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State Announces Selection of Six Medical Marijuana Dispensary Facilities *Facilities will dispense to certified patients and caregivers*

HARTFORD, April 3 – Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Commissioner William M. Rubenstein announced today the names and locations of the first six dispensary facilities that will be authorized by the state's Medical Marijuana Program. These are the facilities that may legally dispense Connecticut-produced marijuana products to seriously ill patients who have been certified by their physicians as potentially benefiting from the use of medical marijuana, and who have registered with the state's Medical Marijuana Program.

"With the selection of dispensary facilities, all necessary pieces of the medical marijuana program are in place and we are poised to provide patients with a safe and secure source of needed medicine," Commissioner Rubenstein said. "As retail points from which products are dispensed and educational materials are provided to patients, the dispensary facilities will be the public face of Connecticut's medical marijuana program, and therefore, careful thought and deliberation went into selection of the most qualified applicants."

Like the four producers that were awarded licenses in January, the six dispensary facilities were chosen through a competitive process, from 27 applicants that responded to a Request for Applications in November 2013. Each applicant was required to provide detailed information, including the applicant's qualifications and experience, a business plan identifying the products and services it will offer, security features, and plans to provide benefits to the local community.

The selected dispensary facilities are:

Arrow Alternative Care, Inc.	92 Weston Street Hartford, CT
Bluepoint Apothecary, LLC	469 East Main Street Branford, CT
D & B Wellness, LLC	2181 Main Street Bridgeport, CT
Prime Wellness of Connecticut, LLC	75 John Fitch Boulevard South Windsor, CT
Thames Valley Apothecary, LLC	1100 Norwich-New London Turnpike (Route 32) Uncasville, CT
The Healing Corner, Inc.	159 East Main Street Bristol, CT

The selected dispensary facilities will be eligible to receive their licenses upon payment of the \$5,000 license fee and submission of certain final documentation, which must occur within 30 days. The facilities will then begin construction, as needed, hire and train staff, and develop educational programs and materials. All are expected to be ready to open and serve patients by the time marijuana products are

available from licensed producers sometime this summer.

Today's announcement is another milestone in the implementation of Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 420f, which provides for the palliative use of marijuana for patients suffering from one of 11 specific debilitating illnesses, whose doctors believe that such treatment is appropriate.

Connecticut's is the first state medical marijuana program based on the pharmaceutical/ medical model -- from physician certification, to production facilities operating as pharmaceutical manufacturers, to dispensing to patients by licensed pharmacists.

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Public Act No. 12-55

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) As used in sections 1 to 16, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Cultivation" includes planting, propagating, cultivating, growing and harvesting;

(2) "Debilitating medical condition" means (A) cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity, epilepsy, cachexia, wasting syndrome, Crohn's disease, posttraumatic stress disorder, or (B) any medical condition, medical treatment or disease approved by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to regulations adopted under section 14 of this act;

(3) "Licensed dispensary" or "dispensary" means a person licensed as a dispensary pursuant to section 9 of this act;

(4) "Licensed producer" or "producer" means a person licensed as a producer pursuant to section 10 of this act;

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(5) "Marijuana" means marijuana, as defined in section 21a-240 of the general statutes;

(6) "Palliative use" means the acquisition, distribution, transfer, possession, use or transportation of marijuana or paraphernalia relating to marijuana, including the transfer of marijuana and paraphernalia relating to marijuana from the patient's primary caregiver to the qualifying patient, to alleviate a qualifying patient's symptoms of a debilitating medical condition or the effects of such symptoms, but does not include any such use of marijuana by any person other than the qualifying patient;

(7) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in section 21a-240 of the general statutes;

(8) "Physician" means a person who is licensed under chapter 370 of the general statutes, but does not include a physician assistant, as defined in section 20-12a of the general statutes;

(9) "Primary caregiver" means a person, other than the qualifying patient and the qualifying patient's physician, who is eighteen years of age or older and has agreed to undertake responsibility for managing the well-being of the qualifying patient with respect to the palliative use of marijuana, provided (A) in the case of a qualifying patient lacking legal capacity, such person shall be a parent, guardian or person having legal custody of such qualifying patient, and (B) the need for such person shall be evaluated by the qualifying patient's physician and such need shall be documented in the written certification;

