

**Bill History**  
**Session Year 2023**  
**Substitute for Raised H.B. No. 6697**

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**Introducer(s):**

General Law Committee

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CANNABIS REGULATION.

**Statement of Purpose:** To: (1) Redefine various terms concerning cannabis and define "high-THC hemp product"; (2) modify various statutes to distinguish between (A) cannabis testing laboratories and other laboratories, and (B) cannabis testing laboratory employees and other laboratory employees; (3) provide that a person who has been convicted of violating a law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of a controlled substance may serve as a caregiver for a qualifying patient; (4) provide that a caregiver may be responsible for the care of more than one qualifying patient if the caregiver has a parental, grandparental, guardianship, conservatorship, spousal or sibling relationship with each qualifying patient; (5) establish statutory license and license renewal fees for cannabis testing laboratories; (6) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to adopt regulations establishing procedures by which cannabis testing laboratories shall accept cannabis from qualifying patients and consumers for testing; (7) provide that persons with access to cannabis establishment applications and related materials may not disclose such applications and materials, subject to certain exceptions; (8) eliminate the requirement that certain appeals taken during the cannabis establishment lottery process be taken in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act; (9) provide that a backer may be removed from a cannabis establishment application selected through the general lottery at any time upon notice to the department, and that any change made to a social equity applicant during the lottery process shall be reviewed and approved by the Social Equity Council before such change is reviewed by the Department of Consumer Protection; (10) specify that equity joint ventures that are retailers or hybrid retailers that share a common cultivator, producer or dispensary facility, or a common cultivator, producer or dispensary facility backer, shall not be located within twenty miles of each other; (11) provide that an equity joint venture that receives written approval from the Social Equity Council shall not be subject to the lottery process for other licensees of the same license type; (12) provide that persons who provide professional services related to the purchase, sale or use of cannabis may advertise cannabis or services related to cannabis in this state; (13) prohibit cannabis advertising by means of any billboard between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock p.m.; (14) provide that certain outdoor cannabis establishment signage may be visible to the public within five hundred feet of an elementary or secondary school ground or a recreation center or facility, child care center, playground, public park or library if such signage meets certain requirements; (15) modify hemp testing requirements and background check requirements; and (16) make technical, conforming and minor changes to statutes concerning cannabis.

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