

* * * Structure of the Board * * *

7 V.S.A. § 841(c) is amended to read:

(c) Membership.

(1) The Board shall consist of five members who shall be appointed as follows:

(A) one member who shall be appointed by the Governor and who shall have a background in consumer protection;

(B) one member who shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees and who shall have a background in agriculture, horticulture, or plant science;

(C) one member who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House and who shall have a background in social justice and equity issues related to a regulated industry;

(D) one member who shall be appointed by the Treasurer and who shall have a background in business management or corporate structures, including production or distribution in a regulated industry; and

(E) one member who shall be appointed by the Attorney General and who shall have a background in legal or regulatory compliance.

* * * Authority to appoint advisory committee * * *

7 V.S.A. § 841(h) is added to read:

(h) The Board may establish an advisory committee comprised of members with expertise and knowledge relevant to the Board's mission.

* * * Directing Board to report back to General Assembly regarding roll-out of year two * * *

Sec. X. BOARD REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On or before February 1, 2020, the Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Board shall submit to the General Assembly the Board's recommendations for resources necessary for

implementation of this act for fiscal year 2021. The Board shall consider utilization of current expertise and resources within state government and cooperation with other state departments and agencies where there may be an overlap in duties.

* * * Amending PRA provision for cannabis establishments * * *

New 7 V.S.A. § 901 is added to read:

(g)(1) The following records shall be exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be confidential:

(A) Any record in an application for a license relating to security, public safety, transportation or trade secrets.

(B) Any licensee record relating to security, public safety, transportation, trade secrets, or employees.

(2) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 317(e), the Public Records Act exemption created in this subsection shall continue in effect and shall not be repealed through operation of 1 V.S.A. § 317(e).

* * * Amending PRA provision for Medical Cannabis Registry * * *

7 V.S.A. § 952 is amended to read:

(c)(1) Individual names and identifying information about patients and caregivers on the Registry are exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept confidential. Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 317(e), the Public Records Act exemption created in this subsection shall continue in effect and shall not be repealed through operation of 1 V.S.A. § 317(e).

(2) In response to a person-specific or property-specific inquiry by a law enforcement officer or agency made in the course of a bona fide investigation or prosecution, the Board may verify the identities and registered property addresses of the registered patient and the patient's registered caregiver. The law enforcement officer or agency shall keep confidential any identities and addresses received pursuant to this subdivision.

* * * Adding PRA provision for Medical Cannabis Dispensaries * * *

7 V.S.A. § 953(b) is added to read:

(b) All records relating to security, transportation, public safety, employees, and trade secrets in an application for a license and for a licensee under this chapter are exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be confidential. Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 317(e), the Public Records Act exemption created in this subsection shall continue in effect and shall not be repealed through operation of 1 V.S.A. § 317(e).

* * * Prohibiting municipality from circumventing opt-out provision * * *

7 V.S.A. § 863 is amended to read:

§ 863. REGULATION BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a municipality from regulating cannabis establishments within the municipality through local ordinances as set forth in 24 V.S.A. § 2291 or through land use bylaws as set forth in 24 V.S.A. § 4414. A municipality shall not prohibit the operation of a cannabis establishment within the municipality through an ordinance adopted pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2291 or a bylaw adopted pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4414.

(b)(1) A municipality that hosts a cannabis establishment may establish a cannabis control commission, composed of cannabis control commissioners who shall be the members of the municipal legislative body. The commission shall administer municipal permits under this subsection for the cannabis establishments within the municipality.

(2) Prior to beginning operations within a municipality, a cannabis establishment shall obtain any local permit required by that municipality.

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32 V.S.A. § 7902(b) is amended to read:

(b) The cannabis local option tax may be adopted by a municipality that has:

(1) not prohibited the retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products within the municipality pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863(c) or 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291 and 4414; and

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