STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 19, 2023

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the cannabis law, in relation to extending certain authorizations to minimally process and distribute cannabis products

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 68-c of the cannabis law, as added by chapter 18 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

6. A conditional adult-use cultivator licensee shall have the temporary authority to minimally process and distribute cannabis products, provided that such final products shall be in the form of cannabis flower, without holding an adult-use processor or distributor license established pursuant to sections sixty-nine and seventy-one of this article; provided that the licensee complies with all requirements for the processing and distribution of cannabis products as set out by the board in regulations or in the terms and conditions of the conditional license. Such authority to minimally process and distribute cannabis products expires on June first, two thousand [~~twenty-three~~] twenty-four. After June first, two thousand [~~twenty-three~~] twenty-four, any conditional adult-use cultivator seeking to process and distribute cannabis products shall be required to apply for and receive a processor and distributor license to conduct this activity.

§ 2. Subdivision 6 of section 69-a of the cannabis law, as added by chapter 18 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

6. A conditional adult-use processor licensee shall have the authority to distribute cannabis products without holding an adult-use distributor license established pursuant to section seventy-one of this article until June first, two thousand [~~twenty-three~~] twenty-four, provided that the licensee complies with all requirements for the distribution of cannabis products as set out by the office. After June first, two thou-

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

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sand [~~twenty-three~~] **twenty-four**, any conditional processor seeking to distribute cannabis products shall be required to apply for and receive a distributor license to conduct this activity.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 6 of section 68-c and subdivision 6 of section 69-a of the cannabis law made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect the expiration of such sections and shall be deemed to repeal therewith.