

Sec. \_\_. 7 V.S.A. § 909a is added to read:

§ 909a. CANNABIS SHOWCASE EVENT PERMIT

- (a) A retail cannabis establishment licensed and in good standing with the Board may apply to the Board for a cannabis showcase event permit.
- (b) A permit issued under this section, 909a, shall confer upon the recipient establishment authority to coordinate, oversee, and be the responsible administrator of a single, defined commercial event, held at a defined access-controlled location, for a defined period not to exceed 24 hours, at which cannabis or cannabis products lawfully may be purchased, and possessed by screened participants acting in conformity with terms set out by the Board in the issued permit.
- (c) To be eligible for a cannabis showcase event permit, an applicant retail cannabis establishment must demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction:
  - (1) formal approval to pursue a permit in the proposed location, from the cannabis control commission created by the municipality pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863, if one exists, or from the local legislative body or designee;
  - (2) partnership with a minimum of three licensed cultivators or product manufacturers that are in good standing with the Board and wholly independent of the retail cannabis establishment and its affiliates who will be showcased at the event;
  - (3) a security plan to ensure intoxicated persons or persons under 21 years of age cannot access the space subject to the permit, that the premises are secured from diversion or inversion, and that the premises lawfully may be used for the purpose intended;
  - (4) a product sale plan that describes quantities and types of cannabis and cannabis products that will be offered for sale and explains how they will be transported to the site, monitored, secured, displayed, and sold in conformity with State law and Board rule;
  - (5) actual capacity and intent to administer and enforce and apply the required plans;
  - (6) proof of commercially reasonable insurance for the proposed event; and
  - (7) compliance with such other requirements as the Board may prescribe.
- (d) Deviation from security and sales plans, product tracking and taxation requirements, or permit terms, shall be a violation subject to adverse licensing action consistent with Board rules.
- (e) The Board may adopt rules and forms necessary to implement this section.

Sec. \_\_. 7 V.S.A. § 910 is amended to read:

The following fees shall apply to each person or product licensed by the Board:

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- (12) Cannabis Showcase Event Permit fee. Permittee cannabis establishments shall be assessed a fee of \$XXX to apply for a Cannabis Showcase Event Permit under section 909a

of this chapter, of which fifty percent shall be distributed to the host municipality and fifty percent shall be deposited in the Cannabis Regulation Fund.

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The Cannabis Control Board shall monitor and evaluate events authorized under Section \_\_\_\_ of this Act. The Board shall report to the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs, by January 15, 2026, a concise assessment of the benefits, challenges, and administrative viability of offering cannabis retail sales at events outside the confines of a retail cannabis establishment. The Board may recommend best practices for, among other considerations, security, inventory tracking, tax enforcement, permit administration, local government coordination, and optimizing market access for small cultivators.