

Timeline for S.54, An act relating to the regulation of cannabis,  
as currently proposed in HGO amendment, 4/22/19

July 1, 2019	Enactment and Cannabis Control Board created
July 1 – Sept. 1, 2019	Existing medical dispensaries may apply to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for a temporary license to sell cannabis and cannabis products to the public
Sept. 1, 2019	Board members start terms
Oct. 1 – Dec. 1, 2019	DPS issues temporary licenses to dispensaries (maximum of 5 total stores statewide; \$75k per license goes to fund implementation of new licensing system under the Board)
Oct. 15, 2019 (est.)	Board hires Executive Director and Administrative Assistant
Fall 2019	Board begins to draft rules for adult-use, medical, and dispensaries; develops strategic plan for 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year rollout of cannabis program (positions, budget, etc.); develops proposal for fees
Jan. 15, 2020	Board presents fee recommendations, budget request, and any suggested amendments to cannabis law to General Assembly
On or before Mar.1, 2020	Board initiates formal rulemaking for adult-use, medical, and dispensaries
Apr. 1, 2020	Board reports to General Assembly regarding outreach, training and employment programs
July 1, 2020 – Sept. 1, 2021	Dispensaries operating under a temporary license may sell cannabis and cannabis products to the public (retail taxes go to fund implementation of new licensing system under the Board during this period only)
July 1, 2020	New fees for cannabis establishments take effect

Nov. 15, 2020	Board reports to General Assembly regarding online ordering, delivery, and additional types of licenses
On or before Dec. 1, 2020 (est.)	Final adoption of rules for adult-use, medical, and dispensaries
Jan. 1, 2021	New medical registry and dispensary laws take effect and those programs shift from DPS to Board
On or before Feb. 1 – Mar. 3, 2021	Application period for cultivators, testing labs  Collection of the first fees to fund the regulatory system (other than temporary license fees)
On or before Mar. 15, 2021	Begin issuing licenses for cultivators, testing labs  Small cultivators may begin selling to dispensaries
On or before Apr. 1 – May 1, 2021	Application period for product manufacturers, wholesalers
On or before May 15, 2021	Begin issuing licenses for product manufacturers, wholesalers
On or before June 1 – July 1, 2021	Application period for retailers
On or before July 15, 2021	Begin issuing licenses for retailers
Sept. 1, 2021	Licensed cannabis retailers may begin selling cannabis and cannabis products to the public (retail taxes go to prevention special fund and General Fund)  Dispensaries' temporary licenses to sell to the public expire
On or before Nov. 15, 2023	Auditor of Accounts reports to General Assembly regarding the organizational structure and membership of the Cannabis Control Board