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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

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

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1 New York state's strong public policy and laws against illegal drug use,
 2 nor should it be deemed in any manner to advocate, authorize, promote,
 3 or legally or socially accept the use of marihuana for children or
 4 adults, for any non-medical use. This legislation is an appropriate
 5 exercise of the state's legislative power to protect the health of its
 6 people under article 17 of the state constitution and the tenth amend-
 7 ment of the United States constitution. Furthermore, the legislature
 8 finds that New York state has a significant and ongoing economic and
 9 non-regulatory interest in the financial viability of organizations that
 10 sell marihuana for medical use. The legislature finds that the financial
 11 viability of such organizations would be greatly diminished and threat-
 12 ened by labor-management conflict, such as a strike at a facility that
 13 cultivates marihuana, especially because of the need for enhanced secu-
 14 rity concerning the products. Replacements during a strike would be
 15 difficult to arrange and cause delay far more significant than a strike
 16 elsewhere. Accordingly, the legislature finds that the state has a
 17 substantial and compelling proprietary interest in this matter, and
 18 finds that labor peace is essential for any organization to conduct
 19 business relating to the sale of medical marihuana.

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

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

28 TITLE V-A

29 MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA

30 SECTION 3360. DEFINITIONS.
 31 3361. CERTIFICATION OF PATIENTS.
 32 3362. LAWFUL MEDICAL USE.
 33 3363. REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS.
 34 3364. REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS.
 35 3365. REGISTERING OF REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS.
 36 3366. REPORTS BY REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS.
 37 3367. EVALUATION; RESEARCH PROGRAMS; REPORT BY DEPARTMENT.
 38 3368. RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.
 39 3369. PROTECTIONS FOR THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA.
 40 3369-A. REGULATIONS.
 41 3369-B. SEVERABILITY.

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

45 1. "CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE" MEANS THE ACQUISITION, POSSESSION, USE,
 46 DELIVERY, TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, OR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL MARI-
 47 HUANA BY A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER FOR USE AS PART OF
 48 THE TREATMENT OF THE PATIENT'S SERIOUS CONDITION SPECIFIED IN A CERTIF-
 49 ICATION UNDER SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE,
 50 INCLUDING ENABLING THE PATIENT TO TOLERATE TREATMENT FOR THE SERIOUS
 51 CONDITION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 9. "REGISTERED ORGANIZATION" MEANS A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION UNDER
24 SECTIONS THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED
25 SIXTY-FIVE OF THIS TITLE.

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

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

32 12. "PRACTITIONER" MEANS A PRACTITIONER WHO IS A PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN
33 ASSISTANT, OR NURSE PRACTITIONER, ACTING WITHIN THE PRACTITIONER'S
34 LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

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

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

43 S 3361. CERTIFICATION OF PATIENTS. 1. A PATIENT CERTIFICATION MAY ONLY
44 BE ISSUED IF A PRACTITIONER WHO IS CARING FOR THE PATIENT FOR A SERIOUS
45 CONDITION CERTIFIES THAT: (A) THE PATIENT HAS A SERIOUS CONDITION, WHICH
46 SHALL BE SPECIFIED IN THE PATIENT'S HEALTH CARE RECORD; (B) THE PATIENT
47 IS UNDER THE PRACTITIONER'S CARE FOR THE SERIOUS CONDITION; AND (C) IN
48 THE PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION, THE PATIENT IS LIKELY TO
49 RECEIVE THERAPEUTIC OR PALLIATIVE BENEFIT FROM THE PRIMARY OR ADJUNCTIVE
50 TREATMENT WITH MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA FOR THE SERIOUS CONDITION.

51 2. THE CERTIFICATION SHALL BE IN WRITING AND INCLUDE (A) THE NAME,
52 DATE OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS OF THE PATIENT; (B) A STATEMENT THAT THE
53 PATIENT HAS A SERIOUS CONDITION; THE PATIENT IS UNDER THE PRACTITIONER'S
54 CARE FOR THE SERIOUS CONDITION AND, IN THE PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL
55 OPINION, THE PATIENT IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE THERAPEUTIC OR PALLIATIVE
56 BENEFIT FROM THE PRIMARY OR ADJUNCTIVE TREATMENT WITH MEDICAL USE OF

