

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 special provisions applying to applications for an adult-use retail dispensary license in a city having a population of one million people or more

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

1 Section 1. The cannabis law is amended by adding a new section 61-a to
2 read as follows:

3 § 61-a. Special provisions applying to applications for an adult-use
4 retail dispensary license in a city having a population of one million
5 people or more. In making the decision to approve or deny an adult-use
6 retail dispensary license in a city having a population of one million
7 people or more, the cannabis control board shall:

8 1. Review the five most recent years of relevant New York police
9 department crime statistics from the precinct wherein the premises of
10 the proposed dispensary is located.

11 2. Review and treat as binding the finding of any resolution passed by
12 the community board wherein the premises of the proposed dispensary is
13 located.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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