
20	incubator program for at least one year approved by
21	the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity,
22	and in which an Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation
23	Center License holder agrees to provide a loan of at
24	least \$100,000 and mentorship to incubate, for at

least a year, a Social Equity Applicant intending to

seek a license or a licensee that qualifies as a Social

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Equity Applicant. As used in this Section, "incubate" means providing direct financial assistance and training necessary to engage in licensed cannabis industry activity similar to that of the host licensee. The Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License holder or the same entity holding any other licenses issued pursuant to this Act shall not take an ownership stake of greater than 10% in any business receiving incubation services to comply with this subsection. If an Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License holder fails to find a business to incubate to comply with this subsection before its Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License expires, it may opt to meet the requirement of this subsection by completing another item from this subsection prior to the expiration of its Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License to avoid a penalty.

(c) An Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License is valid until March 31, 2021. A cultivation center that obtains an Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License shall receive written or electronic notice 90 days before the expiration of the license that the license will expire, and inform the license holder that it may renew its Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License. The Department of Agriculture shall grant a renewal of an Early Approval Adult

- 1 Use Cultivation Center License within 60 days of submission of 2 an application if:
- 3 (1) the cultivation center submits an application and 4 the required renewal fee of \$100,000 for an Early Approval 5 Adult Use Cultivation Center License;
 - (2) the Department of Agriculture has not suspended the license of the cultivation center or suspended or revoked the license for violating this Act or rules adopted under this Act; and
 - (3) the cultivation center has completed a Social Equity Inclusion Plan as required by item (9) of subsection (b) of this Section.
 - License renewed pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section shall expire March 31, 2022. The Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center Licensee shall receive written or electronic notice 90 days before the expiration of the license that the license will expire, and inform the license holder that it may apply for a an Adult Use Cultivation Center License. The Department of Agriculture shall grant a Cultivation Center an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License within 60 days of an application being deemed complete if the applicant meets all of the criteria in Section 20-21.
 - (d) The license fee required by paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Section shall be in addition to any license fee required for the renewal of a registered medical

Center License.

being disqualified.

- cannabis cultivation center license that expires during the effective period of the Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation
- 4 (e) Applicants must submit all required information,
 5 including the requirements in subsection (b) of this Section,
 6 to the Department of Agriculture. Failure by an applicant to
 7 submit all required information may result in the application
 - (f) If the Department of Agriculture receives an application with missing information, the Department may issue a deficiency notice to the applicant. The applicant shall have 10 calendar days from the date of the deficiency notice to submit complete information. Applications that are still incomplete after this opportunity to cure may be disqualified.
 - (g) If an applicant meets all the requirements of subsection (b) of this Section, the Department of Agriculture shall issue the Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License within 14 days of receiving the application unless:
 - (1) The licensee; principal officer, board member, or person having a financial or voting interest of 5% or greater in the licensee; or agent is delinquent in filing any required tax returns or paying any amounts owed to the State of Illinois;
 - (2) The Director of Agriculture determines there is reason, based on an inordinate number of documented compliance violations, the licensee is not entitled to an

1 Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License; or

- 2 (3) The licensee fails to commit to the Social Equity 3 Inclusion Plan.
 - (h) A cultivation center may begin producing cannabis and cannabis-infused products once the Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License is approved. A cultivation center that obtains an Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License may begin selling cannabis and cannabis-infused products on December 1, 2019.
 - (i) An Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License holder must continue to produce and provide an adequate supply of cannabis and cannabis-infused products for purchase by qualifying patients and caregivers. For the purposes of this subsection, "adequate supply" means a monthly production level that is comparable in type and quantity to those medical cannabis products produced for patients and caregivers on an average monthly basis for the 6 months before the effective date of this Act.
 - (j) If there is a shortage of cannabis or cannabis-infused products, a license holder shall prioritize patients registered under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act over adult use purchasers.
 - (k) If an Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center licensee fails to submit an application for <u>a</u> an Adult Use Cultivation Center License before the expiration of the Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License pursuant to

- 1 subsection (c-5) of this Section, the cultivation center shall
- 2 cease <u>all</u> adult use cultivation until it receives <u>a</u> an Adult
- 4 (1) A cultivation center agent who holds a valid
- 5 cultivation center agent identification card issued under the
- 6 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act and is an
- 7 officer, director, manager, or employee of the cultivation
- 8 center licensed under this Section may engage in all
- 9 activities authorized by this Article to be performed by a
- 10 cultivation center agent.
- 11 (m) If the Department of Agriculture suspends or revokes
- 12 the Early Approval Adult Use Cultivation Center License of a
- 13 cultivation center that also holds a medical cannabis
- 14 cultivation center license issued under the Compassionate Use
- of Medical Cannabis Program Act, the Department of Agriculture
- 16 may suspend or revoke the medical cannabis cultivation center
- 17 license concurrently with the Early Approval Adult Use
- 18 Cultivation Center License.
- 19 (n) All fees or fines collected from an Early Approval
- 20 Adult Use Cultivation Center License holder as a result of a
- 21 disciplinary action in the enforcement of this Act shall be
- deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 24 (410 ILCS 705/20-15)
- 25 Sec. 20-15. Conditional Adult Use Cultivation Center

1 application.

- 2 (a) If the Department of Agriculture makes available
 3 additional cultivation center licenses pursuant to Section
 4 20-5, applicants for a Conditional Adult Use Cultivation
 5 Center License shall electronically submit the following in
 6 such form as the Department of Agriculture may direct:
 - (1) the nonrefundable application fee set by rule by the Department of Agriculture, to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund;
 - (2) the legal name of the cultivation center;
 - (3) the proposed physical address of the cultivation center;
 - (4) the name, address, social security number, and date of birth of each principal officer and board member of the cultivation center; each principal officer and board member shall be at least 21 years of age;
 - (5) the details of any administrative or judicial proceeding in which any of the principal officers or board members of the cultivation center (i) pled guilty, were convicted, were fined, or had a registration or license suspended or revoked, or (ii) managed or served on the board of a business or non-profit organization that pled guilty, was convicted, was fined, or had a registration or license suspended or revoked;
 - (6) proposed operating bylaws that include procedures for the oversight of the cultivation center, including the

development and implementation of a plant monitoring system, accurate recordkeeping, staffing plan, and security plan approved by the Illinois State Police that are in accordance with the rules issued by the Department of Agriculture under this Act. A physical inventory shall be performed of all plants and cannabis on a weekly basis by the cultivation center;

- (7) verification from the Illinois State Police that all background checks of the prospective principal officers, board members, and agents of the cannabis business establishment have been conducted;
- (8) a copy of the current local zoning ordinance or permit and verification that the proposed cultivation center is in compliance with the local zoning rules and distance limitations established by the local jurisdiction;
- (9) proposed employment practices, in which the applicant must demonstrate a plan of action to inform, hire, and educate minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities, engage in fair labor practices, and provide worker protections;
- (10) whether an applicant can demonstrate experience in or business practices that promote economic empowerment in Disproportionately Impacted Areas;
- (11) experience with the cultivation of agricultural or horticultural products, operating an agriculturally

1	related business, or operating a horticultural business;
2	(12) a description of the enclosed, locked facility
3	where cannabis will be grown, harvested, manufactured,
4	processed, packaged, or otherwise prepared for
5	distribution to a dispensing organization;
6	(13) a survey of the enclosed, locked facility,
7	including the space used for cultivation;
8	(14) cultivation, processing, inventory, and packaging
9	plans;
10	(15) a description of the applicant's experience with
11	agricultural cultivation techniques and industry
12	standards;
13	(16) a list of any academic degrees, certifications,
14	or relevant experience of all prospective principal
15	officers, board members, and agents of the related
16	business;
17	(17) the identity of every person having a financial
18	or voting interest of 5% or greater in the cultivation

- or voting interest of 5% or greater in the cultivation center operation with respect to which the license is sought, whether a trust, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or sole proprietorship, including the name and address of each person;
- (18) a plan describing how the cultivation center will address each of the following:
 - (i) energy needs, including estimates of monthly electricity and gas usage, to what extent it will

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1	procure energy from a local utility or from on-site
2	generation, and if it has or will adopt a sustainable
3	energy use and energy conservation policy;
4	(ii) water needs, including estimated water draw
5	and if it has or will adopt a sustainable water use and
6	water conservation policy; and
7	(iii) waste management, including if it has or
8	will adopt a waste reduction policy;
9	(19) a diversity plan that includes a narrative of not
10	more than 2,500 words that establishes a goal of diversity
11	in ownership, management, employment, and contracting to
12	ensure that diverse participants and groups are afforded
13	equality of opportunity;
14	(20) any other information required by rule;
15	(21) a recycling plan:
16	(A) Purchaser packaging, including cartridges,
17	shall be accepted by the applicant and recycled.
18	(B) Any recyclable waste generated by the cannabis
19	cultivation facility shall be recycled per applicable
20	State and local laws, ordinances, and rules.
21	(C) Any cannabis waste, liquid waste, or hazardous
22	waste shall be disposed of in accordance with 8 Ill.
23	Adm. Code 1000.460, except, to the greatest extent
24	feasible, all cannabis plant waste will be rendered

unusable by grinding and incorporating the cannabis

plant waste with compostable mixed waste to be

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- (22) commitment to comply with local waste provisions:
 a cultivation facility must remain in compliance with
 applicable State and federal environmental requirements,
 including, but not limited to:
 - (A) storing, securing, and managing all recyclables and waste, including organic waste composed of or containing finished cannabis and cannabis products, in accordance with applicable State and local laws, ordinances, and rules; and
 - (B) disposing liquid waste containing cannabis or byproducts of cannabis processing in compliance with all applicable State and federal requirements, including, but not limited to, the cannabis cultivation facility's permits under Title X of the Environmental Protection Act; and
- (23) a commitment to a technology standard for resource efficiency of the cultivation center facility.
 - (A) A cannabis cultivation facility commits to use resources efficiently, including energy and water. For the following, a cannabis cultivation facility commits to meet or exceed the technology standard identified in items (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv), which may be modified by rule:
 - (i) lighting systems, including light bulbs;

1	(ii) HVAC system;
2	(iii) water application system to the crop;
3	and
4	(iv) filtration system for removing
5	contaminants from wastewater.
6	(B) Lighting. The Lighting Power Densities (LPD)
7	for cultivation space commits to not exceed an average
8	of 36 watts per gross square foot of active and growing
9	space canopy, or all installed lighting technology
10	shall meet a photosynthetic photon efficacy (PPE) of
11	no less than 2.2 micromoles per joule fixture and
12	shall be featured on the DesignLights Consortium (DLC)
13	Horticultural Specification Qualified Products List
14	(QPL). In the event that DLC requirement for minimum
15	efficacy exceeds 2.2 micromoles per joule fixture,
16	that PPE shall become the new standard.
17	(C) HVAC. <u>The</u> (i) For cannabis grow operations
18	with less than 6,000 square feet of canopy, the
19	licensee commits that all HVAC units will be
20	high-efficiency ductless split HVAC units $_{oldsymbol{ au}}$ or other
21	more energy efficient equipment.
22	(ii) For cannabis grow operations with 6,000
23	square feet of canopy or more, the licensee
24	commits that all HVAC units will be variable
25	refrigerant flow HVAC units, or other more energy
26	efficient equipment

1 (D)	Water	application
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- (i) The cannabis cultivation facility commits to use automated watering systems, including, but not limited to, drip irrigation and flood tables, to irrigate cannabis crops erop.
 - (ii) The cannabis cultivation facility commits to measure runoff from watering events and report this volume in its water usage plan, and that on average, watering events shall have no more than 20% of runoff of water.
 - (E) Filtration. The cultivator commits that HVAC condensate, dehumidification water, excess runoff, and other wastewater produced by the cannabis cultivation facility shall be captured and filtered to the best of the facility's ability to achieve the quality needed to be reused in subsequent watering rounds.
 - (F) Reporting energy use and efficiency as required by rule.
- (b) Applicants must submit all required information, including the information required in Section 20-10, to the Department of Agriculture. Failure by an applicant to submit all required information may result in the application being disqualified.
- (c) If the Department of Agriculture receives an application with missing information, the Department of Agriculture may issue a deficiency notice to the applicant.