1 MARIHUANA FOR THE SERIOUS CONDITION; (C) THE DATE; AND (D) THE NAME,
2 ADDRESS, FEDERAL REGISTRATION NUMBER, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND THE HAND-
3 WRITTEN SIGNATURE OF THE CERTIFYING PRACTITIONER. THE COMMISSIONER MAY
4 REQUIRE BY REGULATION THAT THE CERTIFICATION SHALL BE ON A FORM PROVIDED
5 BY THE DEPARTMENT IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS
6 MAKING CERTIFICATION FORMS ADEQUATELY AVAILABLE. THE PRACTITIONER MAY
7 STATE IN THE CERTIFICATION THAT, IN THE PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL
8 OPINION THE PATIENT WOULD BENEFIT FROM MEDICAL MARIHUANA ONLY UNTIL A
9 SPECIFIED DATE. THE PRACTITIONER MAY STATE IN THE CERTIFICATION THAT, IN
10 THE PRACTITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION THE PATIENT IS TERMINALLY ILL
11 AND THAT THE CERTIFICATION SHALL NOT EXPIRE UNTIL THE PATIENT DIES.

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

14 4. NO PRACTITIONER SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION FOR
15 HIMSELF OR HERSELF.

16 5. A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD BASED ON A CERTIFICATION SHALL
17 EXPIRE ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE THE CERTIFICATION IS SIGNED BY THE PRAC-
18 TITIONER; EXCEPT THAT WHERE A CERTIFIED PATIENT HAS A REGISTRY IDENTIFI-
19 CATION CARD BASED ON A CURRENT VALID CERTIFICATION, A NEW REGISTRY IDEN-
20 TIFICATION CARD BASED ON A NEW CERTIFICATION SHALL EXPIRE ONE YEAR AFTER
21 THE EXPIRATION OF THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD BASED ON THE CURRENT
22 VALID CERTIFICATION. HOWEVER,

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

27 (B) IF THE PRACTITIONER STATES IN THE CERTIFICATION THAT IN THE PRAC-
28 TITIONER'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION THE PATIENT IS TERMINALLY ILL AND THAT
29 THE CERTIFICATION SHALL NOT EXPIRE UNTIL THE PATIENT DIES, THEN THE
30 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL STATE THAT THE PATIENT IS TERMINALLY
31 ILL AND THAT THE REGISTRATION CARD SHALL NOT EXPIRE UNTIL THE PATIENT
32 DIES; AND

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

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

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

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

49 2. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION:

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

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

54 3. IT SHALL BE LAWFUL UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO GIVE OR DISPOSE OF MARI-
55 HUANA, OBTAINED UNDER THIS TITLE, FOR CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE, BETWEEN
56 CERTIFIED PATIENTS AND OTHER CERTIFIED PATIENTS, AND BETWEEN A DESIG-

1 NATED CAREGIVER AND THE DESIGNATED CAREGIVER'S CERTIFIED PATIENT WHERE
2 NOTHING OF VALUE IS TRANSFERRED IN RETURN, OR TO OFFER TO DO THE SAME.
3 THIS PROHIBITION ON TRANSFERRING OR OFFERING TO TRANSFER A THING OF
4 VALUE SHALL NOT:

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

7 (B) PREVENT A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER FROM BEING REIMBURSED FOR REASON-
8 ABLE COSTS OR ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CARING FOR A CERTIFIED PATIENT,
9 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REIMBURSEMENT FOR LEGITIMATE EXPENSES
10 RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA FROM A REGISTERED ORGAN-
11 IZATION UNDER SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX OF THIS TITLE.

12 S 3363. REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS. 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE
13 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR CERTIFIED PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED
14 CAREGIVERS. A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL EXPIRE AS PROVIDED IN
15 SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE OR AS OTHERWISE
16 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BEGIN ISSUING REGISTRY
17 IDENTIFICATION CARDS NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
18 THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY SPECIFY A FORM FOR A REGISTRY APPLICA-
19 TION, IN WHICH CASE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE FORM ON REQUEST,
20 REPRODUCTIONS OF THE FORM MAY BE USED, AND THE FORM SHALL BE AVAILABLE
21 FOR DOWNLOADING FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

22 2. TO OBTAIN, AMEND OR RENEW A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, A CERTI-
23 FIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER SHALL FILE A REGISTRY APPLICATION
24 WITH THE DEPARTMENT. THE REGISTRY APPLICATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION
25 SHALL INCLUDE:

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

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

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

31 (II) THE DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION;

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

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

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

39 (VI) OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPART-
40 MENT;

