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AN ACT to amend the public health law, the tax law, the general business law and the penal law, in relation to medical use of marihuana

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature finds that  
2 thousands of New Yorkers have serious medical conditions that can be  
3 improved by medically-approved use of marihuana. The law should not  
4 stand between them and treatment necessary for life and health. This  
5 legislation follows the well-established public policy that a controlled  
6 substance can have a legitimate medical use. Many controlled substances  
7 that are legal for medical use (such as morphine and steroids) are ille-  
8 gal for any other use. The purposes of article 33 of the public health  
9 law include allowing legitimate medical use of controlled substances in  
10 health care, including palliative care. This legislation establishes a  
11 medical model of care which regulates medical marihuana as a recommended  
12 medicine in keeping with recognized medical public health and safety  
13 standards. This policy and this legislation do not in any way diminish  
14 New York state's strong public policy and laws against illegal drug use,  
15 nor should it be deemed in any manner to advocate, authorize, promote,  
16 or legally or socially accept the use of marihuana for children or  
17 adults, for any non-medical use. This legislation is an appropriate  
18 exercise of the state's legislative power to protect the health of its  
19 people under article 17 of the state constitution and the tenth amend-  
20 ment of the United States constitution. Furthermore, the legislature  
21 finds that New York state has a significant and ongoing economic and  
22 non-regulatory interest in the financial viability of organizations that

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 sell marihuana for medical use. The legislature finds that the financial  
 2 viability of such organizations would be greatly diminished and threat-  
 3 ened by labor-management conflict, such as a strike at a facility that  
 4 cultivates marihuana, especially because of the need for enhanced secu-  
 5 rity concerning the products. Replacements during a strike would be  
 6 difficult to arrange and cause delay far more significant than a strike  
 7 elsewhere. Accordingly, the legislature finds that the state has a  
 8 substantial and compelling proprietary interest in this matter, and  
 9 finds that labor peace is essential for any organization to conduct  
 10 business relating to the sale of medical marihuana.

11 It is the legislative intent that this act be implemented consistently  
 12 with these findings and principles, through a reasonable and workable  
 13 system with appropriate oversight; strong "seed to sale" regulation to  
 14 prevent diversion, abuse, and other illegal conduct; reasonable access  
 15 to and appropriate use of medical marihuana by certified patients; eval-  
 16 uation; and continuing research.

17 S 2. Article 33 of the public health law is amended by adding a new  
 18 title 5-A to read as follows:

19 TITLE V-A

20 MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA

- 21 SECTION 3360. DEFINITIONS.  
 22 3361. CERTIFICATION OF PATIENTS.  
 23 3362. LAWFUL MEDICAL USE.  
 24 3363. REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS.  
 25 3364. REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS.  
 26 3365. REGISTERING OF REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS.  
 27 3366. REPORTS BY REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS.  
 28 3367. EVALUATION; RESEARCH PROGRAMS; REPORT BY DEPARTMENT.  
 29 3368. RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.  
 30 3369. PROTECTIONS FOR THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA.  
 31 3369-A. REGULATIONS.  
 32 3369-B. SEVERABILITY.

33 S 3360. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL  
 34 HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY REQUIRES OTHER-  
 35 WISE:

36 1. "CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE" MEANS THE ACQUISITION, POSSESSION, USE,  
 37 DELIVERY, TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, OR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL MARI-  
 38 HUANA BY A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER FOR USE AS PART OF  
 39 THE TREATMENT OF THE PATIENT'S SERIOUS CONDITION SPECIFIED IN A CERTIF-  
 40 ICATION UNDER SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE,  
 41 INCLUDING ENABLING THE PATIENT TO TOLERATE TREATMENT FOR THE SERIOUS  
 42 CONDITION.

43 2. "CARING FOR" MEANS TREATING OR COUNSELING A PATIENT, IN THE COURSE  
 44 OF WHICH THE PRACTITIONER HAS COMPLETED A FULL ASSESSMENT OF THE  
 45 PATIENT'S MEDICAL HISTORY AND CURRENT MEDICAL CONDITION.

46 3. "CERTIFIED PATIENT" MEANS A PATIENT WHO IS CERTIFIED UNDER SECTION  
 47 THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE.

48 4. "CERTIFICATION" MEANS A CERTIFICATION, MADE UNDER SECTION  
 49 THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE.

50 5. "DESIGNATED CAREGIVER" MEANS THE INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY A CERTI-  
 51 FIED PATIENT IN A REGISTRY APPLICATION.

52 6. "PUBLIC PLACE" MEANS A PUBLIC PLACE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 240.00 OF  
 53 THE PENAL LAW, A MOTOR VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWEN-  
 54 TY-FIVE OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, AN AIRCRAFT AS DEFINED IN  
 55 SECTION TWO HUNDRED FORTY OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW OR A VESSEL AS  
 56 DEFINED IN SECTION TWO OF THE NAVIGATION LAW.

1 7. "SERIOUS CONDITION" MEANS A SEVERE DEBILITATING OR LIFE-THREATENING  
2 CONDITION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CANCER, GLAUCOMA, POSITIVE  
3 STATUS FOR HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS OR ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY  
4 SYNDROME, PARKINSON'S DISEASE, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, DAMAGE TO THE NERVOUS  
5 TISSUE OF THE SPINAL CORD WITH OBJECTIVE NEUROLOGICAL INDICATION OF  
6 INTRACTABLE SPASTICITY, EPILEPSY, CACHEXIA, WASTING SYNDROME, CROHN'S  
7 DISEASE, POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, NEUROPATHY, ARTHRITIS, LUPUS,  
8 AND DIABETES, OR A CONDITION ASSOCIATED WITH OR A COMPLICATION OF SUCH A  
9 CONDITION OR ITS TREATMENT SUBJECT TO LIMITATION IN REGULATION OF THE  
10 COMMISSIONER.

11 8. "MEDICAL MARIHUANA" MEANS MARIHUANA AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWEN-  
12 TY-ONE OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE INTENDED FOR  
13 A CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE.

14 9. "REGISTERED ORGANIZATION" MEANS A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION UNDER  
15 SECTIONS THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED  
16 SIXTY-FIVE OF THIS TITLE.

17 10. "REGISTRY APPLICATION" MEANS AN APPLICATION PROPERLY COMPLETED AND  
18 FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT BY A CERTIFIED PATIENT UNDER SECTION  
19 THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THIS TITLE.

20 11. "REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD" MEANS A DOCUMENT THAT IDENTIFIES A  
21 CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER, AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION  
22 THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THIS TITLE.

23 12. "PRACTITIONER" MEANS A PRACTITIONER WHO IS A PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN  
24 ASSISTANT, OR NURSE PRACTITIONER, ACTING WITHIN THE PRACTITIONER'S  
25 LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

26 13. "TERMINALLY ILL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL HAS A MEDICAL PROGNOSIS THAT  
27 THE INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE EXPECTANCY IS APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR OR LESS IF  
28 THE ILLNESS RUNS ITS NORMAL COURSE.