- 1 The applicant shall have 10 calendar days from the date of the
- 2 deficiency notice to resubmit the incomplete information.
- 3 Applications that are still incomplete after this opportunity
- 4 to cure will not be scored and will be disqualified.

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- 6 (e) A cultivation center that is awarded a Conditional
- 7 Adult Use Cultivation Center License pursuant to the criteria
- 8 in Section 20-20 shall not grow, purchase, possess, or sell
- 9 cannabis or cannabis-infused products until the person has
- 10 received an Adult Use Cultivation Center License issued by the
- 11 Department of Agriculture pursuant to Section 20-21 of this
- 12 Act.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 14 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; revised 7-23-24.)
- 15 (410 ILCS 705/20-20)
- 16 Sec. 20-20. Conditional <u>Cultivation Center</u> Adult Use
- 17 License scoring applications.
- 18 (a) The Department of Agriculture shall by rule develop a
- 19 system to score cultivation center applications to
- 20 administratively rank applications based on the clarity,
- 21 organization, and quality of the applicant's responses to
- required information. Applicants shall be awarded points based
- 23 on the following categories:
- 24 (1) Suitability of the proposed facility;
- 25 (2) Suitability of employee training plan;

1	(3) Security and recordkeeping;
2	(4) Cultivation plan;
3	(5) Product safety and labeling plan;
4	(6) Business plan;
5	(7) The applicant's status as a Social Equity
6	Applicant, which shall constitute no less than 20% of
7	total available points;
8	(8) Labor and employment practices, which shall
9	constitute no less than 2% of total available points;
10	(9) Environmental plan as described in paragraphs
11	(18), (21), (22), and (23) of subsection (a) of Section
12	20-15;
13	(10) The applicant is 51% or more owned and controlled
14	by an individual or individuals who have been an Illinois
15	resident for the past 5 years as proved by tax records or 2
16	of the following:
17	(A) a signed lease agreement that includes the
18	applicant's name;
19	(B) a property deed that includes the applicant's
20	name;
21	(C) school records;
22	(D) a voter registration card;
23	(E) an Illinois driver's license, an Illinois
24	Identification Card, or an Illinois Person with a
25	Disability Identification Card;
26	(F) a paycheck stub;

1 (G) a utility bill;

- 2 (H) any other proof of residency or other 3 information necessary to establish residence as 4 provided by rule;
 - (11) The applicant is 51% or more controlled and owned by an individual or individuals who meet the qualifications of a veteran as defined by Section 45-57 of the Illinois Procurement Code;
 - (12) a diversity plan that includes a narrative of not more than 2,500 words that establishes a goal of diversity in ownership, management, employment, and contracting to ensure that diverse participants and groups are afforded equality of opportunity; and
 - (13) Any other criteria the Department of Agriculture may set by rule for points.
 - (b) The Department may also award bonus points for the applicant's plan to engage with the community. Bonus points will only be awarded if the Department receives applications that receive an equal score for a particular region.
 - (c) Should the applicant be awarded a cultivation center license, the information and plans that an applicant provided in its application, including any plans submitted for the acquiring of bonus points, becomes a mandatory condition of the permit. Any variation from or failure to perform such plans may result in discipline, including the revocation or nonrenewal of a license.

- 1 (d) Should the applicant be awarded a cultivation center
- license, it shall pay a fee of \$100,000 prior to receiving the
- 3 license, to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund.
- 4 The Department of Agriculture may by rule adjust the fee in
- 5 this Section after January 1, 2021.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 7 (410 ILCS 705/20-21)
- 8 Sec. 20-21. Adult Use Cultivation Center License.
- 9 (a) A person or entity is only eligible to receive a an
- 10 Adult Use Cultivation Center License if the person or entity
- 11 has first been awarded a Conditional Adult Use Cultivation
- 12 Center License pursuant to this Act or the person or entity has
- 13 renewed its Early Approval Cultivation Center License pursuant
- to subsection (c) of Section 20-10.
- 15 (b) The Department of Agriculture shall not issue \underline{a} \underline{a}
- 16 Adult Use Cultivation Center License until:
- 17 (1) the Department of Agriculture has inspected the
- 18 cultivation center site and proposed operations and
- 19 verified that they are in compliance with this Act and
- 20 local zoning laws;
- 21 (2) the Conditional Adult Use Cultivation Center
- License holder has paid a registration fee of \$100,000 or
- a prorated amount accounting for the difference of time
- 24 between when the Adult Use Cultivation Center License is
- issued and March 31 of the next even-numbered year; and

1	(3)	The	Condi	tion	ıal	Adul	lt Usc	Culti	vat	cion	Cer	nter
2	License	holder	has	met	all	the	requir	ements	in	the	Act	and
3	rules.											

- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on and after January 1, 2026, the Department shall cease to issue or renew any medical cannabis cultivation permit issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Act. Licensees that hold dual Medical Cannabis Cultivation Permits and Adult Use Cultivation Center Licenses may continue all operations with a valid Cultivation Center License issued under this Act that is in good standing.
 - (1) The Department shall create a process for licenses to transition to sole operation as Cultivation Centers; including refund or proration of medical cultivation center permit fees.
 - (2) Any statements or plans submitted as part of an initial application for a medical cannabis cultivation permit as well as all subsequent modifications and alterations shall remain a mandatory condition of the cultivation center license.
 - (3) Cultivation Centers shall not relocate except within the same Illinois State Police District boundary as specified on the date of January 1, 2013 in which the initial Medical Cannabis Cultivation Permit was initially issued.

26 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)

- 1 (410 ILCS 705/20-30)
- 2 Sec. 20-30. Cultivation center requirements; prohibitions.
- 3 (a) The operating documents of a cultivation center shall
- 4 include procedures for the oversight of the cultivation
- 5 center, a cannabis plant monitoring system including a
- 6 physical inventory recorded weekly, accurate recordkeeping,
- 7 and a staffing plan.
- 8 (b) A cultivation center shall implement a security plan 9 reviewed by the Illinois State Police that includes, but is
- not limited to: facility access controls, perimeter intrusion
- 11 detection systems, personnel identification systems, 24-hour
- 12 surveillance system to monitor the interior and exterior of
- 13 the cultivation center facility and accessibility to
- 14 authorized law enforcement, the Department of Public Health
- 15 where processing takes place, and the Department of
- 16 Agriculture in real time.
- 17 (c) All cultivation of cannabis by a cultivation center
- 18 must take place in an enclosed, locked facility at the
- 19 physical address provided to the Department of Agriculture
- 20 during the licensing process. The cultivation center location
- 21 shall only be accessed by the agents working for the
- 22 cultivation center, the Department of Agriculture staff
- 23 performing inspections, the Department of Public Health staff
- 24 performing inspections, local and State law enforcement or
- 25 other emergency personnel, contractors working on jobs

- unrelated to cannabis, such as installing or maintaining security devices or performing electrical wiring, transporting organization agents as provided in this Act, individuals in a mentoring or educational program approved by the State, or other individuals as provided by rule.
 - (d) A cultivation center may not sell or distribute any cannabis or cannabis-infused products to any person other than a dispensing organization, craft grower, infuser organization, transporter, or as otherwise authorized by rule.
 - (e) A cultivation center may not either directly or indirectly discriminate in price between different dispensing organizations, craft growers, or infuser organizations that are purchasing a like grade, strain, brand, and quality of cannabis or cannabis-infused product. Nothing in this subsection (e) prevents a cultivation center from pricing cannabis differently based on differences in the cost of manufacturing or processing, the quantities sold, such as volume discounts, or the way the products are delivered.
 - (f) All cannabis harvested by a cultivation center and intended for distribution to a dispensing organization must be entered into a data collection system, packaged and labeled under Section 55-21, and placed into a cannabis container for transport. All cannabis harvested by a cultivation center and intended for distribution to a craft grower or infuser organization must be packaged in a labeled cannabis container and entered into a data collection system before transport.

- 1 (g) Cultivation centers are subject to random inspections 2 by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public 3 Health, local safety or health inspectors, the Illinois State 4 Police, or as provided by rule.
 - (h) A cultivation center agent shall notify local law enforcement, the Illinois State Police, and the Department of Agriculture within 24 hours of the discovery of any loss or theft. Notification shall be made by phone or in person, or by written or electronic communication.
 - (i) A cultivation center shall comply with all State and any applicable federal rules and regulations regarding the use of pesticides on cannabis plants.
 - (j) No person or entity shall hold any legal, equitable, ownership, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly, of more than 3 cultivation centers licensed under this Article. Further, no person or entity that is employed by, an agent of, has a contract to receive payment in any form from a cultivation center, is a principal officer of a cultivation center, or entity controlled by or affiliated with a principal officer of a cultivation shall hold any legal, equitable, ownership, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly, in a cultivation that would result in the person or entity owning or controlling in combination with any cultivation center, principal officer of a cultivation center, or entity controlled or affiliated with a principal officer of a cultivation center by which he, she, or it is employed, is an

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- agent of, or participates in the management of, more than 3 cultivation center licenses.
 - (k) A cultivation center may not contain more than 210,000 square feet of canopy space for plants in the flowering stage for cultivation of adult use cannabis as provided in this Act.
- 6 (1) A cultivation center may process cannabis, cannabis
 7 concentrates, and cannabis-infused products.
 - (m) Beginning July 1, 2020, a cultivation center shall not transport cannabis or cannabis-infused products to a craft grower, dispensing organization, infuser organization, or laboratory licensed under this Act, unless it has obtained a transporting organization license.
 - It is unlawful for any person having a cultivation any officer, associate, license or member. representative, or agent of such licensee to offer or deliver money, or anything else of value, directly or indirectly to any person having an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or to any person connected with or in any way representing, or to any member of the family of, such person holding an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a

- medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under 1 2 the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or to 3 any stockholders in any corporation engaged in the retail sale cannabis, to any officer, manager, 4 or agent, representative of the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing 5 6 a Conditional Adult Use Organization License, Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization 7 8 License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license 9 issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program 10 Act to obtain preferential placement within the dispensing 11 organization, including, without limitation, on shelves and in 12 display cases where purchasers can view products, or on the 13 dispensing organization's website.
- 14 (o) A cultivation center must comply with any other 15 requirements or prohibitions set by administrative rule of the 16 Department of Agriculture.
- 17 (p) A cultivation center may not be located within 2,500

 18 feet of the property line of a pre-existing public or private

 19 preschool or elementary or secondary school or day care

 20 center, day care home, group day care home, part day child care

 21 facility, or an area zoned for residential use.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 23 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff.
- 24 5-13-22.)