(10) "Qualifying patient" means a person who is eighteen years of age or older, is a resident of Connecticut and has been diagnosed by a physician as having a debilitating medical condition. "Qualifying patient" does not include an inmate confined in a correctional

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institution or facility under the supervision of the Department of Correction;

(11) "Usable marijuana" means the dried leaves and flowers of the marijuana plant, and any mixtures or preparations of such leaves and flowers, that are appropriate for the palliative use of marijuana, but does not include the seeds, stalks and roots of the marijuana plant; and

(12) "Written certification" means a written certification issued by a physician pursuant to section 4 of this act.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) A qualifying patient shall register with the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 5 of this act prior to engaging in the palliative use of marijuana. A qualifying patient who has a valid registration certificate from the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 5 of this act and complies with the requirements of sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for the palliative use of marijuana if:

(1) The qualifying patient's physician has issued a written certification to the qualifying patient for the palliative use of marijuana after the physician has prescribed, or determined it is not in the best interest of the patient to prescribe, prescription drugs to address the symptoms or effects for which the certification is being issued;

(2) The combined amount of marijuana possessed by the qualifying patient and the primary caregiver for palliative use does not exceed an amount of usable marijuana reasonably necessary to ensure uninterrupted availability for a period of one month, as determined by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to regulations

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adopted under section 14 of this act; and

(3) The qualifying patient has not more than one primary caregiver at any time.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to:

(1) Any palliative use of marijuana that endangers the health or well-being of a person other than the qualifying patient or the primary caregiver; or

(2) The ingestion of marijuana (A) in a motor bus or a school bus or in any other moving vehicle, (B) in the workplace, (C) on any school grounds or any public or private school, dormitory, college or university property, (D) in any public place, or (E) in the presence of a person under the age of eighteen. For the purposes of this subdivision, (i) "presence" means within the direct line of sight of the palliative use of marijuana or exposure to second-hand marijuana smoke, or both; (ii) "public place" means any area that is used or held out for use by the public whether owned or operated by public or private interests; (iii) "vehicle" means a vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes; (iv) "motor bus" means a motor bus, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes; and (v) "school bus" means a school bus, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) No person may serve as a primary caregiver for a qualifying patient (1) unless such qualifying patient has a valid registration certificate from the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 5 of this act, and (2) if such person has been convicted of a violation of any law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of a controlled substance. A primary caregiver may not be responsible for the care of more than one qualifying patient at any time, except that a primary caregiver may be responsible for the care of more than one

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qualifying patient if the primary caregiver and each qualifying patient have a parental, guardianship, conservatorship or sibling relationship.

(b) A primary caregiver who has a valid registration certificate from the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 5 of this act and complies with the requirements of sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for the acquisition, distribution, possession or transportation of marijuana or paraphernalia related to marijuana on behalf of such primary caregiver's qualifying patient, provided (1) the amount of any marijuana so acquired, distributed, possessed or transported, together with the combined amount of usable marijuana possessed by the qualifying patient and the primary caregiver, does not exceed an amount reasonably necessary to ensure uninterrupted availability for a period of one month, as determined by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to regulations adopted under section 14 of this act, and (2) such amount is obtained solely within this state from a licensed dispensary. For the purposes of this subsection, "distribution" or "distributed" means the transfer of marijuana and paraphernalia related to marijuana from the primary caregiver to the qualifying patient.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) A physician may issue a written certification to a qualifying patient that authorizes the palliative use of marijuana by the qualifying patient. Such written certification shall be in the form prescribed by the Department of Consumer Protection and shall include a statement signed and dated by the qualifying patient's physician stating that, in such physician's professional opinion, the qualifying patient has a debilitating medical condition and the potential benefits of the palliative use of marijuana

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would likely outweigh the health risks of such use to the qualifying patient.

(b) Any written certification for the palliative use of marijuana issued by a physician under subsection (a) of this section shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year from the date such written certification is signed and dated by the physician. Not later than ten calendar days after the expiration of such period, or at any time before the expiration of such period should the qualifying patient no longer wish to possess marijuana for palliative use, the qualifying patient or the primary caregiver shall destroy all usable marijuana possessed by the qualifying patient and the primary caregiver for palliative use.