29 14. "LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT" MEANS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN AN ENTITY AND A  
30 LABOR ORGANIZATION THAT, AT A MINIMUM, PROTECTS THE STATE'S PROPRIETARY  
31 INTERESTS BY PROHIBITING LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS FROM ENGAGING  
32 IN PICKETING, WORK STOPPAGES, BOYCOTTS, AND ANY OTHER ECONOMIC INTERFER-  
33 ENCE WITH THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION'S BUSINESS.

34 S 3361. CERTIFICATION OF PATIENTS. 1. A PATIENT CERTIFICATION MAY ONLY  
35 BE ISSUED IF A PRACTITIONER WHO IS CARING FOR THE PATIENT FOR A SERIOUS  
36 CONDITION CERTIFIES THAT: (A) THE PATIENT HAS A SERIOUS CONDITION, WHICH  
37 SHALL BE SPECIFIED IN THE PATIENT'S HEALTH CARE RECORD; (B) THE PATIENT  
38 IS UNDER THE PRACTITIONER'S CARE FOR THE SERIOUS CONDITION; AND (C) IN  
39 THE PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION, THE PATIENT IS LIKELY TO  
40 RECEIVE THERAPEUTIC OR PALLIATIVE BENEFIT FROM THE PRIMARY OR ADJUNCTIVE  
41 TREATMENT WITH MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA FOR THE SERIOUS CONDITION.

42 2. THE CERTIFICATION SHALL BE IN WRITING AND INCLUDE (A) THE NAME,  
43 DATE OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS OF THE PATIENT; (B) A STATEMENT THAT THE  
44 PATIENT HAS A SERIOUS CONDITION; THE PATIENT IS UNDER THE PRACTITIONER'S  
45 CARE FOR THE SERIOUS CONDITION AND, IN THE PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL  
46 OPINION, THE PATIENT IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE THERAPEUTIC OR PALLIATIVE  
47 BENEFIT FROM THE PRIMARY OR ADJUNCTIVE TREATMENT WITH MEDICAL USE OF  
48 MARIHUANA FOR THE SERIOUS CONDITION; (C) THE DATE; AND (D) THE NAME,  
49 ADDRESS, FEDERAL REGISTRATION NUMBER, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND THE HAND-  
50 WRITTEN SIGNATURE OF THE CERTIFYING PRACTITIONER. THE COMMISSIONER MAY  
51 REQUIRE BY REGULATION THAT THE CERTIFICATION SHALL BE ON A FORM PROVIDED  
52 BY THE DEPARTMENT IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS  
53 MAKING CERTIFICATION FORMS ADEQUATELY AVAILABLE. THE PRACTITIONER MAY  
54 STATE IN THE CERTIFICATION THAT, IN THE PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL  
55 OPINION THE PATIENT WOULD BENEFIT FROM MEDICAL MARIHUANA ONLY UNTIL A  
56 SPECIFIED DATE. THE PRACTITIONER MAY STATE IN THE CERTIFICATION THAT, IN

1 THE PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION THE PATIENT IS TERMINALLY ILL  
2 AND THAT THE CERTIFICATION SHALL NOT EXPIRE UNTIL THE PATIENT DIES.

3 3. THE PRACTITIONER SHALL GIVE THE CERTIFICATION TO THE CERTIFIED  
4 PATIENT, AND PLACE A COPY IN THE PATIENT'S HEALTH CARE RECORD.

5 4. NO PRACTITIONER SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION FOR  
6 HIMSELF OR HERSELF.

7 5. A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD BASED ON A CERTIFICATION SHALL  
8 EXPIRE ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE THE CERTIFICATION IS SIGNED BY THE PRAC-  
9 TITIONER; EXCEPT THAT WHERE A CERTIFIED PATIENT HAS A REGISTRY IDENTIFI-  
10 CATION CARD BASED ON A CURRENT VALID CERTIFICATION, A NEW REGISTRY IDEN-  
11 TIFICATION CARD BASED ON A NEW CERTIFICATION SHALL EXPIRE ONE YEAR AFTER  
12 THE EXPIRATION OF THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD BASED ON THE CURRENT  
13 VALID CERTIFICATION. HOWEVER,

14 (A) IF THE PRACTITIONER STATES IN THE CERTIFICATION THAT, IN THE PRAC-  
15 TITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION, THE PATIENT WOULD BENEFIT FROM MEDICAL  
16 MARIHUANA ONLY UNTIL A SPECIFIED EARLIER DATE, THEN THE REGISTRY IDEN-  
17 TIFICATION CARD SHALL EXPIRE ON THAT DATE;

18 (B) IF THE PRACTITIONER STATES IN THE CERTIFICATION THAT IN THE PRAC-  
19 TITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION THE PATIENT IS TERMINALLY ILL AND THAT  
20 THE CERTIFICATION SHALL NOT EXPIRE UNTIL THE PATIENT DIES, THEN THE  
21 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL STATE THAT THE PATIENT IS TERMINALLY  
22 ILL AND THAT THE REGISTRATION CARD SHALL NOT EXPIRE UNTIL THE PATIENT  
23 DIES; AND

24 (C) IF THE PRACTITIONER RE-ISSUES THE CERTIFICATION TO TERMINATE THE  
25 CERTIFICATION ON AN EARLIER DATE, THEN THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD  
26 SHALL EXPIRE ON THAT DATE AND SHALL BE PROMPTLY RETURNED BY THE CERTI-  
27 FIED PATIENT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

28 S 3362. LAWFUL MEDICAL USE. 1. THE POSSESSION, ACQUISITION, USE,  
29 DELIVERY, TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, OR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL MARI-  
30 HUANA BY A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER POSSESSING A VALID  
31 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, FOR CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE, SHALL BE LAWFUL  
32 UNDER THIS TITLE; PROVIDED THAT:

33 (A) THE MARIHUANA THAT MAY BE POSSESSED BY A CERTIFIED PATIENT DOES  
34 NOT EXCEED A TOTAL AGGREGATE WEIGHT OF TWO AND ONE-HALF OUNCES OF MARI-  
35 HUANA; AND

36 (B) THE MARIHUANA THAT MAY BE POSSESSED BY A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER DOES  
37 NOT EXCEED THE QUANTITIES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVI-  
38 SION FOR EACH CERTIFIED PATIENT FOR WHOM THE CAREGIVER POSSESSES A VALID  
39 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, UP TO FIVE CERTIFIED PATIENTS.

40 2. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION:

41 (A) POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA SHALL NOT BE LAWFUL UNDER THIS TITLE IF IT  
42 IS CONSUMED, GROWN OR DISPLAYED IN A PUBLIC PLACE;

43 (B) MEDICAL MARIHUANA MAY NOT BE SMOKED IN ANY PLACE WHERE TOBACCO MAY  
44 NOT BE SMOKED UNDER ARTICLE THIRTEEN-E OF THIS CHAPTER.

