

The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL), the Department for Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Vermont Health Access wish to provide comments and amendments to Sec. 13 of the bill, as well as to the DCF and DAIL Registry provisions in Title 33. More specifically,

1. Given the absence of rules governing Adult Protective Services (APS), DAIL seeks to strike the last sentence of 7 V.S.A. § 954(b). Instead, DCF and DAIL propose amendments to 33 V.S.A. § 4919(a) and 33 V.S.A. § 6911(c), respectively, to list the Cannabis Control Board as a recipient of each department's Registry information.
2. DVHA/Medicaid Policy Unit requests that subsection (e) be added to 7 V.S.A. § 954 to make clear that, notwithstanding the authority to register as a caregiver, Medicaid funds may not be used to support a caregiver in the cultivation or distribution of cannabis.

The **proposed amendments** would read as follows:

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(b) The Board shall conduct a name and date of birth Vermont criminal conviction record background check and obtain information from the Child Protection Registry maintained by the Department for Children and Families and from the Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Registry maintained by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (collectively, the Registries) for any person who applies to be a caregiver. ~~The Departments for Children and Families and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall adopt rules governing the process for obtaining information from the Registries and for disseminating and maintaining records of that information under this subsection.~~

(e) Under no circumstances shall Medicaid funds be used to support a caregiver in the cultivation or distribution of cannabis.

33 V.S.A. § 4919(a) is amended to read:

(11) To the Cannabis Control Board, in accordance with the provisions of 7 V.S.A. §954.

33 V.S.A. § 6911(c) is amended to read:

(12) The Cannabis Control Board for the purpose of evaluating an individual's suitability to be a registered caregiver under 7 V.S.A. § 954.