

New Maine Marijuana Statutes Cheat Sheet

Adult Use Marijuana Act – P.L. 2017 c. 409 (LD 1719)

- Legalizes the use and commercial sale of marijuana for recreational purposes
- Enacted May 2, 2018 as **emergency legislation**
- Completely replaces the citizen-initiated Marijuana Legalization Act
- Establishes state licensing process for adult use marijuana establishments (no social clubs)
- **Default is prohibition** – municipalities must vote to “opt in” to operation of adult use marijuana establishments within the municipality
- State licensing conditioned on municipal approval
- State licensing of adult use marijuana establishments will not begin until at least summer 2019
- Municipalities may regulate adult use marijuana establishments locally
- Municipalities may regulate home cultivation, but may not generally prohibit, zone or license the activity

Medical Marijuana Law Amendments – P.L. 2017 c. 447 (LD 238)

- Amendment to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act (22 M.R.S. 22 M.R.S. §§ 2421-2430-B)
- Enacted July 9, 2018, as **emergency legislation**
- Carve-out of some provisions of LD 1539
- Establishes state registration requirements for medical marijuana products manufacturing
- Expressly recognizes municipal home rule authority to regulate registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, testing facilities and manufacturing facilities, except municipalities cannot prohibit or limit number of caregivers

Medical Marijuana Law Amendments – P.L. 2017 c. 452 (LD 1539)

- Complete overhaul of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act (22 M.R.S. §§ 2421-2430-B)
- Enacted July 9, 2018, **but not yet in effect** - effective date is December 13, 2018
- Authorizes registered caregivers to operate medical marijuana retail stores
- Allows six additional registered dispensaries, eliminates cap on dispensaries after 2021
- Establishes state registration requirements for medical marijuana products manufacturing
- Local code enforcement officers can obtain caregiver registration information from State
- Expressly recognizes municipal home rule authority to regulate registered caregivers, registered caregiver retail stores, registered dispensaries, testing facilities and manufacturing facilities, except municipalities cannot prohibit or limit number of caregivers
- **Default will be prohibition** – After December 13, 2018, municipalities must vote to “opt-in” to operation of registered caregiver retail stores, registered dispensaries, testing facilities, and manufacturing facilities
- Medical marijuana establishments already in operation with municipal approval as of December 13, 2018, will be grandfathered