45 3. IT SHALL BE LAWFUL UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO GIVE OR DISPOSE OF MARI-  
46 HUANA, OBTAINED UNDER THIS TITLE, FOR CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE, BETWEEN  
47 CERTIFIED PATIENTS AND OTHER CERTIFIED PATIENTS, AND BETWEEN A DESIG-  
48 NATED CAREGIVER AND THE DESIGNATED CAREGIVER'S CERTIFIED PATIENT WHERE  
49 NOTHING OF VALUE IS TRANSFERRED IN RETURN, OR TO OFFER TO DO THE SAME.  
50 THIS PROHIBITION ON TRANSFERRING OR OFFERING TO TRANSFER A THING OF  
51 VALUE SHALL NOT:

52 (A) APPLY TO SALE OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA TO OR BY A REGISTERED ORGANIZA-  
53 TION UNDER THIS ARTICLE; NOR

54 (B) PREVENT A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER FROM BEING REIMBURSED FOR REASON-  
55 ABLE COSTS OR ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CARING FOR A CERTIFIED PATIENT,  
56 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REIMBURSEMENT FOR LEGITIMATE EXPENSES

1 RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA FROM A REGISTERED ORGAN-  
2 IZATION UNDER SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX OF THIS TITLE.

3 S 3363. REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS. 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE  
4 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR CERTIFIED PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED  
5 CAREGIVERS. A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL EXPIRE AS PROVIDED IN  
6 SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE OR AS OTHERWISE  
7 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BEGIN ISSUING REGISTRY  
8 IDENTIFICATION CARDS NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
9 THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY SPECIFY A FORM FOR A REGISTRY APPLICA-  
10 TION, IN WHICH CASE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE FORM ON REQUEST,  
11 REPRODUCTIONS OF THE FORM MAY BE USED, AND THE FORM SHALL BE AVAILABLE  
12 FOR DOWNLOADING FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

13 2. TO OBTAIN, AMEND OR RENEW A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, A CERTI-  
14 FIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER SHALL FILE A REGISTRY APPLICATION  
15 WITH THE DEPARTMENT. THE REGISTRY APPLICATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION  
16 SHALL INCLUDE:

17 (A) IN THE CASE OF A CERTIFIED PATIENT, THE ORIGINAL PATIENT'S CERTIF-  
18 ICATION (A NEW WRITTEN CERTIFICATION SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A RENEWAL  
19 APPLICATION);

20 (B) IN THE CASE OF A CERTIFIED PATIENT,

21 (I) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE PATIENT;

22 (II) THE DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION;

23 (III) IF THE PATIENT HAS A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD BASED ON A  
24 CURRENT VALID CERTIFICATION, THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND  
25 EXPIRATION DATE OF THAT REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD;

26 (IV) THE SPECIFIED DATE UNTIL WHICH THE PATIENT WOULD BENEFIT FROM  
27 MEDICAL MARIHUANA, IF THE CERTIFICATION STATES SUCH A DATE;

28 (V) THE NAME, ADDRESS, FEDERAL REGISTRATION NUMBER, AND TELEPHONE  
29 NUMBER OF THE CERTIFYING PRACTITIONER; AND

30 (VI) OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPART-  
31 MENT;

32 (C) IN THE CASE OF A CERTIFIED PATIENT, IF THE PATIENT DESIGNATES A  
33 DESIGNATED CAREGIVER, THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE DESIG-  
34 NATED CAREGIVER, AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REQUIRED  
35 BY THE DEPARTMENT; A CERTIFIED PATIENT MAY DESIGNATE UP TO TWO DESIG-  
36 NATED CAREGIVERS; EXCEPT THAT A CERTIFIED PATIENT MAY DESIGNATE MORE  
37 THAN TWO CAREGIVERS IF THE ADDITIONAL CAREGIVERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE  
38 CERTIFIED PATIENT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR PHYSICAL HOUSEHOLD;

39 (D) IN THE CASE OF A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER,

40 (I) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE DESIGNATED CAREGIVER;

41 (II) IF THE DESIGNATED CAREGIVER HAS A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD,  
42 THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND EXPIRATION DATE OF THAT REGISTRY  
43 IDENTIFICATION CARD; AND

44 (III) OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPART-  
45 MENT;

46 (E) A STATEMENT THAT A FALSE STATEMENT MADE IN THE APPLICATION IS  
47 PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 210.45 OF THE PENAL LAW;

48 (F) THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE CERTIFIED  
49 PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER, AS THE CASE MAY BE; AND

50 (G) A REASONABLE APPLICATION FEE, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT;  
51 PROVIDED, THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE OR REDUCE THE FEE IN CASES OF  
52 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

53 3. WHERE A CERTIFIED PATIENT IS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN:

54 (A) THE APPLICATION FOR A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL BE MADE  
55 BY AN APPROPRIATE PERSON OVER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE. THE APPLICATION  
56 SHALL STATE FACTS DEMONSTRATING THAT THE PERSON IS APPROPRIATE.

1 (B) THE DESIGNATED CAREGIVER SHALL BE (I) A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN  
2 OF THE CERTIFIED PATIENT, (II) A PERSON DESIGNATED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL  
3 GUARDIAN, OR (III) AN APPROPRIATE PERSON APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT UPON  
4 A SUFFICIENT SHOWING THAT NO PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS APPROPRIATE OR  
5 AVAILABLE.

6 4. NO PERSON MAY BE A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER IF THE PERSON IS UNDER  
7 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE UNLESS A SUFFICIENT SHOWING IS MADE TO THE  
8 DEPARTMENT THAT THE PERSON SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO SERVE AS A DESIGNATED  
9 CAREGIVER.

10 5. NO PERSON MAY BE A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER FOR MORE THAN FIVE CERTI-  
11 FIED PATIENTS AT ONE TIME.

12 6. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SEPARATE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS  
13 FOR CERTIFIED PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF  
14 RECEIVING A COMPLETE APPLICATION UNDER THIS SECTION, UNLESS IT DETER-  
15 MINES THAT THE APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE OR FACIALLY INACCURATE, IN  
16 WHICH CASE IT SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE APPLICANT.

17 7. IF THE APPLICATION OF A CERTIFIED PATIENT DESIGNATES AN INDIVIDUAL  
18 AS A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER WHO IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE A DESIGNATED CARE-  
19 GIVER, THAT PORTION OF THE APPLICATION SHALL BE DENIED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
20 BUT THAT SHALL NOT AFFECT THE APPROVAL OF THE BALANCE OF THE APPLICA-  
21 TION.

22 8. A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL:

23 (A) CONTAIN THE NAME OF THE CERTIFIED PATIENT OR THE DESIGNATED CARE-  
24 GIVER AS THE CASE MAY BE;

25 (B) CONTAIN THE DATE OF ISSUANCE AND EXPIRATION DATE OF THE REGISTRY  
26 IDENTIFICATION CARD;

27 (C) CONTAIN A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR THE CERTIFIED PATIENT  
28 OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER, AS THE CASE MAY BE AND A REGISTRY IDENTIFICA-  
29 TION NUMBER;

30 (D) CONTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE REGISTRY IDEN-  
31 TIFICATION CARD IS BEING ISSUED, WHICH SHALL BE OBTAINED BY THE DEPART-  
32 MENT IN A MANNER SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN REGULATIONS; PROVIDED,  
33 HOWEVER, THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES CERTIFIED PATIENTS TO SUBMIT  
34 PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THIS PURPOSE, THERE SHALL BE A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION  
35 OF CERTIFIED PATIENTS WHO ARE CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES DUE TO THEIR  
36 MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND MAY THEREFORE HAVE DIFFICULTY PROCURING PHOTO-  
37 GRAPHS; AND

38 (E) BE A SECURE DOCUMENT.

