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Introduced by M. of A. LUPARDO, PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the cannabis law, in relation to authorizing conditional adult-use cultivator licensees to sell their own cannabis products and authorizing the office of cannabis management to create a loan or grant program to help such adult-use cultivator licensees to process cannabis into distillate

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "cannabis
2 crop rescue act".

3 § 2. Legislative findings. Chapter 18 of the laws of 2022 created the
4 conditional adult-use cultivator license. Due to a variety of circum-
5 stances beyond the control of New York's cannabis farmers, many licen-
6 sees cannot afford to process their cannabis or sell their finished
7 products. As a result, their 2022 crops are losing value while in stor-
8 age due to diminished potency, color and aroma. Without sales, many are
9 unable to plant a crop for the upcoming growing season, and are in
10 severe financial stress.

11 § 3. Section 68-c of the cannabis law is amended by adding two new
12 subdivisions 16 and 17 to read as follows:

13 16. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a conditional
14 adult-use cultivator licensee shall be authorized to sell their own or
15 another conditional adult-use cultivator licensee holder's cannabis
16 products directly to consumers until no later than September thirtieth,
17 two thousand twenty-three. Such authority shall allow for on-farm sales
18 of tested, packaged and sealed products. The office is authorized to
19 issue emergency regulations, if necessary, to implement this subdivi-
20 sion.

21 17. The office is authorized to create a loan or grant program for the
22 purpose of having any cannabis grown under a conditional adult-use

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

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1 cultivator license prior to September thirtieth, two thousand twenty-
2 three processed into distillate. The end-product of such processing
3 shall be returned to the licensee for future use.

4 § 4. A conditional adult-use cultivator licensee may select to operate
5 under subdivisions 16 and 17 of section 68-c of the cannabis law until
6 September 30, 2023.

7 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
8 the amendments to section 68-c of the cannabis law made by section three
9 of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be
10 deemed repealed therewith.