

Potential Timeline for S.54, An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Senate Proposal to House

August 24, 2020

October 1, 2020 (est.)	Act takes effect
November 1, 2020	Appointment of members to Cannabis Control Board Nominating Committee
December 1, 2020	Nominating Committee sends names to Governor
January 1, 2021	Board members start terms Board hires Executive Director and Administrative Assistant Appointments made to Cannabis Control Board Advisory Committee Board begins to draft rules for cannabis establishments and medical program; develop strategic plan for 2nd- and 3rd-year rollout of cannabis program (positions, budget, etc.); develop proposal for fees
April 1, 2021	Board makes recommendations to the General Assembly regarding resources necessary for implementation of the program for FY22 and 23, including positions and funding; various fees established in the act; land use, environmental, energy, and efficiency requirements or standards for cannabis establishments; whether cannabis product manufacturers should be considered a food manufacturing establishment for purposes of regulation by the Department of Health
On or before June 1, 2021	Board begins formal rulemaking for cannabis establishments and medical program
July 1, 2021	New fees for cannabis establishments take effect

Nov. 15, 2021	Board reports to General Assembly regarding outreach, training and employment programs, online ordering and delivery, and additional types of licenses
Jan. 1, 2021	The cannabis limits set forth for registered cannabis dispensaries is lifted and dispensaries may begin cultivating cannabis and manufacturing cannabis products for transfer or sale to a licensed integrated licensee.
On or before March 1, 2022	Final adoption of rules for cannabis establishments Medical program moves from DPS to the Board; staff positions and money in medical regulation fund transfer; new medical statutes take effect
On or before Apr. 1, 2022	Application period begins for small cultivators, integrated licensees, and testing labs Collection of the first fees to fund the regulatory system
On or before May 1, 2022	Begin issuing licenses for small cultivators, integrated licensees, and testing labs Integrated licensees may begin selling cannabis and cannabis products to the public Application period begins for all cultivators
On or before July 1, 2022	Begin issuing licenses for all cultivators Application period begins for product manufacturers, wholesalers
On or before August 1, 2022	Begin issuing licenses for product manufacturers, wholesalers
On or before Sept. 1, 2022	Application period begins for retailers
On or before Oct. 1, 2022	Begin issuing licenses for retailers

Retailers may begin selling cannabis and cannabis products to the public

On or before Nov. 15, 2023

Auditor of Accounts reports to General Assembly regarding the organizational structure and membership of the Cannabis Control Board