39 9. A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A  
40 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGE  
41 IN HIS OR HER NAME OR ADDRESS OR, WITH RESPECT TO THE PATIENT, OR IF HE  
42 OR SHE CEASES TO HAVE THE SERIOUS CONDITION NOTED ON THE CERTIFICATION  
43 WITHIN TEN DAYS OF SUCH CHANGE.

44 10. IF A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER LOSES HIS OR HER  
45 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, HE OR SHE SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT AND  
46 SUBMIT A TEN DOLLAR FEE WITHIN TEN DAYS OF LOSING THE CARD TO MAINTAIN  
47 THE REGISTRATION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH HIGHER FEES FOR ISSUING  
48 A NEW REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT REPLACE-  
49 MENTS FOR A LOST CARD, PROVIDED, THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE OR REDUCE  
50 THE FEE IN CASES OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP. WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER SUCH  
51 NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A NEW REGISTRY  
52 IDENTIFICATION CARD, WHICH MAY CONTAIN A NEW REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION  
53 NUMBER, TO THE CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER, AS THE CASE  
54 MAY BE.

55 11. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A CONFIDENTIAL LIST OF THE PERSONS  
56 TO WHOM IT HAS ISSUED REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS. INDIVIDUAL IDENTI-

1 FILING INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL BE  
2 CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER ARTICLE SIX OF THE PUBLIC  
3 OFFICERS LAW. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SUBDIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOTI-  
4 FY ANY APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF INFORMATION RELATING TO ANY  
5 VIOLATION OR SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

6 12. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL VERIFY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN AN  
7 APPROPRIATE CASE WHETHER A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD IS VALID.

8 13. IF A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER WILLFULLY VIOLATES  
9 ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, HIS OR HER  
10 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD MAY BE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED. THIS IS IN  
11 ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY THAT MAY APPLY.

12 14. (A) REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION DATE. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, THE  
13 "REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION DATE" IS THE DATE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION-  
14 ER WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS READY TO RECEIVE AND EXPEDITIOUSLY ACT ON  
15 APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS UNDER THIS SECTION.

16 (B) ON AND AFTER THE REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION DATE, UPON RECEIPT OF AN  
17 APPLICATION FOR A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
18 SEND TO THE APPLICANT A LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING SUCH RECEIPT. WHILE THE  
19 APPLICATION FOR A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD IS PENDING, A COPY OF THE  
20 REGISTRY APPLICATION, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATION (IN THE  
21 CASE OF A CERTIFIED PATIENT) AND A COPY OF THE LETTER OF RECEIPT FROM  
22 THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL SERVE AS AND HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS A REGISTRY  
23 IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR THE CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER,  
24 PROVIDED THAT A CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION SHALL NOT SERVE AS A VALID  
25 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD AFTER THE INITIAL THIRTY DAY PERIOD UNDER  
26 SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL EXPIRE AND HAVE  
27 NO EFFECT ONE YEAR AFTER THE REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION DATE.

28 15. IF THE DEPARTMENT FAILS TO BEGIN ISSUING REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION  
29 CARDS NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, A  
30 PATIENT'S CERTIFICATION SHALL SERVE AS THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD  
31 FOR BOTH THE PATIENT AND THE PATIENT'S DESIGNATED CAREGIVER.

32 S 3364. REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS. 1. A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL  
33 BE:

34 (A) A FACILITY LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER; OR  
35 (B) A FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION ORGAN-  
36 IZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, POSSESSING, MANUFACTURING, SELLING,  
37 DELIVERING, TRANSPORTING, DISTRIBUTING OR DISPENSING MARIHUANA FOR  
38 CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE.

39 2. THE ACQUIRING, POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, DELIVERY, TRANSPORT-  
40 ING, DISTRIBUTING OR DISPENSING OF MARIHUANA BY A REGISTERED ORGANIZA-  
41 TION UNDER THIS TITLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION  
42 THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE OF THIS TITLE OR A RENEWAL THEREOF SHALL  
43 BE LAWFUL UNDER THIS TITLE. A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION MAY TRANSFER  
44 POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA TO, AND MAY RECOVER POSSESSION OF IT FROM, AN  
45 ENTITY LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED  
46 TWENTY-FOUR OF THIS TITLE FOR PURPOSES OF CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

47 3. (A) A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION MAY LAWFULLY, IN GOOD FAITH, SELL,  
48 DELIVER, DISTRIBUTE OR DISPENSE MEDICAL MARIHUANA TO A CERTIFIED PATIENT  
49 OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER UPON PRESENTATION TO THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION  
50 OF A VALID REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR THAT CERTIFIED PATIENT OR  
51 DESIGNATED CAREGIVER. WHEN PRESENTED WITH THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION  
52 CARD, THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE TO THE CERTIFIED PATIENT  
53 OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER A RECEIPT, WHICH SHALL STATE: THE NAME, ADDRESS,  
54 AND REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION; THE  
55 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE CERTIFIED PATIENT AND THE DESIG-  
56 NATED CAREGIVER (IF ANY); THE DATE THE MARIHUANA WAS SOLD; AND THE QUAN-

1 TITY OF MARIHUANA SOLD. THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL RETAIN A COPY  
2 OF THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD AND THE RECEIPT FOR SIX YEARS.

3 (B) THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT, UNDER  
4 SECTIONS THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED  
5 FORTY-THREE-A OF THIS ARTICLE, THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED  
6 IN THE RECEIPT UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.

7 4. NO REGISTERED ORGANIZATION MAY SELL, DELIVER, DISTRIBUTE OR  
8 DISPENSE TO ANY CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER A QUANTITY OF  
9 MEDICAL MARIHUANA LARGER THAN THAT INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE ALLOWED TO  
10 POSSESS UNDER THIS TITLE.

11 5. WHEN A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SELLS, DELIVERS, DISTRIBUTES OR  
12 DISPENSES MEDICAL MARIHUANA TO A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CARE-  
13 GIVER, IT SHALL PROVIDE TO THAT INDIVIDUAL A SAFETY INSERT, WHICH WILL  
14 BE DEVELOPED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
15 LIMITED TO, INFORMATION ON:

16 (A) METHODS FOR ADMINISTERING MEDICAL MARIHUANA,

17 (B) ANY POTENTIAL DANGERS STEMMING FROM THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA,  
18 AND

19 (C) HOW TO RECOGNIZE WHAT MAY BE PROBLEMATIC USAGE OF MEDICAL MARIHUA-  
20 NA AND OBTAIN APPROPRIATE SERVICES OR TREATMENT FOR PROBLEMATIC USAGE.