- 1 Sec. 20-35. Cultivation center agent identification card.
 - (a) The Department of Agriculture shall:
 - (1) establish by rule the information required in an initial application or renewal application for an agent identification card submitted under this Act and the nonrefundable fee to accompany the initial application or renewal application;
 - (2) verify the information contained in an initial application or renewal application for an agent identification card submitted under this Act, and approve or deny an application within 30 days of receiving a completed initial application or renewal application and all supporting documentation required by rule;
 - (3) issue an agent identification card to a qualifying agent within 15 business days of approving the initial application or renewal application;
 - (4) enter the license number of the cultivation center where the agent works; and
 - (5) allow for an electronic initial application and renewal application process, and provide a confirmation by electronic or other methods that an application has been submitted. The Department of Agriculture may by rule require prospective agents to file their applications by electronic means and provide notices to the agents by electronic means.
 - (b) An agent must keep his or her identification card

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- 1 visible at all times when on the property of the cultivation
- 2 center at which the agent is employed.
- 3 (c) The agent identification cards shall contain the following:
- (1) the name of the cardholder;
- 6 (2) the date of issuance and expiration date of the identification card;
 - (3) a random 10-digit alphanumeric identification number containing at least 4 numbers and at least 4 letters that is unique to the holder;
 - (4) a photograph of the cardholder; and
- 12 (5) the legal name of the cultivation center employing the agent.
- 14 (d) An agent identification card shall be immediately
 15 returned to the cultivation center of the agent upon
 16 termination of his or her employment.
- (e) Any agent identification card lost by a cultivation center agent shall be reported to the Illinois State Police and the Department of Agriculture immediately upon discovery of the loss.
 - (f) The Department of Agriculture shall not issue an agent identification card if the applicant is delinquent in filing any required tax returns or paying any amounts owed to the State of Illinois.
- 25 <u>(g) The Department and the Department of Financial and</u>
 26 Professional Regulation may develop and implement an

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- 1 <u>integrated system to issue an agent identification card which</u>
- 2 identifies a cultivation center agent licensed by the
- 3 Department as well as any craft grower, transporter,
- 4 dispensing organization, community college program, or infuser
- 5 license or registration the agent may simultaneously hold.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 7 (410 ILCS 705/20-45)
- 8 Sec. 20-45. Renewal of cultivation center licenses and 9 agent identification cards.
 - (a) Licenses and identification cards issued under this Act shall be renewed annually. A cultivation center shall receive written or electronic notice 90 days before the expiration of its current license that the license will expire. The Department of Agriculture shall grant a renewal within 45 days of submission of a renewal application if:
 - application and the required nonrefundable renewal fee of \$100,000, or another amount as the Department of Agriculture may set by rule after January 1, 2021, to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund. On or after January 1, 2026, the Cultivation Center License renewal fee shall be \$200,000 to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund. For the 2026 renewal cycle the Department may set up a process to refund or prorate renewal fees.
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- the license of the cultivation center or suspended or revoked the license for violating this Act or rules adopted under this Act;
 - (3) the cultivation center has continued to operate in accordance with all plans submitted as part of its application and approved by the Department of Agriculture or any amendments thereto that have been approved by the Department of Agriculture;
 - (4) the cultivation center has submitted an agent, employee, contracting, and subcontracting diversity report as required by the Department; and
- 12 (5) the cultivation center has submitted an environmental impact report.
- 14 (b) If a cultivation center fails to renew its license 15 before expiration, it shall cease operations until its license 16 is renewed.
 - (c) If a cultivation center agent fails to renew his or her identification card before its expiration, he or she shall cease to work as an agent of the cultivation center until his or her identification card is renewed.
 - (d) Any cultivation center that continues to operate, or any cultivation center agent who continues to work as an agent, after the applicable license or identification card has expired without renewal is subject to the penalties provided under Section 45-5.
 - (e) The Department of Agriculture shall not renew a

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- 1 <u>license or an agent identification card if the applicant is</u>
- 2 delinquent in filing any required tax returns or paying any
- 3 amounts owed to the State.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 5 (410 ILCS 705/25-35)
- 6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2026)
- 7 Sec. 25-35. Community College Cannabis Vocational Training
- 8 Pilot Program faculty participant agent identification card.
- 9 (a) The Department shall:
 - (1) establish by rule the information required in an initial application or renewal application for an agent identification card submitted under this Article and the nonrefundable fee to accompany the initial application or renewal application;
 - (2) verify the information contained in an initial application or renewal application for an agent identification card submitted under this Article, and approve or deny an application within 30 days of receiving a completed initial application or renewal application and all supporting documentation required by rule;
 - (3) issue an agent identification card to a qualifying agent within 15 business days of approving the initial application or renewal application;
 - (4) enter the license number of the community college where the agent works; and

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1	(5) allow for an electronic initial application and
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5	agents to file their applications by electronic means and
6	to provide notices to the agents by electronic means.

- (b) An agent must keep his or her identification card visible at all times when in the enclosed, locked facility, or facilities for which he or she is an agent.
- 10 (c) The agent identification cards shall contain the 11 following:
 - (1) the name of the cardholder;
- 13 (2) the date of issuance and expiration date of the identification card;
 - (3) a random 10-digit alphanumeric identification number containing at least 4 numbers and at least 4 letters that is unique to the holder;
 - (4) a photograph of the cardholder; and
- 19 (5) the legal name of the community college employing 20 the agent.
 - (d) An agent identification card shall be immediately returned to the community college of the agent upon termination of his or her employment.
- 24 (e) Any agent identification card lost shall be reported 25 to the Illinois State Police and the Department of Agriculture 26 immediately upon discovery of the loss.

- (f) An agent applicant may begin employment at a Community 1 2 College Cannabis Vocational Training Pilot Program while the agent applicant's identification card application is pending. 3 4 approval, the Department shall issue the 5 identification card to the agent. If denied, the Community 6 College Cannabis Vocational Training Pilot Program and the 7 agent applicant shall be notified and the agent applicant must 8 activity at the Community College Cannabis cease all 9 Vocational Training Pilot Program immediately.
- 10 (q) The Department of Agriculture shall not issue an agent
 11 identification card if the applicant is delinquent in filing
 12 any required tax returns or paying any amounts owed to the
 13 State.
- 14 (h) The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may develop and 15 16 implement an integrated system to issue 17 identification card which identifies a community college program agent licensed by the Department as well as any 18 19 cultivation center, craft grower, transporter, dispensing 20 organization, or infuser license or registration the agent may 21 simultaneously hold.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 102-98, eff. 7-15-21;
- 23 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)
- 24 (410 ILCS 705/30-10)
- Sec. 30-10. Application.

- (a) When applying for a license, the applicant shall electronically submit the following in such form as the Department of Agriculture may direct:
 - (1) the nonrefundable application fee of \$5,000 to be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation Fund, or another amount as the Department of Agriculture may set by rule after January 1, 2021;
 - (2) the legal name of the craft grower;
 - (3) the proposed physical address of the craft grower;
 - (4) the name, address, social security number, and date of birth of each principal officer and board member of the craft grower; each principal officer and board member shall be at least 21 years of age;
 - (5) the details of any administrative or judicial proceeding in which any of the principal officers or board members of the craft grower (i) pled guilty, were convicted, were fined, or had a registration or license suspended or revoked or (ii) managed or served on the board of a business or non-profit organization that pled guilty, was convicted, was fined, or had a registration or license suspended or revoked;
 - (6) proposed operating bylaws that include procedures for the oversight of the craft grower, including the development and implementation of a plant monitoring system, accurate recordkeeping, staffing plan, and security plan approved by the Illinois State Police that

are in accordance with the rules issued by the Department of Agriculture under this Act; a physical inventory shall be performed of all plants and on a weekly basis by the craft grower;

- (7) verification from the Illinois State Police that all background checks of the prospective principal officers, board members, and agents of the cannabis business establishment have been conducted;
- (8) a copy of the current local zoning ordinance or permit and verification that the proposed craft grower is in compliance with the local zoning rules and distance limitations established by the local jurisdiction;
- (9) proposed employment practices, in which the applicant must demonstrate a plan of action to inform, hire, and educate minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities, engage in fair labor practices, and provide worker protections;
- (10) whether an applicant can demonstrate experience in or business practices that promote economic empowerment in Disproportionately Impacted Areas;
- (11) experience with the cultivation of agricultural or horticultural products, operating an agriculturally related business, or operating a horticultural business;
- (12) a description of the enclosed, locked facility where cannabis will be grown, harvested, manufactured, packaged, or otherwise prepared for distribution to a

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including the space used for cultivation;

- (14) cultivation, processing, inventory, and packaging plans;
 - (15) a description of the applicant's experience with agricultural cultivation techniques and industry standards:
 - (16) a list of any academic degrees, certifications, or relevant experience of all prospective principal officers, board members, and agents of the related business;
 - (17) the identity of every person having a financial or voting interest of 5% or greater in the craft grower operation, whether a trust, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or sole proprietorship, including the name and address of each person;
 - (18) a plan describing how the craft grower will address each of the following:
 - (i) energy needs, including estimates of monthly electricity and gas usage, to what extent it will procure energy from a local utility or from on-site generation, and if it has or will adopt a sustainable energy use and energy conservation policy;
 - (ii) water needs, including estimated water draw

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1	and if it has or will adopt a sustainable water use and
2	water conservation policy; and
3	(iii) waste management, including if it has or
4	will adopt a waste reduction policy;
5	(19) a recycling plan:
6	(A) Purchaser packaging, including cartridges,
7	shall be accepted by the applicant and recycled.
8	(B) Any recyclable waste generated by the craft
9	grower facility shall be recycled per applicable State
10	and local laws, ordinances, and rules.
11	(C) Any cannabis waste, liquid waste, or hazardous
12	waste shall be disposed of in accordance with 8 Ill.
13	Adm. Code 1000.460, except, to the greatest extent
14	feasible, all cannabis plant waste will be rendered
15	unusable by grinding and incorporating the cannabis
16	plant waste with compostable mixed waste to be
17	disposed of in accordance with 8 Ill. Adm. Code
18	1000.460(g)(1);
19	(20) a commitment to comply with local waste
20	provisions: a craft grower facility must remain in
21	compliance with applicable State and federal environmental
22	requirements, including, but not limited to:
23	(A) storing, securing, and managing all
24	recyclables and waste, including organic waste
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1	and local laws, ordinances, and rules; and
2	(B) disposing liquid waste containing cannabis or
3	byproducts of cannabis processing in compliance with
4	all applicable State and federal requirements,
5	including, but not limited to, the cannabis
6	cultivation facility's permits under Title X of the
7	Environmental Protection Act;
8	(21) a commitment to a technology standard for
9	resource efficiency of the craft grower facility.
10	(A) A craft grower facility commits to use
11	resources efficiently, including energy and water. For
12	the following, a cannabis cultivation facility commits
13	to meet or exceed the technology standard identified
14	in paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv), which may be
15	modified by rule:
16	(i) lighting systems, including light bulbs;
17	(ii) HVAC system;
18	(iii) water application system to the crop;
19	and
20	(iv) filtration system for removing
21	contaminants from wastewater.
22	(B) Lighting. The Lighting Power Densities (LPD)
23	for cultivation space commits to not exceed an average
24	of 36 watts per gross square foot of active and growing
25	space canopy, or all installed lighting technology

shall meet a photosynthetic photon efficacy (PPE) of

no less than 2.2 micromoles per joule fixture and shall be featured on the DesignLights Consortium (DLC) Horticultural Specification Qualified Products List (QPL). In the event that DLC requirement for minimum efficacy exceeds 2.2 micromoles per joule fixture, that PPE shall become the new standard.

(C) HVAC.

- (i) The For cannabis grow operations with less than 6,000 square feet of canopy, the licensee commits that all HVAC units will be high-efficiency ductless split HVAC units, or other more energy efficient equipment.
- (ii) (Blank). For cannabis grow operations with 6,000 square feet of canopy or more, the licensee commits that all HVAC units will be variable refrigerant flow HVAC units, or other more energy efficient equipment.
- (D) Water application.
- (i) The craft grower facility commits to use automated watering systems, including, but not limited to, drip irrigation and flood tables, to irrigate cannabis crop.
- (ii) The craft grower facility commits to measure runoff from watering events and report this volume in its water usage plan, and that on average, watering events shall have no more than

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1 20% of runoff of water.