41 (C) IN THE CASE OF A CERTIFIED PATIENT, IF THE PATIENT DESIGNATES A
42 DESIGNATED CAREGIVER, THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE DESIG-
43 NATED CAREGIVER, AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REQUIRED
44 BY THE DEPARTMENT; A CERTIFIED PATIENT MAY DESIGNATE UP TO TWO DESIG-
45 NATED CAREGIVERS; EXCEPT THAT A CERTIFIED PATIENT MAY DESIGNATE MORE
46 THAN TWO CAREGIVERS IF THE ADDITIONAL CAREGIVERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE
47 CERTIFIED PATIENT'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR PHYSICAL HOUSEHOLD;

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

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

50 (II) IF THE DESIGNATED CAREGIVER HAS A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD,
51 THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND EXPIRATION DATE OF THAT REGISTRY
52 IDENTIFICATION CARD; AND

53 (III) OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPART-
54 MENT;

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

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

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

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

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

10 (B) THE DESIGNATED CAREGIVER SHALL BE (I) A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
11 OF THE CERTIFIED PATIENT, (II) A PERSON DESIGNATED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL
12 GUARDIAN, OR (III) AN APPROPRIATE PERSON APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT UPON
13 A SUFFICIENT SHOWING THAT NO PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS APPROPRIATE OR
14 AVAILABLE.

15 4. NO PERSON MAY BE A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER IF THE PERSON IS UNDER
16 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE UNLESS A SUFFICIENT SHOWING IS MADE TO THE
17 DEPARTMENT THAT THE PERSON SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO SERVE AS A DESIGNATED
18 CAREGIVER.

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

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

26 7. IF THE APPLICATION OF A CERTIFIED PATIENT DESIGNATES AN INDIVIDUAL
27 AS A DESIGNATED CAREGIVER WHO IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE A DESIGNATED CARE-
28 GIVER, THAT PORTION OF THE APPLICATION SHALL BE DENIED BY THE DEPARTMENT
29 BUT THAT SHALL NOT AFFECT THE APPROVAL OF THE BALANCE OF THE APPLICA-
30 TION.

31 8. A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL:

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

34 (B) CONTAIN THE DATE OF ISSUANCE AND EXPIRATION DATE OF THE REGISTRY
35 IDENTIFICATION CARD;

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

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

47 (E) BE A SECURE DOCUMENT.

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

53 10. IF A CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER LOSES HIS OR HER
54 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, HE OR SHE SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT AND
55 SUBMIT A TEN DOLLAR FEE WITHIN TEN DAYS OF LOSING THE CARD TO MAINTAIN
56 THE REGISTRATION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH HIGHER FEES FOR ISSUING

1 A NEW REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT REPLACE-
2 MENTS FOR A LOST CARD, PROVIDED, THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE OR REDUCE
3 THE FEE IN CASES OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP. WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER SUCH
4 NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A NEW REGISTRY
5 IDENTIFICATION CARD, WHICH MAY CONTAIN A NEW REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION
6 NUMBER, TO THE CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER, AS THE CASE
7 MAY BE.

8 11. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A CONFIDENTIAL LIST OF THE PERSONS
9 TO WHOM IT HAS ISSUED REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS. INDIVIDUAL IDENTI-
10 FYING INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL BE
11 CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER ARTICLE SIX OF THE PUBLIC
12 OFFICERS LAW. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SUBDIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOTI-
13 FY ANY APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF INFORMATION RELATING TO ANY
14 VIOLATION OR SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

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

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

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

25 (B) ON AND AFTER THE REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION DATE, UPON RECEIPT OF AN
26 APPLICATION FOR A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
27 SEND TO THE APPLICANT A LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING SUCH RECEIPT. WHILE THE
28 APPLICATION FOR A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD IS PENDING, A COPY OF THE
29 REGISTRY APPLICATION, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATION (IN THE
30 CASE OF A CERTIFIED PATIENT) AND A COPY OF THE LETTER OF RECEIPT FROM
31 THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL SERVE AS AND HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS A REGISTRY
32 IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR THE CERTIFIED PATIENT OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER,
33 PROVIDED THAT A CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION SHALL NOT SERVE AS A VALID
34 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD AFTER THE INITIAL THIRTY DAY PERIOD UNDER
35 SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL EXPIRE AND HAVE
36 NO EFFECT ONE YEAR AFTER THE REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION DATE.