(c) A physician shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by the Connecticut Medical Examining Board or other professional licensing board, for providing a written certification for the palliative use of marijuana under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 2 of this act if:

(1) The physician has diagnosed the qualifying patient as having a debilitating medical condition;

(2) The physician has explained the potential risks and benefits of the palliative use of marijuana to the qualifying patient and, if the qualifying patient lacks legal capacity, to a parent, guardian or person having legal custody of the qualifying patient;

(3) The written certification issued by the physician is based upon the physician's professional opinion after having completed a medically reasonable assessment of the qualifying patient's medical history and current medical condition made in the course of a bona fide physician-patient relationship; and

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(4) The physician has no financial interest in a dispensary licensed under section 9 of this act or a producer licensed under section 10 of this act.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) Each qualifying patient who is issued a written certification for the palliative use of marijuana under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 2 of this act, and the primary caregiver of such qualifying patient, shall register with the Department of Consumer Protection. Such registration shall be effective from the date the Department of Consumer Protection issues a certificate of registration until the expiration of the written certification issued by the physician. The qualifying patient and the primary caregiver shall provide sufficient identifying information, as determined by the department, to establish the personal identity of the qualifying patient and the primary caregiver. The qualifying patient or the primary caregiver shall report any change in such information to the department not later than five business days after such change. The department shall issue a registration certificate to the qualifying patient and to the primary caregiver and may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed twenty-five dollars, for each registration certificate issued under this subsection. Any registration fees collected by the department under this subsection shall be paid to the State Treasurer and credited to the account established pursuant to section 19 of this act.

(b) Information obtained under this section shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, except that reasonable access to registry information obtained under this section and temporary registration information obtained under section 15 of this act shall be provided to: (1) State agencies, federal agencies and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of investigating or prosecuting a violation of law; (2) physicians and pharmacists for the

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purpose of providing patient care and drug therapy management and monitoring controlled substances obtained by the qualifying patient; (3) public or private entities for research or educational purposes, provided no individually identifiable health information may be disclosed; (4) a licensed dispensary for the purpose of complying with sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act; (5) a qualifying patient, but only with respect to information related to such qualifying patient or such qualifying patient's primary caregiver; or (6) a primary caregiver, but only with respect to information related to such primary caregiver's qualifying patient.

Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) No person shall be subject to arrest or prosecution solely for being in the presence or vicinity of the palliative use of marijuana as permitted under sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Any marijuana, paraphernalia relating to marijuana, or other property seized by law enforcement officials from a qualifying patient or a primary caregiver in connection with the claimed palliative use of marijuana under sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act shall be returned to the qualifying patient or the primary caregiver immediately upon the determination by a court that the qualifying patient or the primary caregiver is entitled to the palliative use of marijuana under sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act, as evidenced by a decision not to prosecute, a dismissal of charges or an acquittal. The provisions of this section do not apply to any qualifying patient or primary caregiver who fails to comply with the requirements for the palliative use of marijuana under sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) Any person who makes a fraudulent representation to a law enforcement official of any fact or circumstance relating to the palliative use of marijuana in order to avoid arrest or prosecution under chapter 420b of the general statutes

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or any other provision of the general statutes shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

(b) Any person who makes a fraudulent representation to a law enforcement official of any fact or circumstance relating to the issuance, contents or validity of a written certification for the palliative use of marijuana, or a document purporting to be such a written certification, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No person may act as a dispensary or represent that such person is a licensed dispensary unless such person has obtained a license from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

(b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall determine the number of dispensaries appropriate to meet the needs of qualifying patients in this state and shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to provide for the licensure and standards for dispensaries in this state and specify the maximum number of dispensaries that may be licensed in this state. On and after the effective date of such regulations, the commissioner may license any person who applies for a license in accordance with such regulations, provided (1) the commissioner deems such applicant qualified to acquire, possess, distribute and dispense marijuana pursuant to sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act, (2) the applicant is a pharmacist licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes, and (3) the number of dispensary licenses issued does not exceed the number appropriate to meet the needs of qualifying patients in this state, as determined by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection. At a minimum, such regulations shall:

(A) Indicate the maximum number of dispensaries that may be licensed in this state;

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(B) Provide that only a pharmacist licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes may apply for and receive a dispensary license;