- (E) Filtration. The craft grower commits that HVAC condensate, dehumidification water, excess runoff, and other wastewater produced by the craft grower facility shall be captured and filtered to the best of the facility's ability to achieve the quality needed to be reused in subsequent watering rounds.
 - (F) Reporting energy use and efficiency as required by rule; and
- 10 (22) any other information required by rule.
- 11 (b) Applicants must submit all required information, 12 including the information required in Section 30-15, to the 13 Department of Agriculture. Failure by an applicant to submit 14 all required information may result in the application being 15 disqualified.
- 16 (C) Ιf the Department of Agriculture receives 17 application with missing information, the Department of Agriculture may issue a deficiency notice to the applicant. 18 The applicant shall have 10 calendar days from the date of the 19 20 deficiency notice to resubmit the incomplete information. Applications that are still incomplete after this opportunity 21 22 to cure will not be scored and will be disqualified.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 24 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)

- 1 Sec. 30-30. Craft grower requirements; prohibitions.
- 2 (a) The operating documents of a craft grower shall
 3 include procedures for the oversight of the craft grower, a
 4 cannabis plant monitoring system including a physical
 5 inventory recorded weekly, accurate recordkeeping, and a
 6 staffing plan.
 - (b) A craft grower shall implement a security plan reviewed by the Illinois State Police that includes, but is not limited to: facility access controls, perimeter intrusion detection systems, personnel identification systems, and a 24-hour surveillance system to monitor the interior and exterior of the craft grower facility and that is accessible to authorized law enforcement and the Department of Agriculture in real time.
 - (c) All cultivation of cannabis by a craft grower must take place in an enclosed, locked facility at the physical address provided to the Department of Agriculture during the licensing process. The craft grower location shall only be accessed by the agents working for the craft grower, the Department of Agriculture staff performing inspections, the Department of Public Health staff performing inspections, State and local law enforcement or other emergency personnel, contractors working on jobs unrelated to cannabis, such as installing or maintaining security devices or performing electrical wiring, transporting organization agents as provided in this Act, or participants in the incubator

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- program, individuals in a mentoring or educational program 1 2 approved by the State, or other individuals as provided by 3 rule. However, if a craft grower shares a premises with an infuser or dispensing organization, agents from those other 5 licensees may access the craft grower portion of the premises if that is the location of common bathrooms, lunchrooms, 6 locker rooms, or other areas of the building where work or 7 8 cultivation of cannabis is not performed. At no time may an 9 infuser or dispensing organization agent perform work at a 10 craft grower without being a registered agent of the craft 11 grower.
 - (d) A craft grower may not sell or distribute any cannabis to any person other than a cultivation center, a craft grower, an infuser organization, a dispensing organization, or as otherwise authorized by rule.
 - (e) A craft grower may not be located in an area zoned for residential use.
- (f) A craft grower may not either directly or indirectly 18 discriminate in price between different cannabis business 19 20 establishments that are purchasing a like grade, strain, brand, and quality of cannabis or cannabis-infused product. 21 22 Nothing in this subsection (f) prevents a craft grower from 23 pricing cannabis differently based on differences in the cost of manufacturing or processing, the quantities sold, such as 24 25 volume discounts, or the way the products are delivered.
 - (q) All cannabis harvested by a craft grower and intended

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- for distribution to a dispensing organization must be entered 1 2 into a data collection system, packaged and labeled under Section 55-21, and, if distribution is to a dispensing 3 with the organization that does not share a premises 5 dispensing organization receiving the cannabis, placed into a cannabis container for transport. All cannabis harvested by a 6 craft grower and intended for distribution to a cultivation 7 8 center, to an infuser organization, or to a craft grower with 9 which it does not share a premises, must be packaged in a 10 labeled cannabis container and entered into a data collection 11 system before transport.
- 12 (h) Craft growers are subject to random inspections by the 13 Department of Agriculture, local safety or health inspectors, 14 the Illinois State Police, or as provided by rule.
 - (i) A craft grower agent shall notify local law enforcement, the Illinois State Police, and the Department of Agriculture within 24 hours of the discovery of any loss or theft. Notification shall be made by phone, in person, or written or electronic communication.
- 20 (j) A craft grower shall comply with all State and any 21 applicable federal rules and regulations regarding the use of 22 pesticides.
 - (k) A craft grower or craft grower agent shall not transport cannabis or cannabis-infused products to any other cannabis business establishment without a transport organization license unless:

- (i) If the craft grower is located in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more, the cannabis business establishment receiving the cannabis is within 2,000 feet of the property line of the craft grower;
 - (ii) If the craft grower is located in a county with a population of more than 700,000 but fewer than 3,000,000, the cannabis business establishment receiving the cannabis is within 2 miles of the craft grower; or
 - (iii) If the craft grower is located in a county with a population of fewer than 700,000, the cannabis business establishment receiving the cannabis is within 15 miles of the craft grower.
- (1) A craft grower may enter into a contract with a transporting organization to transport cannabis to a cultivation center, a craft grower, an infuser organization, a dispensing organization, or a laboratory.
- (m) No person or entity shall hold any legal, equitable, ownership, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly, of more than 3 craft grower licenses. Further, no person or entity that is employed by, an agent of, or has a contract to receive payment from or participate in the management of a craft grower, is a principal officer of a craft grower, or entity controlled by or affiliated with a principal officer of a craft grower shall hold any legal, equitable, ownership, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly, in a craft grower license that would result in the person or entity owning or

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- controlling in combination with any craft grower, principal 1 2 officer of a craft grower, or entity controlled or affiliated with a principal officer of a craft grower by which he, she, or 3 it is employed, is an agent of, or participates in the 5 management of more than 3 craft grower licenses.
- (n) It is unlawful for any person having a craft grower 7 license or any officer, associate, member, representative, or agent of the licensee to offer or deliver money, or anything else of value, directly or indirectly, to any person having an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or to any person connected with or in any way representing, or to any member of the family of, the person holding an Early Approval 17 Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or to any stockholders in any corporation engaged in the retail sale of cannabis, or to any officer, manager, agent, or representative of the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a medical

- 1 cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the
- 2 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act to obtain
- 3 preferential placement within the dispensing organization,
- 4 including, without limitation, on shelves and in display cases
- 5 where purchasers can view products, or on the dispensing
- 6 organization's website.
- 7 (o) A craft grower shall not be located within 1,500 feet
- 8 of another craft grower or a cultivation center.
- 9 (p) A craft grower may process cannabis, cannabis
- 10 concentrates, and cannabis-infused products.
- 11 (q) A craft grower must comply with any other requirements
- or prohibitions set by administrative rule of the Department
- 13 of Agriculture.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 15 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff.
- 16 5-13-22.)
- 17 (410 ILCS 705/30-35)
- 18 Sec. 30-35. Craft grower agent identification card.
- 19 (a) The Department of Agriculture shall:
- 20 (1) establish by rule the information required in an
- 21 initial application or renewal application for an agent
- 22 identification card submitted under this Act and the
- 23 nonrefundable fee to accompany the initial application or
- 24 renewal application;
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- application or renewal application for an agent identification card submitted under this Act and approve or deny an application within 30 days of receiving a completed initial application or renewal application and all supporting documentation required by rule;
 - (3) issue an agent identification card to a qualifying agent within 15 business days of approving the initial application or renewal application;
 - (4) enter the license number of the craft grower where the agent works; and
 - (5) allow for an electronic initial application and renewal application process, and provide a confirmation by electronic or other methods that an application has been submitted. The Department of Agriculture may by rule require prospective agents to file their applications by electronic means and provide notices to the agents by electronic means.
 - (b) An agent must keep his or her identification card visible at all times when on the property of a cannabis business establishment, including the craft grower organization for which he or she is an agent.
- (c) The agent identification cards shall contain the following:
 - (1) the name of the cardholder;
- 25 (2) the date of issuance and expiration date of the identification card;

- 1 (3) a random 10-digit alphanumeric identification 2 number containing at least 4 numbers and at least 4 3 letters that is unique to the holder;
 - (4) a photograph of the cardholder; and
- 5 (5) the legal name of the craft grower organization 6 employing the agent.
- 7 (d) An agent identification card shall be immediately 8 returned to the cannabis business establishment of the agent 9 upon termination of his or her employment.
- 10 (e) Any agent identification card lost by a craft grower
 11 agent shall be reported to the Illinois State Police and the
 12 Department of Agriculture immediately upon discovery of the
 13 loss.
- 14 <u>(f) The Department of Agriculture shall not issue an agent</u>
 15 <u>identification card to an applicant if the applicant is</u>
 16 <u>delinquent in filing any required tax returns or paying any</u>
 17 amounts owed to the State.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 19 (410 ILCS 705/30-45)
- 20 Sec. 30-45. Renewal of craft grower licenses and agent identification cards.
- 22 (a) Licenses and identification cards issued under this 23 Act shall be renewed annually. A craft grower shall receive 24 written or electronic notice 90 days before the expiration of 25 its current license that the license will expire. The

- Department of Agriculture shall grant a renewal within 45 days of submission of a renewal application if:
 - (1) the craft grower submits a renewal application and the required nonrefundable renewal fee of \$40,000, or another amount as the Department of Agriculture may set by rule after January 1, 2021;
 - (2) the Department of Agriculture has not suspended the license of the craft grower or suspended or revoked the license for violating this Act or rules adopted under this Act:
 - (3) the craft grower has continued to operate in accordance with all plans submitted as part of its application and approved by the Department of Agriculture or any amendments thereto that have been approved by the Department of Agriculture;
 - (4) the craft grower has submitted an agent, employee, contracting, and subcontracting diversity report as required by the Department; and
- 19 (5) the craft grower has submitted an environmental 20 impact report.
 - (b) If a craft grower fails to renew its license before expiration, it shall cease operations until its license is renewed.
 - (c) If a craft grower agent fails to renew his or her identification card before its expiration, he or she shall cease to work as an agent of the craft grower organization

- 1 until his or her identification card is renewed.
- 2 (d) Any craft grower that continues to operate, or any
- 3 craft grower agent who continues to work as an agent, after the
- 4 applicable license or identification card has expired without
- 5 renewal is subject to the penalties provided under Section
- 6 45-5.
- 7 (e) All fees or fines collected from the renewal of a craft
- 8 grower license shall be deposited into the Cannabis Regulation
- 9 Fund.
- 10 <u>(f) The Department of Agriculture shall not renew an</u>
- 11 applicant's license or agent identification card if the
- 12 applicant is delinquent in filing any required tax returns or
- paying any amounts owed to the State.
- 14 (g) The Department and the Department of Financial and
- 15 Professional Regulation may develop and implement an
- integrated system to issue an agent identification card which
- identifies a craft grower agent licensed by the Department as
- 18 well as any cultivator, dispensary, transporter, community
- 19 college program, or infuser license or registration the agent
- 20 may simultaneously hold.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 22 (410 ILCS 705/35-25)
- 23 Sec. 35-25. Infuser organization requirements;
- 24 prohibitions.
- 25 (a) The operating documents of an infuser shall include

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- procedures for the oversight of the infuser, an inventory monitoring system including a physical inventory recorded weekly, accurate recordkeeping, and a staffing plan.
 - (b) An infuser shall implement a security plan reviewed by the Illinois State Police that includes, but is not limited to: facility access controls, perimeter intrusion detection systems, personnel identification systems, and a 24-hour surveillance system to monitor the interior and exterior of the infuser facility and that is accessible to authorized law enforcement, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Agriculture in real time.
 - (c) All processing of cannabis by an infuser must take place in an enclosed, locked facility at the physical address provided to the Department of Agriculture during the licensing process. The infuser location shall only be accessed by the agents working for the infuser, the Department of Agriculture staff performing inspections, the Department of Public Health staff performing inspections, State and local law enforcement or other emergency personnel, contractors working on jobs unrelated to cannabis, such as installing or maintaining security devices or performing electrical wiring, transporting organization agents as provided in this Act, participants in incubator program, individuals in a mentoring educational program approved by the State, local safety or health inspectors, or other individuals as provided by rule. However, if an infuser shares a premises with a craft grower or

- dispensing organization, agents from these other licensees may
 access the infuser portion of the premises if that is the
 location of common bathrooms, lunchrooms, locker rooms, or
 other areas of the building where processing of cannabis is
 not performed. At no time may a craft grower or dispensing
 organization agent perform work at an infuser without being a
 registered agent of the infuser.
 - (d) An infuser may not sell or distribute any cannabis to any person other than a dispensing organization, or as otherwise authorized by rule.
 - (e) An infuser may not either directly or indirectly discriminate in price between different cannabis business establishments that are purchasing a like grade, strain, brand, and quality of cannabis or cannabis-infused product. Nothing in this subsection (e) prevents an infuser from pricing cannabis differently based on differences in the cost of manufacturing or processing, the quantities sold, such volume discounts, or the way the products are delivered.
 - (f) All cannabis infused by an infuser and intended for distribution to a dispensing organization must be entered into a data collection system, packaged and labeled under Section 55-21, and, if distribution is to a dispensing organization that does not share a premises with the infuser, placed into a cannabis container for transport. All cannabis produced by an infuser and intended for distribution to a cultivation center, infuser organization, or craft grower with which it does not

- 1 share a premises, must be packaged in a labeled cannabis
- 2 container and entered into a data collection system before
- 3 transport.
- 4 (g) Infusers are subject to random inspections by the
- 5 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Health,
- 6 the Illinois State Police, local law enforcement, or as
- 7 provided by rule.
- 8 (h) An infuser agent shall notify local law enforcement,
- 9 the Illinois State Police, and the Department of Agriculture
- 10 within 24 hours of the discovery of any loss or theft.
- 11 Notification shall be made by phone, in person, or by written
- 12 or electronic communication.
- 13 (i) An infuser organization may not be located in an area
- 14 zoned for residential use.
- 15 (j) An infuser or infuser agent shall not transport
- 16 cannabis or cannabis-infused products to any other cannabis
- 17 business establishment without a transport organization
- 18 license unless:
- 19 (i) If the infuser is located in a county with a
- population of 3,000,000 or more, the cannabis business
- 21 establishment receiving the cannabis or cannabis-infused
- 22 product is within 2,000 feet of the property line of the
- 23 infuser;
- 24 (ii) If the infuser is located in a county with a
- population of more than 700,000 but fewer than 3,000,000,
- the cannabis business establishment receiving the cannabis

