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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the cannabis law, in relation to the cannabis control board and the cannabis advisory board

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 7 of the cannabis law are  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3 1. The cannabis control board is hereby created and shall consist of a  
4 chairperson nominated by the governor and with the advice and consent of  
5 the senate, with one vote, and [~~four~~] six other voting board members as  
6 provided for in subdivision two of this section.  
7 2. Appointments. In addition to the chairperson, the governor shall  
8 have [~~two~~] four direct appointments to the board, and the temporary  
9 president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly shall each have  
10 one direct appointment to the board. Appointments shall be for a term of  
11 three years each and should, to the extent possible, be geographically  
12 and demographically representative of the state and communities histor-  
13 ically affected by the war on drugs. Board members shall be citizens and  
14 permanent residents of this state. The chairperson and the remaining  
15 members of such board shall continue to serve as chairperson and members  
16 of the board until the expiration of the respective terms for which they  
17 were appointed. Upon the expiration of such respective terms the succes-  
18 sors of such chairperson and members shall be appointed to serve for a  
19 term of three years each and until their successors have been appointed  
20 and qualified. The members, except for the chairperson, shall when  
21 performing the work of the board, be compensated at a rate of two  
22 hundred sixty dollars per day, and together with an allowance for actual  
23 and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The  
24 chairperson shall receive an annual salary not to exceed an amount  
25 appropriated therefor by the legislature, and their expenses actually

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

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1 and necessarily incurred in the performance of their official duties,  
2 unless otherwise provided by the legislature. No member or member's  
3 spouse or minor child shall have any interest in an entity regulated by  
4 the board.

5 § 2. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 14 of the cannabis law are  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 2. The state cannabis advisory board shall consist of [~~thirteen~~] nine-  
8 teen voting appointed members, along with a representative from the  
9 department of environmental conservation, the department of agriculture  
10 and markets, the office of children and family services, the department  
11 of labor, the department of health, the division of housing and communi-  
12 ty renewal, the office of addiction services and supports, and the  
13 department of education, serving as non-voting ex-officio members. The  
14 governor shall have [~~seven~~] eleven appointments, the temporary president  
15 of the senate and the speaker of the assembly shall each have [~~three~~]  
16 four appointments to the board. The members shall be appointed to each  
17 serve three year terms and in the event of a vacancy, the vacancy shall  
18 be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the remainder of  
19 the term. The appointed members and representatives shall receive no  
20 compensation for their services but shall be allowed their actual and  
21 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as board  
22 members.

23 3. Advisory board members shall have statewide geographic represen-  
24 tation that is balanced and diverse in its composition. Appointed  
25 members shall have an expertise in public and behavioral health,  
26 substance use disorder treatment, effective rehabilitative treatment for  
27 adults and juveniles, homelessness and housing, economic development,  
28 environmental conservation, job training and placement, criminal  
29 justice, and drug policy. Further, the advisory board shall include  
30 residents from communities most impacted by cannabis prohibition, one  
31 retail licensee, one processor licensee, one representative of organized  
32 labor, one microbusiness licensee, one distributor licensee, one service  
33 disabled veteran licensee, one cultivator licensee, one registered  
34 organization licensee, people with prior drug convictions, the formerly  
35 incarcerated, and representatives from the farming industry, cannabis  
36 industry, and organizations serving communities impacted by past federal  
37 and state drug policies.

38 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.