(C) Provide that no marijuana may be dispensed from, obtained from or transferred to a location outside of this state;

(D) Establish a licensing fee and renewal fee for each licensed dispensary, provided such fees shall not be less than the amount necessary to cover the direct and indirect cost of licensing and regulating dispensaries pursuant to sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act;

(E) Provide for renewal of such dispensary licenses at least every two years;

(F) Describe areas in this state where licensed dispensaries may not be located, after considering the criteria for the location of retail liquor permit premises set forth in subsection (a) of section 30-46 of the general statutes;

(G) Establish health, safety and security requirements for licensed dispensaries, which may include, but need not be limited to: (i) The ability to maintain adequate control against the diversion, theft and loss of marijuana acquired or possessed by the licensed dispensary, and (ii) the ability to maintain the knowledge, understanding, judgment, procedures, security controls and ethics to ensure optimal safety and accuracy in the distributing, dispensing and use of palliative marijuana;

(H) Establish standards and procedures for revocation, suspension, summary suspension and nonrenewal of dispensary licenses, provided such standards and procedures are consistent with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-182 of the general statutes; and

(I) Establish other licensing, renewal and operational standards

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deemed necessary by the commissioner.

(c) Any fees collected by the Department of Consumer Protection under this section shall be paid to the State Treasurer and credited to the account established pursuant to section 19 of this act.

Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No person may act as a producer or represent that such person is a licensed producer unless such person has obtained a license from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

(b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall determine the number of producers appropriate to meet the needs of qualifying patients in this state and shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to provide for the licensure, standards and locations for producers in this state and specify the maximum number of producers that may be licensed in this state at any time. On and after the effective date of such regulations, the commissioner may license any person who applies for a license in accordance with such regulations, provided (1) such person is organized for the purpose of cultivating marijuana for palliative use in this state, (2) the commissioner finds that such applicant has appropriate expertise in agriculture and that such applicant is qualified to cultivate marijuana and sell, deliver, transport or distribute marijuana solely within this state pursuant to sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act, and (3) the number of producer licenses issued does not exceed the number appropriate to meet the needs of qualifying patients in this state, as determined by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection. At a minimum, such regulations shall:

(A) Indicate the maximum number of producers that may be licensed in this state at any time, which number shall not be less than three nor more than ten producers;

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(B) Provide that no marijuana may be sold, delivered, transported or distributed by a producer from or to a location outside of this state;

(C) Establish a nonrefundable application fee of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars for each application submitted for a producer license;

(D) Establish a license fee and renewal fee for each licensed producer, provided the aggregate amount of such license and renewal fees shall not be less than the amount necessary to cover the direct and indirect cost of licensing and regulating producers pursuant to sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act;

(E) Provide for renewal of such producer licenses at least every five years;

(F) Provide that no producer may cultivate marijuana for palliative use outside of this state and designate permissible locations for licensed producers in this state;

(G) Establish financial requirements for producers, under which (i) each applicant demonstrates the financial capacity to build and operate a marijuana production facility, and (ii) each licensed producer may be required to maintain an escrow account in a financial institution in this state in an amount of two million dollars;

(H) Establish health, safety and security requirements for licensed producers, which shall include, but need not be limited to, a requirement that the applicant or licensed producer demonstrate: (i) The ability to maintain adequate control against the diversion, theft and loss of marijuana cultivated by the producer, and (ii) the ability to cultivate pharmaceutical grade marijuana for palliative use in a secure indoor facility;

(I) Define "pharmaceutical grade marijuana for palliative use" for

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the purposes of this section;

(J) Establish standards and procedures for revocation, suspension, summary suspension and nonrenewal of producer licenses, provided such standards and procedures are consistent with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-182 of the general statutes; and

(K) Establish other licensing, renewal and operational standards deemed necessary by the commissioner.

(c) Any fees collected by the Department of Consumer Protection under this section shall be paid to the State Treasurer and credited to the account established pursuant to section 19 of this act.

Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) No licensed dispensary or employee of the dispensary may: (1) Acquire marijuana from a person other than a licensed producer; (2) distribute or dispense marijuana to a person who is not (A) a qualifying patient registered under section 5 or 15 of this act, or (B) a primary caregiver of such qualifying patient; or (3) obtain or transport marijuana outside of this state in violation of state or federal law.