- or cannabis-infused product is within 2 miles of the infuser; or
- (iii) If the infuser is located in a county with a population of fewer than 700,000, the cannabis business establishment receiving the cannabis or cannabis-infused product is within 15 miles of the infuser.
 - (k) An infuser may enter into a contract with a transporting organization to transport cannabis to a dispensing organization or a laboratory.
 - (1) An infuser organization may share premises with a craft grower or a dispensing organization, or both, provided each licensee stores currency and cannabis or cannabis-infused products in a separate secured vault to which the other licensee does not have access or all licensees sharing a vault share more than 50% of the same ownership.
 - (m) It is unlawful for any person or entity having an infuser organization license or any officer, associate, member, representative or agent of such licensee to offer or deliver money, or anything else of value, directly or indirectly to any person having an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or to any person connected with or in any way representing, or to any member of the family of,

such person holding an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing 1 2 Organization License, a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing 3 Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license 5 issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or to any stockholders in any corporation engaged the 6 7 retail sales of cannabis, or to any officer, manager, agent, 8 or representative of the Early Approval Adult Use Dispensing 9 Organization License, a Conditional Adult Use Dispensing 10 Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization 11 License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license 12 issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program 13 Act to obtain preferential placement within the dispensing 14 organization, including, without limitation, on shelves and in 15 display cases where purchasers can view products, or on the 16 dispensing organization's website.

- (n) At no time shall an infuser organization or an infuser agent perform the extraction of cannabis concentrate from cannabis flower except if the infuser organization has also been issued a processor license under subsection (f) of Section 35-31.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 23 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff.
- 24 5-13-22.)

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- 1 Sec. 35-30. Infuser agent identification card.
 - (a) The Department of Agriculture shall:
 - (1) establish by rule the information required in an initial application or renewal application for an agent identification card submitted under this Act and the nonrefundable fee to accompany the initial application or renewal application;
 - (2) verify the information contained in an initial application or renewal application for an agent identification card submitted under this Act, and approve or deny an application within 30 days of receiving a completed initial application or renewal application and all supporting documentation required by rule;
 - (3) issue an agent identification card to a qualifying agent within 15 business days of approving the initial application or renewal application;
 - (4) enter the license number of the infuser where the agent works; and
 - (5) allow for an electronic initial application and renewal application process, and provide a confirmation by electronic or other methods that an application has been submitted. The Department of Agriculture may by rule require prospective agents to file their applications by electronic means and provide notices to the agents by electronic means.
 - (b) An agent must keep his or her identification card

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- 1 visible at all times when on the property of a cannabis
- 2 business establishment including the cannabis business
- 3 establishment for which he or she is an agent.
- 4 (c) The agent identification cards shall contain the following:
 - (1) the name of the cardholder;
- 7 (2) the date of issuance and expiration date of the identification card;
 - (3) a random 10-digit alphanumeric identification number containing at least 4 numbers and at least 4 letters that is unique to the holder;
 - (4) a photograph of the cardholder; and
- 13 (5) the legal name of the infuser organization 14 employing the agent.
- 15 (d) An agent identification card shall be immediately 16 returned to the infuser organization of the agent upon 17 termination of his or her employment.
 - (e) Any agent identification card lost by a transporting agent shall be reported to the Illinois State Police and the Department of Agriculture immediately upon discovery of the loss.
 - (f) An agent applicant may begin employment at an infuser organization while the agent applicant's identification card application is pending. Upon approval, the Department shall issue the agent's identification card to the agent. If denied, the infuser organization and the agent applicant shall be

- 1 notified and the agent applicant must cease all activity at
- 2 the infuser organization immediately.
- 3 (g) The Department of Agriculture shall not issue an
- 4 applicant an agent identification card if the applicant is
- 5 <u>delinquent in filing any required tax returns or paying any</u>
- 6 <u>amounts owed to the State.</u>
- 7 (h) The Department and the Department of Financial and
- 8 Professional Regulation may develop and implement an
- 9 integrated system to issue an agent identification card which
- 10 identifies an infuser agent licensed by the Department as well
- 11 as any cultivation center, craft grower, transporter,
- dispensing organization, or community college program license
- or registration the agent may simultaneously hold.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 102-98, eff. 7-15-21;
- 15 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)
- 16 (410 ILCS 705/40-25)
- 17 Sec. 40-25. Transporting organization requirements;
- 18 prohibitions.
- 19 (a) The operating documents of a transporting organization
- shall include procedures for the oversight of the transporter,
- 21 an inventory monitoring system including a physical inventory
- recorded weekly, accurate recordkeeping, and a staffing plan.
- 23 (b) A transporting organization may not transport cannabis
- 24 or cannabis-infused products to any person other than a
- 25 cultivation center, a craft grower, an infuser organization, a

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- dispensing organization, a testing facility, or as otherwise
- 2 authorized by rule.
- 3 (c) All cannabis transported by a transporting 4 organization must be entered into a data collection system and
- 5 placed into a cannabis container for transport.
- 6 (d) Transporters are subject to random inspections by the
 7 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Health,
 8 the Illinois State Police, or as provided by rule.
- 9 (e) A transporting organization agent shall notify local
 10 law enforcement, the Illinois State Police, and the Department
 11 of Agriculture within 24 hours of the discovery of any loss or
 12 theft. Notification shall be made by phone, in person, or by
 13 written or electronic communication.
- (f) No person under the age of 21 years shall be in a commercial vehicle or trailer transporting cannabis goods.
 - (g) No person or individual who is not a transporting organization agent shall be in a vehicle while transporting cannabis goods.
- 19 (h) Transporters may not use commercial motor vehicles 20 with a weight rating of over 10,001 pounds.
- 21 (i) It is unlawful for any person to offer or deliver 22 money, or anything else of value, directly or indirectly, to 23 any of the following persons to obtain preferential placement 24 within the dispensing organization, including, without 25 limitation, on shelves and in display cases where purchasers 26 can view products, or on the dispensing organization's

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- 2 (1) a person having a transporting organization 3 license, or any officer, associate, member, 4 representative, or agent of the licensee;
 - (2) a person having an Early Applicant Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act;
 - (3) person connected with or in anv representing, or a member of the family of, a person holding Early Applicant Adult an Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act; or
 - (4) a stockholder, officer, manager, agent, or representative of a corporation engaged in the retail sale of cannabis, an Early Applicant Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, an Adult Use Dispensing Organization License, or a medical cannabis dispensing organization license issued under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
 - (j) A transporting organization agent must keep his or her identification card visible at all times when on the property of a cannabis business establishment and during the

- 1 transporting of cannabis when acting under his or her duties
- 2 as a transportation organization agent. During these times,
- 3 the transporting organization agent must also provide the
- 4 identification card upon request of any law enforcement
- 5 officer engaged in his or her official duties.
- 6 (j-5) A transporting organization agent may not be
- 7 required to remain on the property of a cannabis business
- 8 <u>establishment after transferring cannabis goods into the</u>
- 9 <u>control of the cannabis business establishment. A cannabis</u>
- 10 business establishment may examine the cannabis goods from the
- 11 <u>delivery after the transporting organization has transferred</u>
- 12 control of the cannabis goods to the cannabis business
- 13 establishment.
- 14 (k) A copy of the transporting organization's registration
- and a manifest for the delivery shall be present in any vehicle
- 16 transporting cannabis.
- 17 (1) Cannabis shall be transported so it is not visible or
- 18 recognizable from outside the vehicle.
- 19 (m) A vehicle transporting cannabis must not bear any
- 20 markings to indicate the vehicle contains cannabis or bear the
- 21 name or logo of the cannabis business establishment.
- (n) Cannabis must be transported in an enclosed, locked
- 23 storage compartment that is secured or affixed to the vehicle.
- 24 (o) The Department of Agriculture may, by rule, impose any
- other requirements or prohibitions on the transportation of
- cannabis.

- 1 (p) A cannabis business establishment may not schedule any
- delivery from a transporting organization within 1 hour of the
- 3 <u>cannabis business establishment's close of business on any</u>
- 4 business day.
- 5 (q) A transporting organization may begin a delivery to a
- 6 cannabis business establishment at any time during the day. A
- 7 transporting organization may not be restricted from beginning
- 8 a delivery based on a cannabis business establishment's listed
- 9 business hours.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 11 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff.
- 12 5-13-22.)
- 13 (410 ILCS 705/45-5)
- 14 Sec. 45-5. License suspension; revocation; other
- 15 penalties.
- 16 (a) Notwithstanding any other criminal penalties related
- 17 to the unlawful possession of cannabis, the Department of
- 18 Financial and Professional Regulation and the Department of
- 19 Agriculture may revoke, suspend, place on probation,
- 20 reprimand, issue cease and desist orders, refuse to issue or
- 21 renew a license, or take any other disciplinary or
- 22 nondisciplinary action as each department may deem proper with
- 23 regard to a cannabis business establishment or cannabis
- business establishment agent, including fines not to exceed:
- 25 (1) \$50,000 for each violation of this Act or rules

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- (2) \$20,000 for each violation of this Act or rules adopted under this Act by a dispensing organization or dispensing organization agent;
- (3) \$15,000 for each violation of this Act or rules adopted under this Act by a craft grower or craft grower agent;
- (4) \$10,000 for each violation of this Act or rules adopted under this Act by an infuser organization or infuser organization agent; and
- (5) \$10,000 for each violation of this Act or rules adopted under this Act by a transporting organization or transporting organization agent.

(6) \$15,000 for each violation of this Act or rules adopted under this Act by a cannabis testing facility.

- (b) The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Department of Agriculture, as the case may be, shall consider licensee cooperation in any agency or other investigation in its determination of penalties imposed under this Section.
- (c) The procedures for disciplining a cannabis business establishment or cannabis business establishment agent and for administrative hearings shall be determined by rule, and shall provide for the review of final decisions under the Administrative Review Law.

- 1 (d) The Attorney General may also enforce a violation of
- 2 Section 55-20, Section 55-21, and Section 15-155 as an
- 3 unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive
- 4 Business Practices Act.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 6 (410 ILCS 705/50-5)
- 7 Sec. 50-5. Laboratory testing.
- 8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
- 9 following acts, when performed by a cannabis testing facility
- 10 with a current, valid <u>license</u> registration, or a person 21
- 11 years of age or older who is acting in his or her capacity as
- 12 an owner, employee, or agent of a cannabis testing facility,
- 13 are not unlawful and shall not be an offense under Illinois law
- 14 or be a basis for seizure or forfeiture of assets under
- 15 Illinois law:
- 16 (1) possessing, repackaging, transporting, storing, or
- 17 displaying cannabis or cannabis-infused products;
- 18 (2) receiving or transporting cannabis or
- 19 cannabis-infused products from a cannabis business
- 20 establishment, a community college licensed under the
- 21 Community College Cannabis Vocational Training Pilot
- 22 Program, or a person 21 years of age or older; and
- 23 (3) returning or transporting cannabis or
- 24 cannabis-infused products to a cannabis business
- 25 establishment, a community college licensed under the

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2	Program, o	r a person	21 years	of age or old	ler.	