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

41 S 3364. REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS. 1. A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL
42 BE:

43 (A) A FACILITY LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER; OR

44 (B) A FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION ORGAN-
45 IZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, POSSESSING, MANUFACTURING, SELLING,
46 DELIVERING, TRANSPORTING, DISTRIBUTING OR DISPENSING MARIHUANA FOR
47 CERTIFIED MEDICAL USE.

48 2. THE ACQUIRING, POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, DELIVERY, TRANSPORT-
49 ING, DISTRIBUTING OR DISPENSING OF MARIHUANA BY A REGISTERED ORGANIZA-
50 TION UNDER THIS TITLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION
51 THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE OF THIS TITLE OR A RENEWAL THEREOF SHALL
52 BE LAWFUL UNDER THIS TITLE. A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION MAY TRANSFER
53 POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA TO, AND MAY RECOVER POSSESSION OF IT FROM, AN
54 ENTITY LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED
55 TWENTY-FOUR OF THIS TITLE FOR PURPOSES OF CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

1 3. (A) A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION MAY LAWFULLY, IN GOOD FAITH, SELL,
2 DELIVER, DISTRIBUTE OR DISPENSE MEDICAL MARIHUANA TO A CERTIFIED PATIENT
3 OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER UPON PRESENTATION TO THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION
4 OF A VALID REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR THAT CERTIFIED PATIENT OR
5 DESIGNATED CAREGIVER. WHEN PRESENTED WITH THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION
6 CARD, THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE TO THE CERTIFIED PATIENT
7 OR DESIGNATED CAREGIVER A RECEIPT, WHICH SHALL STATE: THE NAME, ADDRESS,
8 AND REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION; THE
9 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE CERTIFIED PATIENT AND THE DESIG-
10 NATED CAREGIVER (IF ANY); THE DATE THE MARIHUANA WAS SOLD; AND THE QUAN-
11 TITY OF MARIHUANA SOLD. THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL RETAIN A COPY
12 OF THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD AND THE RECEIPT FOR SIX YEARS.

13 (B) THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT, UNDER
14 SECTIONS THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED
15 FORTY-THREE-A OF THIS ARTICLE, THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED
16 IN THE RECEIPT UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.

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

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

26 (A) METHODS FOR ADMINISTERING MEDICAL MARIHUANA,

27 (B) ANY POTENTIAL DANGERS STEMMING FROM THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA,
28 AND

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

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

34 7. A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION SHALL DETERMINE THE QUALITY, SAFETY, AND
35 CLINICAL STRENGTH OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA MANUFACTURED OR DISPENSED BY THE
36 REGISTERED ORGANIZATION, AND SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THAT QUALI-
37 TY, SAFETY AND CLINICAL STRENGTH TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO ANY PERSON OR
38 ENTITY TO WHICH THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA IS SOLD OR DISPENSED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (III) SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY REASONABLY
23 REQUIRE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (II) WHICH ACTIVITIES OF A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION ARE PERMITTED BY
10 THE REGISTRATION;

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

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

15 (E) UPON APPLICATION OF A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION, A REGISTRATION MAY
16 BE AMENDED TO ALLOW THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION TO RELOCATE WITHIN THE
17 STATE OR TO ADD OR DELETE PERMITTED REGISTERED ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES
18 OR FACILITIES. THE FEE FOR SUCH AMENDMENT SHALL BE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY
19 DOLLARS.

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

26 4. APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATIONS. (A) AN APPLICATION FOR
27 THE RENEWAL OF ANY REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILED
28 WITH THE DEPARTMENT NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS NOR LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS
29 PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION THEREOF. A LATE-FILED APPLICATION FOR THE
30 RENEWAL OF A REGISTRATION MAY, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONER, BE
31 TREATED AS AN APPLICATION FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE.

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

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

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

40 (A) EACH INCIDENT OR ALLEGED INCIDENT INVOLVING THE THEFT, LOSS, OR
41 POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF MARIHUANA MANUFACTURED OR DISTRIBUTED BY THE
42 APPLICANT; AND

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

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

50 (D) IF THE COMMISSIONER IS NOT SATISFIED THAT THE APPLICANT IS ENTI-
51 TLED TO A RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION, HE OR SHE SHALL WITHIN FORTY-FIVE
52 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE APPLICATION SERVE UPON THE APPLICANT OR HIS
53 OR HER ATTORNEY OF RECORD IN PERSON OR BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL
54 AN ORDER DIRECTING THE APPLICANT TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HIS OR HER APPLICA-
55 TION FOR RENEWAL SHOULD NOT BE DENIED. THE ORDER SHALL SPECIFY IN DETAIL

1 THE RESPECTS IN WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS NOT SATISFIED THE COMMISSIONER
2 THAT THE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE RENEWED.