(b) No licensed dispensary or employee of the dispensary acting within the scope of his or her employment shall be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for acquiring, possessing, distributing or dispensing marijuana pursuant to sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) No licensed producer or employee of the producer may: (1) Sell, deliver, transport or distribute marijuana to a person who is not a licensed dispensary, or (2) obtain or transport marijuana outside of this state in violation of state or federal

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law.

(b) No licensed producer or employee of the producer acting within the scope of his or her employment shall be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for cultivating marijuana or selling, delivering, transporting or distributing marijuana to licensed dispensaries under sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall establish a Board of Physicians consisting of eight physicians or surgeons who are knowledgeable about the palliative use of marijuana and certified by the appropriate American board in one of the following specialties: Neurology, pain medicine, pain management, medical oncology, psychiatry, infectious disease, family medicine or gynecology. Four of the members of the board first appointed shall serve for a term of three years and four of the members of the board first appointed shall serve for a term of four years. Thereafter, members of the board shall serve for a term of four years and shall be eligible for reappointment. Any member of the board may serve until a successor is appointed. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall serve as an ex-officio member of the board, and shall select a chairperson from among the members of the board.

(b) A quorum of the Board of Physicians shall consist of three members.

(c) The Board of Physicians shall:

(1) Review and recommend to the Department of Consumer Protection for approval the debilitating medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to be added to the list of debilitating medical

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conditions that qualify for the palliative use of marijuana;

(2) Accept and review petitions to add medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the palliative use of marijuana;

(3) Convene at least twice per year to conduct public hearings and to evaluate petitions, which shall be maintained as confidential pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, for the purpose of adding medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the palliative use of marijuana;

(4) Review and recommend to the Department of Consumer Protection protocols for determining the amounts of marijuana that may be reasonably necessary to ensure uninterrupted availability for a period of one month for qualifying patients, including amounts for topical treatments; and

(5) Perform other duties related to the palliative use of marijuana upon the request of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

(d) Any individually identifiable health information contained in a petition received under this section shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes.

Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish (1) a standard form for written certifications for the palliative use of marijuana issued by physicians under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 2 of this act, and (2) procedures for registrations under section 5 of this act. Such regulations, if any, shall be adopted after consultation with the Board of Physicians established in section 13 of this act.

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(b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish a reasonable fee to be collected from each qualifying patient to whom a written certification for the palliative use of marijuana is issued under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 2 of this act, for the purpose of offsetting the direct and indirect costs of administering the provisions of sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act. The commissioner shall collect such fee at the time the qualifying patient registers with the Department of Consumer Protection under subsection (a) of section 5 of this act. Such fee shall be in addition to any registration fee that may be charged under said subsection. The fees required to be collected by the commissioner from qualifying patients under this subsection shall be paid to the State Treasurer and credited to the account established pursuant to section 19 of this act.

(c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of sections 1 to 8, inclusive, and section 13 of this act. At a minimum, such regulations shall:

(1) Govern the manner in which the department considers applications for the issuance and renewal of registration certificates for qualifying patients and primary caregivers, and establish any additional information to be contained in such registration certificates;

(2) Define the protocols for determining the amount of usable marijuana that is necessary to constitute an adequate supply to ensure uninterrupted availability for a period of one month, including amounts for topical treatments;

(3) Establish criteria for adding medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the palliative use of marijuana;

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(4) Establish a petition process under which members of the public may submit petitions, in such manner and in such form as prescribed in the regulations, regarding the addition of medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions;

(5) Establish a process for public comment and public hearings before the board regarding the addition of medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases;

(6) Add additional medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the palliative use of marijuana as recommended by the board; and

(7) Develop a distribution system for marijuana for palliative use that provides for:

(A) Marijuana production facilities within this state that are housed on secured grounds and operated by licensed producers; and

(B) Distribution of marijuana for palliative use to qualifying patients or their primary caregivers by licensed dispensaries.

(d) The commissioner shall submit regulations pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section to the standing legislative regulation review committee not later than July 1, 2013.

Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) During the period beginning on October 1, 2012, and ending thirty calendar days after the effective date of regulations adopted pursuant to section 14 of this act, a qualifying patient who would be determined to be eligible for a registration certificate pursuant to subsection (a) of section 5 of this act, except for the lack of effective regulations concerning licensed dispensaries, licensed producers, distribution systems and amounts of

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marijuana, may obtain a written certification from a physician and upon presenting the written certification to the Department of Consumer Protection, the department shall issue a temporary registration certificate for the palliative use of marijuana. The department shall indicate on such temporary registration certificate the amount of usable marijuana that constitutes a one month supply which may be possessed pursuant to such temporary registration certificate. The department shall maintain a list of all temporary registration certificates issued pursuant to this section and the information on such list shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, except that such information may be disclosed in the manner set forth in subsection (b) of section 5 of this act.

(b) A qualifying patient possessing a temporary registration certificate and the qualifying patient's primary caregiver shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for possessing marijuana if the amount of usable marijuana possessed by the qualifying patient and the primary caregiver is not more than the amount specified in the temporary registration certificate.

(c) A physician shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by the Connecticut Medical Examining Board or other professional licensing board, for providing a written certification for the palliative use of marijuana pursuant to this section.

Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Nothing in sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act, or section 21a-243 of the general statutes, as

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amended by this act, shall be construed to require health insurance coverage for the palliative use of marijuana.

Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Action" has the meaning provided in section 47a-1 of the general statutes;

(2) "Dwelling unit" has the meaning provided in section 47a-1 of the general statutes;

(3) "Employer" means a person engaged in business who has one or more employees, including the state and any political subdivision of the state;

(4) "Landlord" has the meaning provided in section 47a-1 of the general statutes;

(5) "Palliative use" has the meaning provided in section 1 of this act;

(6) "Primary caregiver" has the meaning provided in section 1 of this act;

(7) "Qualifying patient" has the meaning provided in section 1 of this act;

(8) "School" means a public or private elementary or secondary school in this state or a public or private institution of higher education in this state; and

(9) "Tenant" has the meaning provided in section 47a-1 of the general statutes.

(b) Unless required by federal law or required to obtain federal funding:

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(1) No school may refuse to enroll any person or discriminate against any student solely on the basis of such person's or student's status as a qualifying patient or primary caregiver under sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act;

(2) No landlord may refuse to rent a dwelling unit to a person or take action against a tenant solely on the basis of such person's or tenant's status as a qualifying patient or primary caregiver under sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act; and

(3) No employer may refuse to hire a person or may discharge, penalize or threaten an employee solely on the basis of such person's or employee's status as a qualifying patient or primary caregiver under sections 1 to 15, inclusive, of this act. Nothing in this subdivision shall restrict an employer's ability to prohibit the use of intoxicating substances during work hours or restrict an employer's ability to discipline an employee for being under the influence of intoxicating substances during work hours.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the palliative use of marijuana in violation of subsection (b) of section 2 of this act.

Sec. 18. Section 21a-243 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

(a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations for the efficient enforcement and operation of sections 21a-244 to 21a-282, inclusive.

(b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, so far as may be consistent with sections 21a-244 to 21a-282, inclusive, adopt the regulations existing under the federal Controlled Substances Act and pertinent regulations existing under the federal food and drug laws and conform regulations adopted hereunder with those existing under

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the federal Controlled Substances Act and federal food and drug laws.

(c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, acting upon the advice of the Commission of Pharmacy, may by regulation designate, after investigation, as a controlled substance, a substance or chemical composition containing any quantity of a substance which has been found to have a stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions of the central nervous system and having a tendency to promote abuse or physiological or psychological dependence or both. Such substances are classifiable as amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-type, cocaine-type, hallucinogenic, morphine-type and other stimulant and depressant substances, and specifically exclude alcohol, caffeine and nicotine. Substances which are designated as controlled substances shall be classified in schedules I to V by regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may by regulation change the schedule in which a substance classified as a controlled substance in schedules I to V of the controlled substance scheduling regulations is placed. On or before December 15, 1986, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a list of all such schedule changes to the chairmen and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section, not later than January 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall submit amendments to sections 21a-243-7 and 21a-243-8 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies to the standing legislative regulation review committee to reclassify marijuana as a controlled substance in schedule II under the Connecticut controlled substance scheduling regulations.