- (b) (1) No laboratory shall handle, test, or analyze cannabis unless approved by the Department of Agriculture in accordance with this Section.
- (2) No laboratory shall be approved to handle, test, or analyze cannabis unless the laboratory:

(A) is licensed by the Department of Agriculture;

- (A-5) is accredited by a private laboratory accrediting organization;
- (B) is independent from all other persons involved in the cannabis industry in Illinois and no person with a direct or indirect interest in the laboratory has a direct or indirect financial, management, or other interest in an Illinois cultivation center, craft grower, dispensary, infuser, transporter, certifying physician, or any other entity in the State that may benefit from the production, manufacture, dispensing, sale, purchase, or use of cannabis; and
- (C) has employed at least one person to oversee and be responsible for the laboratory testing who has earned, from a college or university accredited by a national or regional certifying authority, at least:
 - (i) a master's level degree in chemical or biological sciences and a minimum of 2 years' post-degree laboratory experience; or

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- (3) Each independent testing laboratory that claims to be accredited must provide the Department of Agriculture with a copy of the most recent annual inspection report granting accreditation and every annual report thereafter.
- (c) Immediately before manufacturing or natural processing of any cannabis or cannabis-infused product or packaging cannabis for sale to a dispensary, each batch shall be made available by the cultivation center, craft grower, or infuser for an employee of an approved laboratory to select a random sample, which shall be tested by the approved laboratory for:
 - (1) microbiological contaminants;
- 15 (2) mycotoxins;
 - (3) pesticide active ingredients;
- 17 (4) residual solvent; and
- 18 (5) an active ingredient analysis.
 - (d) The Department of Agriculture may select a random sample that shall, for the purposes of conducting an active ingredient analysis, be tested by the Department of Agriculture for verification of label information and any other testing deemed necessary by the Department.
 - (e) A laboratory shall immediately return or dispose of any cannabis upon the completion of any testing, use, or research. If cannabis is disposed of, it shall be done in

- 1 compliance with Department of Agriculture rule.
 - (f) If a sample of cannabis does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin, pesticide chemical residue, or solvent residue test, based on the standards established by the Department of Agriculture, the following shall apply:
 - (1) If the sample failed the pesticide chemical residue test, the entire batch from which the sample was taken shall, if applicable, be recalled as provided by rule.
 - (2) If the sample failed any other test, the batch may be used to make a CO_2 -based or solvent based extract. After processing, the CO_2 -based or solvent based extract must still pass all required tests.
 - (g) The Department of Agriculture shall establish standards for microbial, mycotoxin, pesticide residue, solvent residue, or other standards for the presence of possible contaminants, in addition to labeling requirements for contents and potency.
 - (h) The laboratory shall file with the Department of Agriculture an electronic copy of each laboratory test result for any batch that does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin, or pesticide chemical residue test, at the same time that it transmits those results to the cultivation center. In addition, the laboratory shall maintain the laboratory test results for at least 5 years and make them available at the Department of Agriculture's request.

- (i) A cultivation center, craft grower, and infuser shall provide to a dispensing organization the laboratory test results for each batch of cannabis product purchased by the dispensing organization, if sampled. Each dispensing organization must have those laboratory results available upon request to purchasers.
- 7 (j) The Department of Agriculture may adopt rules related 8 to testing <u>and licensing of laboratories</u> in furtherance of 9 this Act.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 11 (410 ILCS 705/55-5)
- 12 Sec. 55-5. Preparation of cannabis-infused products.
- 1.3 The Department of Agriculture may regulate the production of cannabis-infused products by a cultivation 14 15 center, a craft grower, an infuser organization, or a 16 dispensing organization and establish rules related to refrigeration, hot-holding, and handling of cannabis-infused 17 products. All cannabis-infused products shall meet the 18 packaging and labeling requirements contained in Section 19 20 55-21.
- 21 (b) Cannabis-infused products for sale or distribution at
 22 a dispensing organization must be prepared by an approved
 23 agent of a cultivation center, craft grower, or infuser
 24 organization.
- 25 (c) A cultivation center, craft grower, or infuser

- organization that prepares cannabis-infused products for sale or distribution by a dispensing organization shall be under the operational supervision of a Department of Public Health certified food service sanitation manager.
 - (d) Dispensing organizations may not manufacture, process, or produce cannabis-infused products.
 - (e) The Department of Public Health shall adopt and enforce rules for the manufacture and processing of cannabis-infused products, and for that purpose it may at all times enter every building, room, basement, enclosure, or premises occupied or used, or suspected of being occupied or used, for the production, preparation, manufacture for sale, storage, sale, processing, distribution, or transportation of cannabis-infused products, and to inspect the premises together with all utensils, fixtures, furniture, and machinery used for the preparation of these products.
 - (f) The Department of Agriculture shall by rule establish a maximum level of THC that may be contained in each serving of cannabis-infused product, and within the product package.
 - (g) If a local public health agency has a reasonable belief that a cannabis-infused product poses a public health hazard, it may refer the cultivation center, craft grower, or infuser that manufactured or processed the cannabis-infused product to the Department of Public Health. If the Department of Public Health finds that a cannabis-infused product poses a health hazard, it may bring an action for immediate injunctive

- 1 relief to require that action be taken as the court may deem
- 2 necessary to meet the hazard of the cultivation facility or
- 3 seek other relief as provided by rule.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 5 (410 ILCS 705/55-10)
- 6 Sec. 55-10. Maintenance of inventory. Through June 30,
- 7 2025, all All dispensing organizations authorized to serve
- 8 both registered qualifying patients, Opioid Alternative
- 9 Patient Program participants, provisional patients, and
- 10 caregivers and purchasers are required to report which
- 11 cannabis and cannabis-infused products are purchased for sale
- 12 under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act,
- and which cannabis and cannabis-infused products are purchased
- under this Act. Nothing in this Section prohibits a registered
- 15 qualifying patient under the Compassionate Use of Medical
- 16 Cannabis Program Act from purchasing cannabis as a purchaser
- 17 under this Act.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 19 (410 ILCS 705/55-30)
- Sec. 55-30. Confidentiality.
- 21 (a) Information provided by the cannabis business
- 22 establishment licensees or applicants to the Department of
- 23 Agriculture, the Department of Public Health, the Department
- of Financial and Professional Regulation, the Department of

Section 55-65.

- Commerce and Economic Opportunity, or other agency shall be limited to information necessary for the purposes of administering this Act. The information is subject to the provisions and limitations contained in the Freedom of Information Act and may be disclosed in accordance with
- 7 (b) The following information received and records kept by 8 the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public 9 Health, the Illinois State Police, and the Department of 10 Financial and Professional Regulation for purposes 11 administering this Article are subject to all applicable 12 federal privacy laws, are confidential and exempt from 13 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, except as provided in this Act, and not subject to disclosure to any 14 15 individual or public or private entity, except to 16 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, 17 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the 18 19 Office of Executive Inspector General, and the Illinois State Police as necessary to perform official duties under this 20 21 Article, and to the Attorney General as necessary to enforce 22 the provisions of this Act, and except as necessary to those 23 involved in enforcing the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. The following information received and kept by the 24 25 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or the 26 Department of Agriculture may be disclosed to the Department

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- 1 of Public Health, the Department of Agriculture, 2 Department of Revenue, the Department of Commerce and Economic 3 Opportunity, the Illinois State Police, the Office of Executive Inspector General, or the Attorney General upon 5 proper request:
 - (1) Applications and renewals, their contents, and supporting information submitted by or on behalf of dispensing organizations, cannabis business establishments, or Community College Cannabis Vocational Program licensees, in compliance with this Article, including their physical addresses; however, this does not preclude the release of ownership information about cannabis business establishment licenses, or information submitted with an application required to be disclosed pursuant to subsection (f);
 - (2) Any plans, procedures, policies, or other records relating to cannabis business establishment security; and
 - (3) Information otherwise exempt from disclosure by State or federal law.
 - Illinois or national criminal history record information, or the nonexistence or lack of such information, may not be disclosed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or the Department of Agriculture, except as necessary to the Attorney General to enforce this Act.
- (c) The name and address of a dispensing organization 26 licensed under this Act shall be subject to disclosure under

- the Freedom of Information Act. The name and cannabis business establishment address of the person or entity holding each cannabis business establishment license shall be subject to disclosure.
- All information collected by the Department of 6 Financial and Professional Regulation or the Department of Agriculture in the course of an examination, inspection, or 7 8 investigation of a licensee or applicant, including, but not 9 limited to, any complaint against a licensee or applicant 10 filed with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or the Department of Agriculture and information 11 12 collected to investigate any such complaint, shall 13 maintained for the confidential use of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or the Department of 14 15 Agriculture and shall not be disclosed, except to those 16 involved in enforcing the State Officials and Employees Ethics 17 Act and as otherwise provided in this Act. A formal complaint against a licensee by the Department of Financial and 18 19 Professional Regulation or the Department of Agriculture or 20 any disciplinary order issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or the Department of Agriculture 21 22 against a licensee or applicant shall be a public record, 23 except as otherwise provided by law. Complaints from consumers members of the general public received regarding a 24 25 specific, named licensee or complaints regarding conduct by 26 unlicensed entities shall be subject to disclosure under the

- 1 Freedom of Information Act.
- 2 (e) The Department of Agriculture, the Illinois State
- 3 Police, and the Department of Financial and Professional
- 4 Regulation shall not share or disclose any Illinois or
- 5 national criminal history record information, or the
- 6 nonexistence or lack of such information, to any person or
- 7 entity not expressly authorized by this Act.
- 8 (f) Each Department responsible for licensure under this
- 9 Act shall publish on the Department's website a list of the
- 10 ownership information of cannabis business establishment
- 11 licensees under the Department's jurisdiction. The list shall
- include, but is not limited to: the name of the person or
- entity holding each cannabis business establishment license;
- and the address at which the entity is operating under this
- 15 Act. This list shall be published and updated monthly.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19;
- 17 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff.
- 18 5-13-22.)
- 19 (410 ILCS 705/55-65)
- 20 Sec. 55-65. Financial institutions.
- 21 (a) A financial institution that provides financial
- 22 services customarily provided by financial institutions to a
- 23 cannabis business establishment authorized under this Act or
- the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or to a
- 25 person that is affiliated with such cannabis business

- 1 establishment, is exempt from any criminal law of this State
- 2 as it relates to cannabis-related conduct authorized under
- 3 State law.

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- 4 (b) Upon request of a financial institution, a cannabis
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- 6 establishment may provide to the financial institution the
- 7 following information:
- 8 (1) Whether a cannabis business establishment with 9 which the financial institution is doing or is considering 10 doing business holds a license under this Act or the
- Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act;
- 12 (2) The name of any other business or individual affiliate with the cannabis business establishment;
 - (3) A copy of the application, and any supporting documentation submitted with the application, for a license or a permit submitted on behalf of the proposed cannabis business establishment;
 - (4) If applicable, data relating to sales and the volume of product sold by the cannabis business establishment;
 - (5) Any past or pending violation by the person of this Act, the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, or the rules adopted under these Acts where applicable; and
 - (6) Any penalty imposed upon the person for violating this Act, the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis

- 1 Program Act, or the rules adopted under these Acts.
- 2 (c) (Blank).
- (d) (Blank).

- (e) Information received by a financial institution under this Section is confidential. Except as otherwise required or permitted by this Act, State law or rule, or federal law or regulation, a financial institution may not make the information available to any person other than:
 - (1) the customer to whom the information applies;
 - (2) a trustee, conservator, guardian, personal representative, or agent of the customer to whom the information applies; a federal or State regulator when requested in connection with an examination of the financial institution or if otherwise necessary for complying with federal or State law;
 - (3) a federal or State regulator when requested in connection with an examination of the financial institution or if otherwise necessary for complying with federal or State law; and
 - (4) a third party performing services for the financial institution, provided the third party is performing such services under a written agreement that expressly or by operation of law prohibits the third party's sharing and use of such confidential information for any purpose other than as provided in its agreement to provide services to the financial institution; and.

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1 (5) the Office of Executive Inspector General pursuant 2 to an investigation.

3 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)

4 (410 ILCS 705/55-85)

Sec. 55-85. Medical cannabis.

(a) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit any privileges or rights of an Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, a qualifying medical cannabis patient including minor patients, provisional patients, designated caregivers primary caregiver, medical cannabis cultivation center, or medical cannabis dispensing organization under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, and where there is conflict between this Act and the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act as they relate to medical cannabis patients, the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act shall prevail.