21 6. MANUFACTURING OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA BY A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION  
22 SHALL ONLY BE DONE IN AN INDOOR, ENCLOSED, SECURE FACILITY, WHICH MAY  
23 INCLUDE A GREENHOUSE.

24 7. A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL DETERMINE THE QUALITY, SAFETY, AND  
25 CLINICAL STRENGTH OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA MANUFACTURED OR DISPENSED BY THE  
26 REGISTERED ORGANIZATION, AND SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THAT QUALI-  
27 TY, SAFETY AND CLINICAL STRENGTH TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO ANY PERSON OR  
28 ENTITY TO WHICH THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA IS SOLD OR DISPENSED.

29 8. A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A "HEALTH CARE  
30 PROVIDER" FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE TWO-D OF ARTICLE TWO OF THIS CHAP-  
31 TER.

32 9. MEDICAL MARIHUANA SHALL BE DISPENSED TO A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR  
33 DESIGNATED CAREGIVER IN A SEALED AND PROPERLY LABELED PACKAGE.

34 S 3365. REGISTERING OF REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS. 1. APPLICATION FOR  
35 INITIAL REGISTRATION. (A) AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION AS A REGISTERED  
36 ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR OF THIS TITLE  
37 SHALL FURNISH TO THE DEPARTMENT A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH  
38 IT INTENDS TO ENGAGE AS A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION AND ANY INFORMATION  
39 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REASONABLY REQUIRE AND EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT:

40 (I) AND ITS MANAGING OFFICERS ARE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;

41 (II) POSSESSES OR HAS THE RIGHT TO USE SUFFICIENT LAND, BUILDINGS, AND  
42 OTHER PREMISES (WHICH SHALL BE SPECIFIED IN THE APPLICATION) AND EQUIP-  
43 MENT TO PROPERLY CARRY ON THE ACTIVITY DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION;

44 (III) IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE SECURITY AND CONTROL TO PREVENT  
45 DIVERSION, ABUSE, AND OTHER ILLEGAL CONDUCT RELATING TO THE MARIHUANA;

46 (IV) IS ABLE TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
47 RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH IT INTENDS TO ENGAGE UNDER THE  
48 REGISTRATION; AND

49 (V) HAS ENTERED INTO A LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT WITH A BONA-FIDE LABOR  
50 ORGANIZATION THAT IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REPRESENTING OR ATTEMPTING TO  
51 REPRESENT THE APPLICANT'S EMPLOYEES. THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH A LABOR  
52 PEACE AGREEMENT SHALL BE AN ONGOING MATERIAL CONDITION OF CERTIFICATION.

53 (B) THE APPLICATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE APPLICANT'S STATUS UNDER PARA-  
54 GRAPH (A) OR (B) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED  
55 SIXTY-FOUR OF THIS TITLE.



1 (C) THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME, RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND  
2 TITLE OF EACH OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AND THE NAME AND RESIDENCE  
3 ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE APPLICANT. EACH  
4 SUCH PERSON, IF AN INDIVIDUAL, OR LAWFUL REPRESENTATIVE IF A LEGAL ENTI-  
5 TY, SHALL SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT WITH THE APPLICATION SETTING FORTH:

6 (I) ANY POSITION OF MANAGEMENT OR OWNERSHIP DURING THE PRECEDING TEN  
7 YEARS OF A TEN PER CENTUM OR GREATER INTEREST IN ANY OTHER BUSINESS,  
8 LOCATED IN OR OUTSIDE THIS STATE, MANUFACTURING OR DISTRIBUTING DRUGS;

9 (II) WHETHER SUCH PERSON OR ANY SUCH BUSINESS HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A  
10 FELONY OR HAD A REGISTRATION OR LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED IN ANY  
11 ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING; AND

12 (III) SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY REASONABLY  
13 REQUIRE.

14 (D) THE APPLICANT SHALL BE UNDER A CONTINUING DUTY TO REPORT TO THE  
15 DEPARTMENT ANY CHANGE IN FACTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES REFLECTED IN THE APPLI-  
16 CATION OR ANY NEWLY DISCOVERED OR OCCURRING FACT OR CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH  
17 IS REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION.

18 2. GRANTING OF REGISTRATION. (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL GRANT A REGIS-  
19 TRATION OR AMENDMENT TO A REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION IF HE OR SHE  
20 IS SATISFIED THAT:

21 (I) THE APPLICANT WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE CONTROL AGAINST  
22 DIVERSION OF MARIHUANA;

23 (II) THE APPLICANT WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE  
24 LAWS;

25 (III) THE APPLICANT AND ITS OFFICERS ARE READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO  
26 PROPERLY CARRY ON THE MANUFACTURING OR DISTRIBUTING ACTIVITY FOR WHICH A  
27 REGISTRATION IS SOUGHT;

28 (IV) THE APPLICANT POSSESSES OR HAS THE RIGHT TO USE SUFFICIENT LAND,  
29 BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT TO PROPERLY CARRY ON THE ACTIVITY DESCRIBED IN  
30 THE APPLICATION;

31 (V) IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT SUCH REGISTRATION BE GRANTED; IN  
32 THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT UNDER SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE  
33 HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY CONSIDER WHETHER  
34 THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS IN AN AREA WILL BE ADEQUATE OR  
35 EXCESSIVE TO REASONABLY SERVE THE AREA;

36 (VI) THE APPLICANT AND ITS MANAGING OFFICERS ARE OF GOOD MORAL CHARAC-  
37 TER; AND

38 (VII) THE APPLICANT HAS ENTERED INTO A LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT WITH A  
39 BONA-FIDE LABOR ORGANIZATION THAT IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REPRESENTING OR  
40 ATTEMPTING TO REPRESENT THE APPLICANT'S EMPLOYEES.

41 (B) IF THE COMMISSIONER IS NOT SATISFIED THAT THE APPLICANT SHOULD BE  
42 ISSUED A REGISTRATION, HE OR SHE SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT IN WRITING  
43 OF THOSE FACTORS UPON WHICH FURTHER EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED. WITHIN THIRTY  
44 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF SUCH NOTIFICATION, THE APPLICANT MAY SUBMIT ADDI-  
45 TIONAL MATERIAL TO THE COMMISSIONER OR DEMAND A HEARING, OR BOTH.

46 (C) THE FEE FOR A REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE A REASON-  
47 ABLE AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN REGULATIONS; PROVIDED,  
48 HOWEVER, IF THE REGISTRATION IS ISSUED FOR A PERIOD GREATER THAN TWO  
49 YEARS THE FEE SHALL BE INCREASED, PRO RATA, FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH OF  
50 VALIDITY.