3 (E) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF SERVICE OF SUCH ORDER, THE APPLICANT MAY
4 SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL TO THE COMMISSIONER OR DEMAND A HEARING OR
5 BOTH. IF A HEARING IS DEMANDED THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FIX A DATE FOR
6 HEARING NOT SOONER THAN FIFTEEN DAYS NOR LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER
7 RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND, UNLESS SUCH TIME LIMITATION IS WAIVED BY THE
8 APPLICANT.

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

12 (I) IS UNLIKELY TO MAINTAIN OR BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE CONTROL
13 AGAINST DIVERSION; OR

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

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

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

21 (B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, PROOF THAT A REGISTERED ORGANIZA-
22 TION, DURING THE PERIOD OF ITS REGISTRATION, HAS FAILED TO MAINTAIN
23 EFFECTIVE CONTROL AGAINST DIVERSION OR HAS KNOWINGLY OR NEGLIGENTLY
24 FAILED TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAWS RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES
25 IN WHICH IT ENGAGES UNDER THE REGISTRATION, SHALL CONSTITUTE SUBSTANTIAL
26 EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT WILL BE UNLIKELY TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE
27 CONTROL AGAINST DIVERSION OR WILL BE UNLIKELY TO COMPLY WITH THE APPLI-
28 CABLE STATE STATUTES DURING THE PERIOD OF PROPOSED RENEWAL.

29 6. THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUSPEND OR TERMINATE THE REGISTRATION OF A
30 REGISTERED ORGANIZATION, ON GROUNDS AND USING PROCEDURES UNDER THIS
31 ARTICLE RELATING TO A LICENSE, TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH THIS TITLE.
32 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUSPEND OR TERMINATE THE REGISTRATION IN THE EVENT
33 THAT A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION VIOLATES OR TERMINATES THE APPLICABLE
34 LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT. CONDUCT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TITLE, BUT WHICH
35 MAY VIOLATE CONFLICTING FEDERAL LAW, SHALL NOT BE GROUNDS TO SUSPEND OR
36 TERMINATE A REGISTRATION.

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

39 8. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BEGIN ISSUING REGISTRATIONS FOR REGISTERED
40 ORGANIZATIONS NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
41 SECTION.

42 9. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF REGIS-
43 TERED ORGANIZATIONS AND FACILITIES TO PROMOTE REASONABLE ACCESS TO
44 MEDICAL MARIHUANA IN THE INTEREST OF CERTIFIED PATIENTS AND THE PUBLIC.
45 DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS AFTER THIS TITLE TAKES EFFECT, THE COMMIS-
46 SIONER SHALL REGISTER NO MORE THAN TEN REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS THAT
47 MANUFACTURE MEDICAL MARIHUANA.

48 S 3366. REPORTS BY REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER
49 SHALL, BY REGULATION, REQUIRE EACH REGISTERED ORGANIZATION TO FILE
50 REPORTS BY THE REGISTERED ORGANIZATION DURING A PARTICULAR PERIOD. THE
51 COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE THE INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED AND THE
52 FORMS, TIME, AND MANNER OF THE REPORTING.

53 2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, BY REGULATION, REQUIRE EACH REGISTERED
54 ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT AND MAINTAIN SECURITY, TRACKING, RECORD KEEPING,
55 RECORD RETENTION AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS, RELATING TO ALL MEDICAL MARI-
56 HUANA AT EVERY STAGE OF ACQUIRING, POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, DELIV-

1 ERY, TRANSPORTING, DISTRIBUTING, OR DISPENSING BY THE REGISTERED ORGAN-
2 IZATION, SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER.

3 S 3367. EVALUATION; RESEARCH PROGRAMS; REPORT BY DEPARTMENT. 1. THE
4 COMMISSIONER MAY PROVIDE FOR THE ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF THE OPERA-
5 TION OF THIS TITLE. THE COMMISSIONER MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ONE
6 OR MORE PERSONS, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, FOR
7 THE PERFORMANCE OF AN EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS
8 OF THIS TITLE.