(b) Dispensary locations that obtain an Early Approval Adult Use Dispensary Organization License or an Adult Use Dispensary Organization License in accordance with this Act at the same location as a medical cannabis dispensing organization registered under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act shall maintain an inventory of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products on a monthly basis that is substantially similar in variety and quantity to the products offered at the dispensary during the 6 month period

- 1 immediately before the effective date of this Act.
- 2 (c) Beginning June 30, 2020, the Department of Agriculture
- 3 shall make a quarterly determination whether inventory
- 4 requirements established for dispensaries in subsection (b)
- 5 should be adjusted due to changing patient need.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 7 (410 ILCS 705/60-5)
- 8 Sec. 60-5. Definitions. In this Article:
- 9 "Cannabis" has the meaning given to that term in Article 1
- of this Act, except that, through December 31, 2025, it does
- 11 not include cannabis that is subject to tax under the
- 12 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- "Craft grower" has the meaning given to that term in
- 14 Article 1 of this Act.
- "Cultivation center" has the meaning given to that term in
- 16 Article 1 of this Act. On and after January 1, 2026,
- 17 "cultivation center" includes any cultivation center which,
- prior to January 1, 2026, was a cultivation center as defined
- in the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- "Cultivator" or "taxpayer" means a cultivation center or
- 21 craft grower who is subject to tax under this Article. On and
- 22 after January 1, 2026, "cultivator" includes any cultivator
- which, prior to January 1, 2026, was a cultivator as defined
- under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- 25 "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

- 1 "Director" means the Director of Revenue.
- 2 "Dispensing organization" or "dispensary" has the meaning
- 3 given to that term in Article 1 of this Act.
- 4 "Gross receipts" from the sales of cannabis by a
- 5 cultivator means the total selling price or the amount of such
- 6 sales, as defined in this Article. In the case of charges and
- 7 time sales, the amount thereof shall be included only when
- 8 payments are received by the cultivator.
- 9 "Person" means a natural individual, firm, partnership,
- 10 association, joint stock company, joint adventure, public or
- 11 private corporation, limited liability company, or a receiver,
- 12 executor, trustee, guardian, or other representative appointed
- 13 by order of any court.
- 14 "Infuser" means "infuser organization" or "infuser" as
- defined in Article 1 of this Act.
- 16 "Selling price" or "amount of sale" means the
- 17 consideration for a sale valued in money whether received in
- 18 money or otherwise, including cash, credits, property, and
- 19 services, and shall be determined without any deduction on
- account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of materials
- 21 used, labor or service cost, or any other expense whatsoever,
- 22 but does not include separately stated charges identified on
- 23 the invoice by cultivators to reimburse themselves for their
- tax liability under this Article.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)

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- 1 (410 ILCS 705/60-10)
- 2 Sec. 60-10. Tax imposed.
- (a) Beginning September 1, 2019, a tax is imposed upon the 3 privilege of cultivating cannabis at the rate of 7% of the 4 5 gross receipts from the first sale of cannabis cultivator. The sale of any product that contains any amount 6 of cannabis or any derivative thereof is subject to the tax 7 8 under this Section on the full selling price of the product. 9 The Department may determine the selling price of the cannabis 10 when the seller and purchaser are affiliated persons, when the 11 sale and purchase of cannabis is not an arm's 12 transaction, or when cannabis is transferred by a craft grower to the craft grower's dispensing organization or infuser or 13 14 processing organization and a value is not established for the 15 cannabis. The value determined by the Department shall be 16 commensurate with the actual price received for products of 17 like quality, character, and use in the area. If there are no sales of cannabis of like quality, character, and use in the 18 same area, then the Department shall establish a reasonable 19 value based on sales of products of like quality, character, 20 21 and use in other areas of the State, taking into consideration 22 any other relevant factors.
 - (b) The Cannabis Cultivation Privilege Tax imposed under this Article is solely the responsibility of the cultivator who makes the first sale and is not the responsibility of a subsequent purchaser, a dispensing organization, or an

- 1 infuser. Persons subject to the tax imposed under this Article
- 2 may, however, reimburse themselves for their tax liability
- 3 hereunder by separately stating reimbursement for their tax
- 4 liability as an additional charge.
- 5 (c) The tax imposed under this Article shall be in
- 6 addition to all other occupation, privilege, or excise taxes
- 7 imposed by the State of Illinois or by any unit of local
- 8 government.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 10 (410 ILCS 705/65-5)
- 11 Sec. 65-5. Definitions. In this Article:
- "Adjusted delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol level" means, for a
- delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol dominant product, the sum of the
- 14 percentage of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol plus .877
- multiplied by the percentage of tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.
- "Cannabis" has the meaning given to that term in Article 1
- of this Act, except that through December 31, 2025, it does not
- 18 include cannabis that is subject to tax under the
- 19 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- "Cannabis-infused product" means beverage food, oils,
- 21 ointments, tincture, topical formulation, or another product
- 22 containing cannabis that is not intended to be smoked.
- "Cannabis retailer" means a dispensing organization that
- sells cannabis for use and not for resale.
- 25 "Craft grower" has the meaning given to that term in

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- Article 1 of this Act. 1
- 2 "Department" means the Department of Revenue.
- "Director" means the Director of Revenue. 3
- "Dispensing organization" or "dispensary" has the meaning 5 given to that term in Article 1 of this Act.
- "Person" means a natural individual, firm, partnership, 6 7 association, joint stock company, joint adventure, public or 8 private corporation, limited liability company, or a receiver, 9 executor, trustee, quardian, or other representative appointed by order of any court.
 - "Infuser organization" or "infuser" means a facility operated by an organization or business that is licensed by the Department of Agriculture to directly incorporate cannabis or cannabis concentrate into a product formulation to produce a cannabis-infused product.
 - "Purchase price" means the consideration paid for a purchase of cannabis, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, including cash, gift cards, credits, and property and shall be determined without any deduction on account of the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, or any other expense whatsoever. However, "purchase price" does not include consideration paid for:
- 23 (1) any charge for a payment that is not honored by a 24 financial institution;
- 25 (2) any finance or credit charge, penalty or charge 26 for delayed payment, or discount for prompt payment; and

L	(3) any amounts added to a purchaser's bill because of
2	charges made under the tax imposed by this Article, the
3	Municipal Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Law, the
1	County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax Law, the
5	Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, the Use Tax Act, the
5	Service Occupation Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, or
7	any locally imposed occupation or use tax.

- 8 "Purchaser" means a person who acquires cannabis for a valuable consideration.
- "Qualifying patient" or "qualified patient" means a person
 who has been diagnosed by a certifying health care
 professional as having a debilitating medical condition as
 defined under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis
 Program Act.
- "Taxpayer" means a cannabis retailer who is required to collect the tax imposed under this Article.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 18 (410 ILCS 705/65-10)
- 19 Sec. 65-10. Tax imposed.
- 20 (a) Beginning January 1, 2020, a tax is imposed upon 21 purchasers for the privilege of using cannabis, and not for 22 the purpose of resale, at the following rates:
- 23 (1) Any cannabis, other than a cannabis-infused 24 product, with an adjusted delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol 25 level at or below 35% shall be taxed at a rate of 10% of

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1 the purchase price;

- (2) Any cannabis, other than a cannabis-infused product, with an adjusted delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol level above 35% shall be taxed at a rate of 25% of the purchase price; and
- (3) A cannabis-infused product shall be taxed at a rate of 20% of the purchase price.
 - (b) The purchase of any product that contains any amount of cannabis or any derivative thereof is subject to the tax under subsection (a) of this Section on the full purchase price of the product.
- 12 (c) Through December 31, 2025, the $\frac{1}{2}$ tax imposed under 13 this Section is not imposed on cannabis that is subject to tax 14 under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act. 15 The tax imposed by this Section is not imposed with respect to 16 any transaction in interstate commerce, to the extent the 17 transaction may not, under the Constitution and statutes of the United States, be made the subject of taxation by this 18 19 State. Beginning January 1, 2026, the tax imposed under this 20 Article shall not be imposed on cannabis or cannabis-infused 21 products purchased by a qualified patient, designated 22 caregiver, provisional patient, or Opioid Alternative Patient 23 Program participant when purchasing cannabis or 24 cannabis-infused products under this Act as part of their 25 adequate medical supply as these terms are defined under 26 Section 1-10 of this Act.

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- 1 (d) The tax imposed under this Article shall be in 2 addition to all other occupation, privilege, or excise taxes 3 imposed by the State of Illinois or by any municipal 4 corporation or political subdivision thereof.
 - (e) The tax imposed under this Article shall not be imposed on any purchase by a purchaser if the cannabis retailer is prohibited by federal or State Constitution, treaty, convention, statute, or court decision from collecting the tax from the purchaser.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-593, eff. 12-4-19.)
- 11 (410 ILCS 705/65-30)
 - Sec. 65-30. Return and payment of tax by cannabis retailer. Each cannabis retailer that is required or authorized to collect the tax imposed by this Article shall make a return to the Department, by electronic means, on or before the 20th day of each month for the preceding calendar month stating the following:
 - (1) the cannabis retailer's name;
 - (2) the address of the cannabis retailer's principal place of business and the address of the principal place of business (if that is a different address) from which the cannabis retailer <u>is</u> engaged in the business of selling cannabis subject to tax under this Article;
 - (3) the total purchase price received by the cannabis retailer for cannabis subject to tax under this Article;

- 1 (4) the amount of tax due at each rate;
- 2 (5) the signature of the cannabis retailer; and
- 3 (6) any other information as the Department may 4 reasonably require.

All returns required to be filed and payments required to be made under this Article shall be by electronic means. Cannabis retailers who demonstrate hardship in paying electronically may petition the Department to waive the electronic payment requirement.

Any amount that is required to be shown or reported on any return or other document under this Article shall, if the amount is not a whole-dollar amount, be increased to the nearest whole-dollar amount if the fractional part of a dollar is \$0.50 or more and decreased to the nearest whole-dollar amount if the fractional part of a dollar is less than \$0.50. If a total amount of less than \$1 is payable, refundable, or creditable, the amount shall be disregarded if it is less than \$0.50 and shall be increased to \$1 if it is \$0.50 or more.

The cannabis retailer making the return provided for in this Section shall also pay to the Department, in accordance with this Section, the amount of tax imposed by this Article, less a discount of 1.75%, but not to exceed \$1,000 per return period, which is allowed to reimburse the cannabis retailer for the expenses incurred in keeping records, collecting tax, preparing and filing returns, remitting the tax, and supplying data to the Department upon request. No discount may be

claimed by a cannabis retailer on returns not timely filed and for taxes not timely remitted. No discount may be claimed by a taxpayer for any return that is not filed electronically. No discount may be claimed by a taxpayer for any payment that is not made electronically, unless a waiver has been granted under this Section.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article concerning the time within which a cannabis retailer may file a return, any such cannabis retailer who ceases to engage in the kind of business that makes the person responsible for filing returns under this Article shall file a final return under this Article with the Department within one month after discontinuing the business.

Each cannabis retailer shall make estimated payments to the Department on or before the 7th, 15th, 22nd, and last day of the month during which tax liability to the Department is incurred. The payments shall be in an amount not less than the lower of either 22.5% of the cannabis retailer's actual tax liability for the month or 25% of the cannabis retailer's actual tax liability for the same calendar month of the preceding year. The amount of the quarter-monthly payments shall be credited against the final tax liability of the cannabis retailer's return for that month. If any such quarter-monthly payment is not paid at the time or in the amount required by this Section, then the cannabis retailer shall be liable for penalties and interest on the difference

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between the minimum amount due as a payment and the amount of the quarter-monthly payment actually and timely paid, except insofar as the cannabis retailer has previously made payments for that month to the Department in excess of the minimum payments previously due as provided in this Section.