51 (D) REGISTRATIONS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY  
52 FOR AND SHALL SPECIFY:

53 (I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION;

54 (II) WHICH ACTIVITIES OF A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION ARE PERMITTED BY  
55 THE REGISTRATION;

1 (III) THE LAND, BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES THAT MAY BE USED FOR THE  
2 PERMITTED ACTIVITIES OF THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION; AND

3 (IV) SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REASONABLY PROVIDE  
4 TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

5 (E) UPON APPLICATION OF A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION, A REGISTRATION MAY  
6 BE AMENDED TO ALLOW THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION TO RELOCATE WITHIN THE  
7 STATE OR TO ADD OR DELETE PERMITTED REGISTERED ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES  
8 OR FACILITIES. THE FEE FOR SUCH AMENDMENT SHALL BE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY  
9 DOLLARS.

10 3. A REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE VALID FOR TWO  
11 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE, EXCEPT THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE  
12 RENEWALS OF SUCH REGISTRATIONS, THE COMMISSIONER MAY UPON THE INITIAL  
13 APPLICATION FOR A REGISTRATION, ISSUE SOME REGISTRATIONS WHICH MAY  
14 REMAIN VALID FOR A PERIOD OF TIME GREATER THAN TWO YEARS BUT NOT EXCEED-  
15 ING AN ADDITIONAL ELEVEN MONTHS.

16 4. APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATIONS. (A) AN APPLICATION FOR  
17 THE RENEWAL OF ANY REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILED  
18 WITH THE DEPARTMENT NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS NOR LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS  
19 PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION THEREOF. A LATE-FILED APPLICATION FOR THE  
20 RENEWAL OF A REGISTRATION MAY, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONER, BE  
21 TREATED AS AN APPLICATION FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE.

22 (B) THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL SHALL INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION  
23 PREPARED IN THE MANNER AND DETAIL AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE,  
24 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

25 (I) ANY MATERIAL CHANGE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OR FACTORS LISTED IN  
26 SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION; AND

27 (II) EVERY KNOWN CHARGE OR INVESTIGATION, PENDING OR CONCLUDED DURING  
28 THE PERIOD OF THE REGISTRATION, BY ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY WITH RESPECT  
29 TO:

30 (A) EACH INCIDENT OR ALLEGED INCIDENT INVOLVING THE THEFT, LOSS, OR  
31 POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF MARIHUANA MANUFACTURED OR DISTRIBUTED BY THE  
32 APPLICANT; AND

33 (B) COMPLIANCE BY THE APPLICANT WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE WITH  
34 RESPECT TO ANY SUBSTANCE LISTED IN SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIX OF  
35 THIS ARTICLE.

36 (C) AN APPLICANT FOR RENEWAL SHALL BE UNDER A CONTINUING DUTY TO  
37 REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY CHANGE IN FACTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES REFLECTED  
38 IN THE APPLICATION OR ANY NEWLY DISCOVERED OR OCCURRING FACT OR CIRCUM-  
39 STANCE WHICH IS REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION.

40 (D) IF THE COMMISSIONER IS NOT SATISFIED THAT THE APPLICANT IS ENTI-  
41 TLED TO A RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION, HE OR SHE SHALL WITHIN FORTY-FIVE  
42 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE APPLICATION SERVE UPON THE APPLICANT OR HIS  
43 OR HER ATTORNEY OF RECORD IN PERSON OR BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL  
44 AN ORDER DIRECTING THE APPLICANT TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HIS OR HER APPLICA-  
45 TION FOR RENEWAL SHOULD NOT BE DENIED. THE ORDER SHALL SPECIFY IN DETAIL  
46 THE RESPECTS IN WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS NOT SATISFIED THE COMMISSIONER  
47 THAT THE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE RENEWED.

48 (E) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF SERVICE OF SUCH ORDER, THE APPLICANT MAY  
49 SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL TO THE COMMISSIONER OR DEMAND A HEARING OR  
50 BOTH. IF A HEARING IS DEMANDED THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FIX A DATE FOR  
51 HEARING NOT SOONER THAN FIFTEEN DAYS NOR LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER  
52 RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND, UNLESS SUCH TIME LIMITATION IS WAIVED BY THE  
53 APPLICANT.

54 5. GRANTING OF RENEWAL OF REGISTRATIONS. (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
55 RENEW A REGISTRATION UNLESS HE OR SHE DETERMINES AND FINDS THAT THE  
56 APPLICANT:

1 (I) IS UNLIKELY TO MAINTAIN OR BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE CONTROL  
2 AGAINST DIVERSION; OR

3 (II) IS UNLIKELY TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATE LAWS APPLICABLE TO THE  
4 ACTIVITIES IN WHICH IT MAY ENGAGE UNDER THE REGISTRATION;

5 (III) IS AN APPLICANT UNDER SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE  
6 HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR OF THIS TITLE, IN WHICH CASE THE COMMISSIONER MAY  
7 CONSIDER WHETHER THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS IN AN AREA IS  
8 ADEQUATE OR EXCESSIVE TO REASONABLY SERVE THE AREA; OR

9 (IV) HAS EITHER VIOLATED OR TERMINATED ITS LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT.

10 (B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, PROOF THAT A REGISTERED ORGANIZA-  
11 TION, DURING THE PERIOD OF ITS REGISTRATION, HAS FAILED TO MAINTAIN  
12 EFFECTIVE CONTROL AGAINST DIVERSION OR HAS KNOWINGLY OR NEGLIGENTLY  
13 FAILED TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAWS RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES  
14 IN WHICH IT ENGAGES UNDER THE REGISTRATION, SHALL CONSTITUTE SUBSTANTIAL  
15 EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT WILL BE UNLIKELY TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE  
16 CONTROL AGAINST DIVERSION OR WILL BE UNLIKELY TO COMPLY WITH THE APPLI-  
17 CABLE STATE STATUTES DURING THE PERIOD OF PROPOSED RENEWAL.

18 6. THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUSPEND OR TERMINATE THE REGISTRATION OF A  
19 REGISTERED ORGANIZATION, ON GROUNDS AND USING PROCEDURES UNDER THIS  
20 ARTICLE RELATING TO A LICENSE, TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH THIS TITLE.  
21 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUSPEND OR TERMINATE THE REGISTRATION IN THE EVENT  
22 THAT A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION VIOLATES OR TERMINATES THE APPLICABLE  
23 LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT. CONDUCT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TITLE, BUT WHICH  
24 MAY VIOLATE CONFLICTING FEDERAL LAW, SHALL NOT BE GROUNDS TO SUSPEND OR  
25 TERMINATE A REGISTRATION.

26 7. A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION IS ENTITLED TO ALL OF THE RIGHTS,  
27 PROTECTIONS, AND PROCEDURES PROVIDED TO A LICENSEE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

28 8. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BEGIN ISSUING REGISTRATIONS FOR REGISTERED  
29 ORGANIZATIONS NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
30 SECTION.

31 9. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF REGIS-  
32 TERED ORGANIZATIONS AND FACILITIES TO PROMOTE REASONABLE ACCESS TO  
33 MEDICAL MARIHUANA IN THE INTEREST OF CERTIFIED PATIENTS AND THE PUBLIC.  
34 DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS AFTER THIS TITLE TAKES EFFECT, THE COMMIS-  
35 SIONER SHALL REGISTER NO MORE THAN TEN REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
36 MANUFACTURE MEDICAL MARIHUANA.