[(e)] (f) A new or amended regulation under this chapter shall be

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adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

[(f)] (g) In the event of any inconsistency between the contents of schedules I, II, III, IV and V of the controlled substance scheduling regulations and schedules I, II, III, IV and V of the federal Controlled Substances Act, as amended, the provisions of the federal act shall prevail, except (1) when the provisions of the Connecticut controlled substance scheduling regulations place a controlled substance in a schedule with a higher numerical designation, schedule I being the highest designation, or (2) as provided in subsection (e) of this section.

[(g)] (h) When a drug that is not a controlled substance in schedule I, II, III, IV or V, as designated in the Connecticut controlled substance scheduling regulations, is designated to be a controlled substance under the federal Controlled Substances Act, such drug shall be considered to be controlled at the state level in the same numerical schedule for a period of two hundred forty days from the effective date of the federal classification.

[(h)] (i) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall, by regulation adopted pursuant to this section, designate the following substances, by whatever official, common, usual, chemical or trade name designation, as controlled substances and classify each such substance in the appropriate schedule:

- (1) 1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-018);
- (2) 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-073);
- (3) 1-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-200);
- (4) 5-(1,1-dimethylheptyl)-2-[(1R,3S)-3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol (CP-47,497);
- (5) 5-(1,1-dimethyloctyl)-2-[(1R,3S)-3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol

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(cannabicyclohexanol; CP-47,497 C8 homologue);

(6) *Salvia divinorum*; and

(7) *Salvinorum A.*

[(i)] (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall designate the following substances, by whatever official, common, usual, chemical or trade name designation, as controlled substances in schedule I of the controlled substances scheduling regulations:

(1) Mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone); and

(2) MDPV (3,4-methylenedioxypropylone).

Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is established a palliative marijuana administration account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any fees collected pursuant to subsection (a) of section 5 of this act, any fees collected pursuant to sections 9 and 10 of this act, any fees collected pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14 of this act, and any other moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, and shall be held in trust separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding. Investment earnings credited to the account shall become part of the account. Amounts in the account shall be expended only for the purpose of providing funds to the Department of Consumer Protection for administering the provisions of sections 1 to 16, inclusive, of this act.

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REGULATION
of the
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
concerning
PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA

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The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, as follows:

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-1. Definitions

As used in sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

(1) "Abuse of drugs" means the use of controlled substances solely for their stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions of the central nervous system and not as a therapeutic agent prescribed in the course of medical treatment or in a program of research operated under the direction of a physician or pharmacologist;

(2) "Act" or "Medical Marijuana Act" means sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of public act 12-55, An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana;

(3) "Administer" means the direct application of marijuana to the body of a qualifying patient by inhalation, ingestion or any other means;

(4) "Adulterated" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-105 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(5) "Advertisement" means all representations disseminated in any manner or by any means, other than by labeling, for the purpose of inducing, or which are likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the purchase of marijuana;

(6) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of another person. It does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman, or employee of the carrier or warehouseman;

(7) "Approved safe" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-262-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(8) "Approved vault" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-262-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(9) "Batch" means a specific harvest of marijuana or marijuana products that are identifiable by a batch number, every portion or package of which is uniform within recognized tolerances for the factors that were subject to a laboratory test and that appear in the labeling;

(10) "Board" means the Board of Physicians appointed under the provisions of section 13 of public act 12-55;

(11) "Bona fide physician-patient relationship" means a relationship in which the physician has ongoing responsibility for the assessment, care and treatment of a patient's debilitating medical condition, or a symptom of the patient's debilitating medical condition, for which the physician has certified to the department that the patient would benefit from the palliative use of marijuana;

(12) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection;

(13) "Compound" or "Compounding" means to combine, mix or put together two or more ingredients and includes the preparation of a marijuana product in anticipation of a qualifying patient, primary caregiver or physician request.