If any payment provided for in this Section exceeds the taxpayer's liabilities under this Article, as shown on an original monthly return, the Department shall, if requested by the taxpayer, issue to the taxpayer a credit memorandum no later than 30 days after the date of payment. The credit evidenced by the credit memorandum may be assigned by the taxpayer to a similar taxpayer under this Article, accordance with reasonable rules to be prescribed by the Department. If no such request is made, the taxpayer may credit the excess payment against tax liability subsequently to be remitted to the Department under this Article, in accordance with reasonable rules prescribed by the Department. If the Department subsequently determines that all or any part of the credit taken was not actually due to the taxpayer, the taxpayer's discount shall be reduced, if necessary, to reflect the difference between the credit taken and that actually due, and that taxpayer shall be liable for penalties and interest on the difference. If a cannabis retailer fails to sign a return within 30 days after the proper notice and demand for signature by the Department is received by the cannabis retailer, the return shall be considered valid and any amount

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- shown to be due on the return shall be deemed assessed.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 3 (410 ILCS 705/65-38)
- 4 Sec. 65-38. Violations and penalties.
- 5 (a) When the amount due is under \$300, any retailer of 6 cannabis who fails to file a return, willfully fails or 7 refuses to make any payment to the Department of the tax imposed by this Article, or files a fraudulent return, or any 8 9 officer or agent of a corporation engaged in the business of 10 selling cannabis to purchasers located in this State who signs 11 a fraudulent return filed on behalf of the corporation, or any 12 other agent who knowingly enters accountant or 1.3 information on the return of any taxpayer under this Article 14 is guilty of a Class 4 felony.
 - (b) When the amount due is \$300 or more, any retailer of cannabis who files, or causes to be filed, a fraudulent return, or any officer or agent of a corporation engaged in the business of selling cannabis to purchasers located in this State who files or causes to be filed or signs or causes to be signed a fraudulent return filed on behalf of the corporation, or any accountant or other agent who knowingly enters false information on the return of any taxpayer under this Article is guilty of a Class 3 felony.
 - (c) Any person who violates any provision of Section 65-20 $\underline{\text{or}}$ τ fails to keep books and records as required under this

Article, or willfully violates a rule of the Department for the administration and enforcement of this Article is guilty of a Class 4 felony. A person commits a separate offense on each day that he or she engages in business in violation of Section 65-20 or a rule of the Department for the administration and enforcement of this Article. If a person fails to produce the books and records for inspection by the Department upon request, a prima facie presumption shall arise that the person has failed to keep books and records as required under this Article. A person who is unable to rebut this presumption is in violation of this Article and is subject to the penalties provided in this Section.

(d) Any person who violates any provision of Sections 65-20, fails to keep books and records as required under this Article, or willfully violates a rule of the Department for the administration and enforcement of this Article, is guilty of a business offense and may be fined up to \$5,000. If a person fails to produce books and records for inspection by the Department upon request, a prima facie presumption shall arise that the person has failed to keep books and records as required under this Article. A person who is unable to rebut this presumption is in violation of this Article and is subject to the penalties provided in this Section. A person commits a separate offense on each day that he or she engages in business in violation of a rule of the Department for the administration and enforcement of this Article Section 65-20.

- (e) Any taxpayer or agent of a taxpayer who with the intent to defraud purports to make a payment due to the Department by issuing or delivering a check or other order upon a real or fictitious depository for the payment of money, knowing that it will not be paid by the depository, is guilty of a deceptive practice in violation of Section 17-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012.
- (f) Any person who fails to keep books and records or fails to produce books and records for inspection, as required by Section 65-36, is liable to pay to the Department, for deposit in the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund, a penalty of \$1,000 for the first failure to keep books and records or failure to produce books and records for inspection, as required by Section 65-36, and \$3,000 for each subsequent failure to keep books and records or failure to produce books and records for inspection, as required by Section 65-36.
- (g) Any person who knowingly acts as a retailer of cannabis in this State without first having obtained a certificate of registration to do so in compliance with Section 65-20 of this Article shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.
- (h) A person commits the offense of tax evasion under this Article when he or she knowingly attempts in any manner to evade or defeat the tax imposed on him or her or on any other person, or the payment thereof, and he or she commits an affirmative act in furtherance of the evasion. As used in this

Section, "affirmative act in furtherance of the evasion" means an act designed in whole or in part to (i) conceal, misrepresent, falsify, or manipulate any material fact or (ii) tamper with or destroy documents or materials related to a person's tax liability under this Article. Two or more acts of sales tax evasion may be charged as a single count in any indictment, information, or complaint and the amount of tax deficiency may be aggregated for purposes of determining the amount of tax that is attempted to be or is evaded and the period between the first and last acts may be alleged as the date of the offense.

- (1) When the amount of tax, the assessment or payment of which is attempted to be or is evaded is less than \$500, a person is guilty of a Class 4 felony.
- (2) When the amount of tax, the assessment or payment of which is attempted to be or is evaded is \$500 or more but less than \$10,000, a person is guilty of a Class 3 felony.
- (3) When the amount of tax, the assessment or payment of which is attempted to be or is evaded is \$10,000 or more but less than \$100,000, a person is guilty of a Class 2 felony.
- (4) When the amount of tax, the assessment or payment of which is attempted to be or is evaded is \$100,000 or more, a person is guilty of a Class 1 felony.
- Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, installs,

1 transfers, possesses, uses, or accesses any automated sales

2 suppression device, zapper, or phantom-ware in this State is

3 quilty of a Class 3 felony.

As used in this Section:

"Automated sales suppression device" or "zapper" means a software program that falsifies the electronic records of an electronic cash register or other point-of-sale system, including, but not limited to, transaction data and transaction reports. The term includes the software program, any device that carries the software program, or an Internet link to the software program.

"Phantom-ware" means a hidden programming option embedded in the operating system of an electronic cash register or hardwired into an electronic cash register that can be used to create a second set of records or that can eliminate or manipulate transaction records in an electronic cash register.

"Electronic cash register" means a device that keeps a register or supporting documents through the use of an electronic device or computer system designed to record transaction data for the purpose of computing, compiling, or processing retail sales transaction data in any manner.

"Transaction data" includes: items purchased by a purchaser; the price of each item; a taxability determination for each item; a segregated tax amount for each taxed item; the amount of cash or credit tendered; the net amount returned to the customer in change; the date and time of the purchase; the

- 1 name, address, and identification number of the vendor; and
- 2 the receipt or invoice number of the transaction.
- 3 "Transaction report" means a report that documents,
- 4 without limitation, the sales, taxes, or fees collected, media
- 5 totals, and discount voids at an electronic cash register and
- 6 that is printed on a cash register tape at the end of a day or
- 7 shift, or a report that documents every action at an
- 8 electronic cash register and is stored electronically.
- 9 A prosecution for any act in violation of this Section may
- 10 be commenced at any time within 5 years of the commission of
- 11 that act.
- 12 (i) The Department may adopt rules to administer the
- 13 penalties under this Section.
- 14 (j) Any person whose principal place of business is in
- 15 this State and who is charged with a violation under this
- 16 Section shall be tried in the county where his or her principal
- 17 place of business is located unless he or she asserts a right
- 18 to be tried in another venue.
- 19 (k) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h), a
- 20 prosecution for a violation described in this Section may be
- 21 commenced within 3 years after the commission of the act
- 22 constituting the violation.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19.)
- 24 (410 ILCS 705/65-42)
- 25 Sec. 65-42. Seizure and forfeiture. After seizing any

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cannabis as provided in Section 65-41, the Department must hold a hearing and determine whether (i) the retailer was properly registered to sell the cannabis; (ii) the retailer possessed the cannabis in violation of this Act; (iii) the retailer possessed the cannabis in violation of any reasonable rule or regulation adopted by the Department for the enforcement of this Act; or (iv) the tax imposed by Article 60 had been paid on the cannabis at the time of its seizure by the Department. The Department is not required to hold such a hearing if a waiver and consent to forfeiture has been executed by the owner of the cannabis, if the owner is known, and by the person in whose possession the cannabis so taken was found, if that person is known and if that person is not the owner of said cannabis. The Department shall give not less than 20 days' notice of the time and place of the hearing to the owner of the cannabis, if the owner is known, and also to the person in whose possession the cannabis was found, if that person is known and if the person in possession is not the owner of the cannabis. If neither the owner nor the person in possession of the cannabis is known, the Department must cause publication of the time and place of the hearing to be made at least once in each week for 3 weeks successively in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the hearing is to be held.

If, as the result of the hearing, the Department <u>makes any</u> of the findings listed in items (i) through (iv) determines

- 1 that the retailer was not properly registered at the time the 2 cannabis was seized, or upon receipt of a properly executed 3 waiver and consent to forfeiture as provided in this Section, the Department must enter an order declaring the cannabis 4 5 confiscated and forfeited to the State, to be held by the Department for disposal by it as provided in Section 65-43. 6 The Department must give notice of the order to the owner of 7 8 the cannabis, if the owner is known, and also to the person in 9 whose possession the cannabis was found, if that person is 10 known and if the person in possession is not the owner of the 11 cannabis. If neither the owner nor the person in possession of 12 the cannabis is known, the Department must cause publication of the order to be made at least once in each week for 3 weeks 13 14 successively in a newspaper of general circulation in the 15 county where the hearing was held. 16 (Source: P.A. 103-1001, eff. 8-9-24.)
- 17 (410 ILCS 705/20-50 rep.)
- 18 (410 ILCS 705/30-50 rep.)
- 19 Section 45. The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act is amended
- 20 by repealing Sections 20-50 and 30-50.
- 21 Section 50. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
- changing Sections 11-502.1 and 11-502.15 as follows:
- 23 (625 ILCS 5/11-502.1)

- Sec. 11-502.1. Possession of medical cannabis in a motor vehicle.
- 3 (a) No driver, who is a medical cannabis cardholder, may
 4 use medical cannabis within the passenger area of any motor
 5 vehicle upon a highway in this State.
 - (b) No driver, who is a medical cannabis cardholder, medical cannabis provisional patient, an Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, a medical cannabis designated caregiver, medical cannabis cultivation center agent, or dispensing organization agent may possess medical cannabis within any area of any motor vehicle upon a highway in this State except in a secured, sealed or resealable, odor-proof, and child-resistant medical cannabis container that is inaccessible.
 - (c) No passenger, who is a medical cannabis card holder, medical cannabis provisional patient, an Opioid Alternative Patient Program participant, a medical cannabis designated caregiver, or medical cannabis dispensing organization agent may possess medical cannabis within any passenger area of any motor vehicle upon a highway in this State except in a secured, sealed or resealable, odor-proof, and child-resistant medical cannabis container that is inaccessible.
- 23 (d) Any person who violates subsections (a) through (c) of this Section:
 - (1) commits a Class A misdemeanor;
- 26 (2) shall be subject to revocation of his or her

- 1 medical cannabis card for a period of 2 years from the end 2 of the sentence imposed; and
- 3 (3) shall be subject to revocation of his or her 4 status as a <u>designated medical cannabis</u> caregiver, medical 5 cannabis cultivation center agent, or medical cannabis 6 dispensing organization agent for a period of 2 years from 7 the end of the sentence imposed.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 102-98, eff. 7-15-21; 9 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

(625 ILCS 5/11-502.15)

- 11 Sec. 11-502.15. Possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle.
- 13 (a) No driver may use cannabis within the passenger area 14 of any motor vehicle upon a highway in this State.
- 15 (b) No driver may possess cannabis within any area of any
 16 motor vehicle upon a highway in this State except in a secured,
 17 sealed or resealable, odor-proof, child-resistant cannabis
 18 container that is inaccessible.
- 19 (c) No passenger may possess cannabis within any passenger
 20 area of any motor vehicle upon a highway in this State except
 21 in a secured, sealed or resealable, odor-proof,
 22 child-resistant cannabis container that is inaccessible.
- 23 (d) Any person who knowingly violates subsection (a), (b), 24 or (c) of this Section commits a Class A misdemeanor.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 102-98, eff. 7-15-21.)

- 1 Section 55. The Tobacco Accessories and Smoking Herbs
- 2 Control Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:
- 3 (720 ILCS 685/2) (from Ch. 23, par. 2358-2)
- 4 Sec. 2. Purpose. The sale and possession of marijuana,
- 5 hashish, cocaine, opium, and their derivatives, is not only
- 6 prohibited by Illinois Law, but the use of these substances
- 7 has been deemed injurious to the health of the user.
- 8 It has further been determined by the Surgeon General of
- 9 the United States that the use of tobacco is hazardous to human
- 10 health.
- 11 The ready availability of smoking herbs to persons under
- 12 21 years of age could lead to the use of tobacco and illegal
- drugs.
- 14 It is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of
- 15 Illinois to seek to prohibit the spread of illegal drugs,
- tobacco or smoking materials to persons under 21 years of age.
- 17 The prohibition of the sale of tobacco and snuff accessories
- and smoking herbs to persons under 21 years of age would help
- 19 to curb the usage of illegal drugs and tobacco products, among
- 20 our youth.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 101-2, eff. 7-1-19.)
- 22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 23 becoming law.

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