37 S 3366. REPORTS BY REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER  
38 SHALL, BY REGULATION, REQUIRE EACH REGISTERED ORGANIZATION TO FILE  
39 REPORTS BY THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION DURING A PARTICULAR PERIOD. THE  
40 COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE THE INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED AND THE  
41 FORMS, TIME, AND MANNER OF THE REPORTING.

42 2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, BY REGULATION, REQUIRE EACH REGISTERED  
43 ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT AND MAINTAIN SECURITY, TRACKING, RECORD KEEPING,  
44 RECORD RETENTION AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS, RELATING TO ALL MEDICAL MARI-  
45 HUANA AT EVERY STAGE OF ACQUIRING, POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, DELIV-  
46 ERY, TRANSPORTING, DISTRIBUTING, OR DISPENSING BY THE REGISTERED ORGAN-  
47 IZATION, SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER.

48 S 3367. EVALUATION; RESEARCH PROGRAMS; REPORT BY DEPARTMENT. 1. THE  
49 COMMISSIONER MAY PROVIDE FOR THE ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF THE OPERA-  
50 TION OF THIS TITLE. THE COMMISSIONER MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ONE  
51 OR MORE PERSONS, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, FOR  
52 THE PERFORMANCE OF AN EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS  
53 OF THIS TITLE.

54 2. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP, SEEK ANY NECESSARY FEDERAL APPROVAL  
55 FOR, AND CARRY OUT RESEARCH PROGRAMS RELATING TO MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUA-

1 NA. PARTICIPATION IN ANY SUCH RESEARCH PROGRAM SHALL BE VOLUNTARY ON  
2 THE PART OF PRACTITIONERS, PATIENTS, AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS.

3 3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT EVERY TWO YEARS, BEGINNING TWO YEARS  
4 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TITLE, TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLA-  
5 TURE ON THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA UNDER THIS TITLE AND MAKE APPROPRI-  
6 ATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

7 S 3368. RELATION TO OTHER LAWS. 1. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE  
8 SHALL APPLY TO THIS TITLE, EXCEPT THAT WHERE A PROVISION OF THIS TITLE  
9 CONFLICTS WITH ANOTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THIS TITLE SHALL  
10 APPLY.

11 2. NOTHING IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE OR PROHIBIT AN  
12 INSURER OR HEALTH PLAN UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR THE INSURANCE LAW TO  
13 PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL MARIHUANA. NOTHING IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE  
14 CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL MARIHUANA UNDER ARTICLE TWEN-  
15 TY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER OR ARTICLE FIVE OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW.

16 3. A PERSON OR ENTITY SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL OR CIVIL  
17 LIABILITY OR PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR ACTING REASONABLY AND IN GOOD  
18 FAITH PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE.

19 S 3369. PROTECTIONS FOR THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA. 1. CERTIFIED  
20 PATIENTS, DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS, PRACTITIONERS, REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS  
21 AND THE EMPLOYEES OF REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO  
22 ARREST, PROSECUTION, OR PENALTY IN ANY MANNER, OR DENIED ANY RIGHT OR  
23 PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CIVIL PENALTY OR DISCIPLINARY  
24 ACTION BY A BUSINESS OR OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD OR  
25 BUREAU, SOLELY FOR THE CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE OR MANUFACTURE OF MARIHUA-  
26 NA, OR FOR ANY OTHER ACTION OR CONDUCT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE.  
27 STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHALL NOT COOPERATE WITH OR  
28 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY AGENCY  
29 THEREOF IN ENFORCING THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT, 21 U.S.C. S 801 ET.  
30 SEQ., SOLELY FOR ACTIONS AND CONDUCT CONSISTENT WITH THIS TITLE, EXCEPT  
31 AS PURSUANT TO A VALID COURT ORDER.

32 2. INCIDENTAL AMOUNT OF MARIHUANA. ANY INCIDENTAL AMOUNT OF SEEDS,  
33 STALKS, AND UNUSABLE ROOTS SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE AMOUNTS SPECI-  
34 FIED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO OF  
35 THIS TITLE.

36 3. SCHOOL, EMPLOYER, OR LANDLORD MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE. A SCHOOL,  
37 EMPLOYER, OR LANDLORD MAY NOT REFUSE TO ENROLL OR EMPLOY OR LEASE TO OR  
38 OTHERWISE PENALIZE A PERSON SOLELY FOR THAT PERSON'S STATUS AS A CERTI-  
39 FIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER UNLESS FAILING TO DO SO WOULD PUT  
40 THE SCHOOL, EMPLOYER, OR LANDLORD IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW OR CAUSE  
41 IT TO LOSE A FEDERAL CONTRACT OR FUNDING.

42 4. PERSON MAY NOT BE DENIED MEDICAL CARE, INCLUDING ORGAN TRANSPLANT.  
43 FOR THE PURPOSES OF MEDICAL CARE, INCLUDING ORGAN TRANSPLANTS, A  
44 PATIENT'S MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE THE USE OF AN  
45 ILLICIT SUBSTANCE AND MAY ONLY BE CONSIDERED WITH RESPECT TO  
46 EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL CRITERIA.

47 5. PERSON MAY NOT BE DENIED CUSTODY OR VISITATION OF MINOR. A PERSON  
48 SHALL NOT BE DENIED CUSTODY OR VISITATION OF A MINOR FOR ACTING IN  
49 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE UNLESS THE PERSON'S BEHAVIOR IS SUCH THAT IT  
50 CREATES AN UNREASONABLE DANGER TO THE MINOR THAT CAN BE CLEARLY ARTIC-  
51 ULATED AND SUBSTANTIATED.

52 6. EFFECT OF REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY ANOTHER JURISDIC-  
53 TION. A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, THAT IS ISSUED  
54 UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE, DISTRICT, TERRITORY, COMMONWEALTH, OR  
55 POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT ALLOWS THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA  
56 HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED

1 BY THE DEPARTMENT, SO LONG AS THE VISITING PATIENT'S CONDITION IS A  
2 SERIOUS CONDITION, AS ATTESTED TO IN WRITING BY A PRACTITIONER. WHERE A  
3 REGISTERED ORGANIZATION DISPENSES MEDICAL MARIHUANA TO A PATIENT UNDER  
4 THIS SUBDIVISION, A COPY OF THE ATTESTATION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE  
5 REGISTERED ORGANIZATION.