9 2. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP, SEEK ANY NECESSARY FEDERAL APPROVAL
10 FOR, AND CARRY OUT RESEARCH PROGRAMS RELATING TO MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUA-
11 NA. PARTICIPATION IN ANY SUCH RESEARCH PROGRAM SHALL BE VOLUNTARY ON
12 THE PART OF PRACTITIONERS, PATIENTS, AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS.

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

17 S 3368. RELATION TO OTHER LAWS. 1. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE
18 SHALL APPLY TO THIS TITLE, EXCEPT THAT WHERE A PROVISION OF THIS TITLE
19 CONFLICTS WITH ANOTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THIS TITLE SHALL
20 APPLY.

21 2. NOTHING IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE OR PROHIBIT AN
22 INSURER OR HEALTH PLAN UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR THE INSURANCE LAW TO
23 PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL MARIHUANA. NOTHING IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE
24 CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL MARIHUANA UNDER ARTICLE TWEN-
25 TY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER OR ARTICLE FIVE OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW.

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 6. EFFECT OF REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY ANOTHER JURISDIC-
7 TION. A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, THAT IS ISSUED
8 UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE, DISTRICT, TERRITORY, COMMONWEALTH, OR
9 POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT ALLOWS THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIHUANA
10 HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED
11 BY THE DEPARTMENT, SO LONG AS THE VISITING PATIENT'S CONDITION IS A
12 SERIOUS CONDITION, AS ATTESTED TO IN WRITING BY A PRACTITIONER. WHERE A
13 REGISTERED ORGANIZATION DISPENSES MEDICAL MARIHUANA TO A PATIENT UNDER
14 THIS SUBDIVISION, A COPY OF THE ATTESTATION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE
15 REGISTERED ORGANIZATION.

16 S 3369-A. REGULATIONS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE REGULATIONS TO
17 IMPLEMENT THIS TITLE.

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

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

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

47 8-A. MEDICAL MARIHUANA. AS USED IN ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE
48 RELATING TO THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM REGISTRY, THE FOLLOWING
49 TERMS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN RELATION TO MEDICAL MARIHUANA, IN
50 ADDITION TO THE MEANING EACH TERM WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE:

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

54 (B) "PHARMACY" INCLUDES A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION THAT IS AUTHORIZED
55 TO DISPENSE MEDICAL MARIHUANA UNDER TITLE FIVE-A OF THIS ARTICLE;
56 PROVIDED THAT A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT A FACILITY LICENSED

1 UNDER ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER OR A PHARMACY UNDER ARTICLE
2 ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN OF THE EDUCATION LAW SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO
3 CONSULT THE REGISTRY OR ACCESS PATIENT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM THE
4 REGISTRY, INCLUDING UNDER SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION AND SUBDIVI-
5 SION TWO OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE,
6 BUT SHALL REPORT INFORMATION TO THE REGISTRY, INCLUDING UNDER SUBDIVI-
7 SION FOUR OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

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

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

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

19 ARTICLE 20-B

20 TAX ON MEDICAL MARIHUANA

21 SECTION 490. EXCISE TAX ON MEDICAL MARIHUANA.

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

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

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

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

39 3. TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
40 BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA WAS MANUFAC-
41 TURED (IN THE CASE OF REVENUE RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVI-
42 SION TWO OF THIS SECTION) OR DISPENSED (IN THE CASE OF REVENUE RECEIVED
43 UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION). FOR PURPOSES OF
44 THE PREVIOUS SENTENCE, THE CITY OF NEW YORK SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A
45 COUNTY. TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT
46 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY OR TOWN IN WHICH THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA
47 WAS MANUFACTURED (IN THE CASE OF REVENUE RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF
48 SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION) OR DISPENSED (IN THE CASE OF REVENUE
49 RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION). FIVE
50 PERCENT OF THE REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED
51 TO THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL
52 USE THAT REVENUE FOR ADDITIONAL DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, COUNSELING AND
53 TREATMENT SERVICES.

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

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

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

4 S 6. Section 221.00 of the penal law, as added by chapter 360 of the
5 laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:
6 S 221.00 Marihuana; definitions.

7 Unless the context in which they are used clearly otherwise requires,
8 the terms occurring in this article shall have the same meaning ascribed
9 to them in article two hundred twenty of this chapter. ANY ACT THAT IS
10 LAWFUL UNDER TITLE FIVE-A OF ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
11 LAW IS NOT A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

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