

Timeline for S.54, An act relating to the regulation of cannabis,  
as currently proposed in HGO amendment, 5/2/19

July 1, 2019	Enactment and Cannabis Control Board created
Sept. 1, 2019	Board members start terms
Oct. 15, 2019 (est.)	Board hires Executive Director and Administrative Assistant
Fall 2019	Board begins to draft rules for cannabis establishments; develops strategic plan for 2nd- and 3rd-year rollout of cannabis program (positions, budget, etc.); develops proposal for fees
On or before Dec. 1, 2019	Initial appointments made to Cannabis Control Board Advisory Committee
Jan. 15, 2020	Board makes recommendations to the General Assembly regarding resources necessary for implementation of the program for FY21 and 22, including positions and funding; various fees established in the act; and land use, environmental, energy, and efficiency requirements or standards for cannabis establishments
On or before Mar.1, 2020	Board initiates formal rulemaking for cannabis establishments  Board makes recommendations to the General Assembly as to whether cannabis product manufacturers should be considered a food manufacturing establishment for purposes of regulation by the Department of Health
July 1, 2020	New fees for cannabis establishments take effect
September 1, 2020	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.

Nov. 15, 2020	Board reports to General Assembly regarding outreach, training and employment programs, online ordering and delivery, and additional types of licenses
On or before Dec. 1, 2020 (est.)	Final adoption of rules for cannabis establishments
On or before Jan 15, 2021	Application period begins for cultivators, integrated licensees Collection of the first fees to fund the regulatory system
On or before Feb. 15, 2021	Begin issuing licenses for cultivators and integrated licensees Integrated licensees may begin selling cannabis and cannabis products to the public Application period begins for testing laboratories
On or before Apr. 1, 2021	Begin issuing licenses for testing laboratories Application period begins for product manufacturers, wholesalers
On or before May 15, 2021	Begin issuing licenses for product manufacturers, wholesalers
On or before June 1, 2021	Application period begins for retailers
On or before July 15, 2021	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