6 S 3369-A. REGULATIONS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE REGULATIONS TO  
7 IMPLEMENT THIS TITLE.

8 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT  
9 AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA (THE "ADVISORY COMMIT-  
10 TEE") TO ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER ON MAKING REGULATIONS UNDER THIS TITLE  
11 AND ON ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS TITLE AS THE  
12 COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE. THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND  
13 ANY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ("SUBCOMMITTEE") SHALL BE  
14 APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: HEALTH  
15 CARE PRACTITIONERS, PATIENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF PATIENTS WITH SERIOUS  
16 CONDITIONS, EXPERTS IN THE REGULATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FOR  
17 MEDICAL USE, MEDICAL MARIHUANA INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AND LAW ENFORCE-  
18 MENT. THE COMMISSIONER MAY ALSO FORM SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE ADVISORY  
19 COMMITTEE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE  
20 COMMISSIONER ON CLINICAL MATTERS RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIHUANA, THE  
21 MEMBERS OF WHICH SHALL PREDOMINANTLY BE CLINICAL PROFESSIONALS IN APPRO-  
22 PRIATE AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND SHALL ALSO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF  
23 PATIENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. MEMBERS OF A SUBCOMMITTEE NEED NOT BE  
24 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR  
25 A SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSIONER. MEMBERS  
26 OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR A SUBCOMMITTEE MAY RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT BY  
27 THE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED AS  
28 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR A SUBCOMMITTEE. A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
29 MAY BE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR A SUBCOMMITTEE.

30 S 3369-B. SEVERABILITY. IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR THE APPLICA-  
31 TION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, SUCH INVA-  
32 LIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT OTHER PROVISIONS OR APPLICATIONS OF THIS TITLE  
33 WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION,  
34 AND TO THIS END THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE ARE SEVERABLE.

35 S 3. Section 3343-a of the public health law is amended by adding a  
36 new subdivision 8-a to read as follows:

37 8-A. MEDICAL MARIHUANA. AS USED IN ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE  
38 RELATING TO THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM REGISTRY, THE FOLLOWING  
39 TERMS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN RELATION TO MEDICAL MARIHUANA, IN  
40 ADDITION TO THE MEANING EACH TERM WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE:

41 (A) "PRESCRIPTION," "PRESCRIBE," AND "PRESCRIBER," INCLUDE, RESPEC-  
42 TIVELY, A CERTIFICATION, THE ISSUING OF A CERTIFICATION, AND A PRACTI-  
43 TIONER UNDER TITLE FIVE-A OF THIS ARTICLE.

44 (B) "PHARMACY" INCLUDES A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION THAT IS AUTHORIZED  
45 TO DISPENSE MEDICAL MARIHUANA UNDER TITLE FIVE-A OF THIS ARTICLE;  
46 PROVIDED THAT A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT A FACILITY LICENSED  
47 UNDER ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER OR A PHARMACY UNDER ARTICLE  
48 ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN OF THE EDUCATION LAW SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO  
49 CONSULT THE REGISTRY OR ACCESS PATIENT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM THE  
50 REGISTRY, INCLUDING UNDER SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION AND SUBDIVI-  
51 SION TWO OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE,  
52 BUT SHALL REPORT INFORMATION TO THE REGISTRY, INCLUDING UNDER SUBDIVI-  
53 SION FOUR OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE OF THIS ARTICLE.

54 (C) "PATIENT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION," IN RELATION TO MEDICAL MARIHUANA,  
55 SHALL NOT INCLUDE INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN A CERTIF-  
56 ICATION UNDER TITLE FIVE-A OF THIS ARTICLE.

1 (D) "CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE" INCLUDES MEDICAL MARIHUANA, REGARDLESS OF  
2 WHETHER THE PROVISION IN WHICH THE TERM IS FOUND IS LIMITED TO SCHEDULES  
3 OTHER THAN SCHEDULE I OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIX OF THIS ARTI-  
4 CLE.

5 (E) "MEDICAL MARIHUANA" MEANS MEDICAL MARIHUANA UNDER TITLE FIVE-A OF  
6 THIS ARTICLE.

7 S 4. The tax law is amended by adding a new article 20-B to read as  
8 follows:

9 ARTICLE 20-B

10 TAX ON MEDICAL MARIHUANA

11 SECTION 490. EXCISE TAX ON MEDICAL MARIHUANA.

12 S 490. EXCISE TAX ON MEDICAL MARIHUANA. 1. ALL DEFINITIONS OF TERMS  
13 APPLICABLE TO TITLE FIVE-A OF ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
14 LAW SHALL APPLY TO THIS ARTICLE.

15 2. THERE IS HEREBY LEVIED AND IMPOSED ON REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS AN  
16 EXCISE TAX ON ALL MEDICAL MARIHUANA SOLD TO ANOTHER REGISTERED ORGANIZA-  
17 TION OR TO A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER. THE EXCISE TAX  
18 SHALL BE AT THE FOLLOWING RATES:

19 (A) FOR MEDICAL MARIHUANA MANUFACTURED BY A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION:  
20 ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR EACH POUND OR PART THEREOF OF  
21 MEDICAL MARIHUANA MANUFACTURED BY THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION.

22 (B) FOR MEDICAL MARIHUANA DISPENSED TO A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIG-  
23 NATED CAREGIVER: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR EACH POUND OR PART  
24 THEREOF OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA DISPENSED; PROVIDED THAT IF THE MEDICAL  
25 MARIHUANA UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH WAS OBTAINED BY THE REGISTERED ORGANIZA-  
26 TION FROM AN ENTITY THAT DID NOT PAY AN EXCISE TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO THAT  
27 MEDICAL MARIHUANA UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THEN THE TAX  
28 UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

29 3. TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
30 BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA WAS MANUFAC-  
31 TURED (IN THE CASE OF REVENUE RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVI-  
32 SION TWO OF THIS SECTION) OR DISPENSED (IN THE CASE OF REVENUE RECEIVED  
33 UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION). FOR PURPOSES OF  
34 THE PREVIOUS SENTENCE, THE CITY OF NEW YORK SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A  
35 COUNTY. TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
36 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY OR TOWN IN WHICH THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA  
37 WAS MANUFACTURED (IN THE CASE OF REVENUE RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF  
38 SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION) OR DISPENSED (IN THE CASE OF REVENUE  
39 RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION). FIVE  
40 PERCENT OF THE REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED  
41 TO THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL  
42 USE THAT REVENUE FOR ADDITIONAL DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, COUNSELING AND  
43 TREATMENT SERVICES.

44 4. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE.

45 S 5. Section 853 of the general business law is amended by adding a  
46 new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

47 3. THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY SALE, FURNISHING OR POSSESSION  
48 WHICH IS FOR A LAWFUL PURPOSE UNDER TITLE FIVE-A OF ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE  
49 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW.

50 S 6. Section 221.00 of the penal law, as added by chapter 360 of the  
51 laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

52 S 221.00 Marihuana; definitions.

53 Unless the context in which they are used clearly otherwise requires,  
54 the terms occurring in this article shall have the same meaning ascribed  
55 to them in article two hundred twenty of this chapter. ANY ACT THAT IS

1   LAWFUL UNDER TITLE FIVE-A OF ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE OF THE   PUBLIC HEALTH  
2   LAW IS NOT A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

3       S 7. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-  
4   ment to section 3343-a of the public health law made by section three of  
5   this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as  
6   section 2 of part A of chapter 447 of the laws of 2012, as amended,  
7   takes effect.