

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

Conference Report

September 15, 2020

October 1, 2020 (est.)	Act takes effect
On or before Nov. 1, 2020	Appointment of members to Cannabis Control Board Nominating Committee
On or before Nov. 4, 2020	Governor sends names of candidates to the Nominating Committee
On or before Dec. 18, 2020	Nominating Committee sends names to the Governor
On or before Jan. 8, 2020	Governor appoints Board members
On or before Jan. 15, 2020	Senate confirms Board members
January 19, 2021	Board members start terms
February, 2021	Board advertises, interviews and hires for Executive Director and Administrative Assistant
Jan. – March	Board develops: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• strategic plan for 2nd- and 3rd-year rollout of cannabis program (positions, budget, etc.)• proposal for license fees• recommended exemptions, specific criteria, or additional requirements under applicable State or local environmental or land use law for cannabis establishments• recommended energy/efficiency requirements or standards for the operation of cannabis establishments• advertising proposal

- recommendation whether cannabis product manufacturers should be considered a food manufacturing establishment for purposes of regulation by the Department of Health

On or before Mar. 1, 2021	The Department of Public Safety makes recommendations to the General Assembly regarding how to achieve geographic equity in utilization of DREs and whether to expand the availability of the DRE program beyond law enforcement officers
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; advertising; and whether cannabis product manufacturers should be considered a food manufacturing establishment for purposes of regulation by the Department of Health
On or before May 1, 2021	Cannabis Control Board appoints member to the Advisory Committee
On or before June 1, 2021	Board begins formal rulemaking for cannabis establishments, medical program, and dispensaries
July 1, 2021	New fees for cannabis establishments take effect
September 1, 2021	Board develops a program to work with the Department of Labor, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Department of Corrections, and the Director of Racial Equity to develop outreach, training, and employment programs focused on providing economic opportunities to individuals who historically have been disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition
On or before Nov. 15, 2021	And on or before each subsequent November 15, the Agency of Education must submit to the General Assembly a plan to fund grant program to start or expand afterschool and summer learning programs
Jan. 15, 2022	Board reports to General Assembly regarding outreach, training and employment programs, online ordering

and delivery, and additional types of licenses

Feb. 1, 2022	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, and dispensaries
March 1, 2022	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 June 1, 2022	Begin issuing licenses for all cultivators
On or before July 1, 2022	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

July 1, 2024

Cannabis Control Board statute sunsets