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**Act No. 65 (S.16). Health; Marijuana Registry**

**An act relating to expanding patient access to the Medical Marijuana Registry**

This act makes multiple changes to the Medical Marijuana Registry requirements and regulation of dispensaries, including:

- Adds Crohn’s disease and Parkinson’s disease as debilitating medical conditions that qualify a person for the Registry. Also adds post-traumatic stress disorder, provided the Registry confirms the applicant is undergoing psychotherapy or counseling with a licensed mental health care provider.
- Expands the number of dispensary licenses available from four to five, with a sixth permitted once the number of registered patients reaches 7,000.
- Allows a dispensary to serve patients at two locations under the same license.
- Eliminates the requirement that a dispensary be a nonprofit organization.
- Allows a patient to cultivate marijuana for one other patient.
- Allows a patient to cultivate marijuana and designate a dispensary.
- Clarifies that the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets may possess marijuana and hemp in discharging its duties under State law and directs the Agency to report to the General Assembly on or before October 15, 2017 on issues related to testing and labeling.
- Directs the Department of Public Safety and the Agency of Digital Services to develop an independent web page for the Medical Marijuana Registry.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on June 8, 2017