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**Act No. 62 (S.25). Cannabis**

**An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis regulation procedures**

This act makes a number of changes to Act No. 164 of 2020 and establishes new provisions within the medical and adult-use cannabis regulatory system, including:

- adds members to the Cannabis Control Board's (CCB) Advisory Committee
- requires the CCB to report to legislative committees no later than October 1, 2021, regarding recommended fees for activities regulated by the CCB, including eliminated or reduced fees for social equity applicants
- requires the CCB to report to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2021, on whether licensees should be permitted to produce solid concentrate products with greater than 60 percent THC for purposes of incorporation into other cannabis products that otherwise comply with restrictions and whether the CCB should permit hemp or CBD to be converted to Delta-9 THC and, if so, how it should be regulated
- establishes one full-time, exempt General Counsel and one full-time, classified Administrative Assistant position
- establishes advertising restrictions for cannabis establishments and dispensaries
- requires that 25 percent of cannabis flower sold by integrated licensees be obtained from small cultivators between August 1, 2022, and October 1, 2022
- establishes the Cannabis Business Development Fund to provide low-interest rate loans and grants to social equity applicants to pay for ordinary and necessary expenses to start and operate a licensed cannabis establishment
- transfers the Medical Cannabis Registry Program, including positions and funding, from the Department of Public Safety to the CCB as of January 1, 2022
- requires the Vermont Criminal Justice Council to report no later than October 1, 2021, to legislative committees regarding funding for Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on June 7, 2021