
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 329D-6(d),
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, restricts Hawaii medical cannabis
3 dispensaries from employing an individual if the person was
4 convicted of a felony. This appears unduly restrictive, as
5 other states that have legalized medical cannabis dispensaries
6 allow the employment of felons unless convicted for a limited
7 set of offenses. Section 329D-6(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
8 does not provide the opportunity for any exceptions based on the
9 nature of the individual's felony record.

10 The purpose of this Act is to specify certain felonies and
11 conditions that will preclude employment, and other felonies
12 that may preclude employment, at medical cannabis dispensaries,
13 rather than make ineligible for employment all individuals who
14 have been convicted of any felony at any time.

15 SECTION 2. Section 329D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:



"(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
including but not limited to sections 378-2 and 378-2.5, [no
~~dispensary shall employ a person convicted of a felony.]~~
dispensaries:

(1) Shall deny employment to any individual who has been:

(A) Convicted of a class A or class B felony; or

(B) Convicted of a class C felony involving

trafficking, distributing, or promoting a

schedule I or II drug other than cannabis within

the last ten years; and

(2) May deny employment to any individual who has been
convicted of a class C felony involving:

(A) Fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, embezzlement,
or theft; or

(B) Endangering the welfare of a minor.

Employment under this chapter shall be exempt from section
378-2(a)(1), as it relates to arrest and court record
discrimination, and section 378-2.5."

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
begun before its effective date.



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Medical Cannabis Dispensaries; Employees; Employment; Felony

Description:

Specifies certain felonies and conditions that will preclude employment, and other felonies and conditions that may preclude employment, at a medical cannabis dispensary. Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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