(14) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor listed in sections 21a-243-7 through 21a-243-11, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(15) "Cultivation" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55;

(16) "Debilitating" means a chronic medical condition that causes weakness or impairs strength or ability and has progressed to such an extent that one or more major life activities are substantially limited;

(17) "Debilitating medical condition" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55;

(18) "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive or attempted transfer from one person to another of marijuana, whether or not there is an agency relationship;

(19) "Department" means the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection;

(20) "Dietary supplements" has the same meaning as provided in the federal Dietary Supplement Health And Education Act, Public Law 103-417;

(21) "Dispensary" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55;

(22) "Dispensary department" means that area within a dispensary facility where marijuana is stored, dispensed and sold. If a dispensary facility does not offer any products or services other than marijuana and paraphernalia, the entire dispensary facility shall be treated as a dispensary department for purposes of sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(23) "Dispensary facility" means a place of business where marijuana may be dispensed or sold at retail to qualifying patients and primary caregivers and for which the department has issued a dispensary facility permit to an applicant under the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(24) "Dispensary facility backer" means, except in cases where the dispensary is the sole proprietor of a dispensary facility, any person with a direct or indirect financial interest in a dispensary facility;

(25) "Dispensary facility manager" means the dispensary who has complete control and management over the dispensary facility;

(26) "Dispensary facility personnel" means a dispensary, dispensary technician, dispensary facility staff and all other persons employed by a dispensary facility or who otherwise has access to the dispensary facility, including independent contractors who are routinely on the facility premises;

(27) "Dispensary technician" means an individual who has an active pharmacy technician registration, is in good standing with the department, is affiliated with a licensed dispensary and registers with the department pursuant to sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(28) "Dispense" or "dispensing" means those acts of processing marijuana for delivery or for administration for a qualifying patient pursuant to a written certification consisting of: (A) Comparing the directions on the label with the instructions on the written certification, if any, to determine accuracy; (B) the selection of the appropriate marijuana product from stock; (C) the affixing of a label to the container; and (D) the provision of any instructions regarding the use of the marijuana;

(29) "Dispensing error" means an act or omission of clinical significance relating to the dispensing of marijuana that results in, or may reasonably be expected to result in, injury to or death of a qualifying patient or results in any detrimental change to the medical treatment for the patient;

(30) "Disqualifying conviction" means a conviction for the violation of any law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog unless the violation resulting in the conviction occurred when the person held a valid license, permit or registration certificate from the department and the violation was of a federal law related to the possession, purchase or sale of marijuana that is authorized under the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(31) "Drug Control Division" means the division within the department responsible for overseeing the medical marijuana program;

(32) "Drug" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571 of Connecticut General Statutes;

(33) "Electronic data intermediary" means an entity that provides the infrastructure that connects the computer systems or other electronic devices utilized by dispensaries with those used by physicians or the department in order to facilitate the secure transmission of qualifying patient or primary caregiver information;

(34) "Financial interest" means any actual or potential ownership, investment or compensation arrangement with another person, either directly or indirectly, through business, investment or family. A financial interest does not include ownership of investment securities in a publicly-held corporation that is traded on a national exchange or over-the-counter market, provided the investment securities held by such person and such person's co-workers, employees, spouse, parent or child, in the aggregate, do not exceed one-half of one per cent of the total number of shares issued by the corporation;

(35) "Forms" means applications, registrations, written certifications or other documents prescribed by the commissioner in either hardcopy or electronic format;

(36) "Good standing" means a person has a license or registration with the department that is unencumbered and the person is not on probation or subject to any other restriction or oversight by the department beyond others in the same class;

(37) "Label" means a display of written, printed or graphic matter upon the immediate container of any product containing marijuana;

(38) "Laboratory" means an independent laboratory located in Connecticut and approved by the department as proper to be entrusted with the custody of controlled substances and the use of controlled substances for scientific and medical purposes and for purposes of instruction, research or analysis;

(39) "Legend drug" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(40) "Manufacture" or "Manufacturing" means any process by which marijuana is converted to a marijuana product and that involves heating, mixing marijuana with any other ingredient or otherwise altering the raw material;

(41) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(42) "Marijuana product" means any product containing marijuana including raw materials, that require no further processing, and are packaged for sale to dispensaries, qualifying patients and primary caregivers;

(43) "One-month supply" means the amount of marijuana reasonably necessary to ensure an uninterrupted availability of supply for a period of one month for qualifying patients, which amounts, including amounts for topical treatments, shall be determined by the commissioner on the basis of practical administration of the Act, available research and recommendations from the Board of Physicians;

(44) "Palliative use" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55;

(45) "Paraphernalia" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55;

(46) "Person" includes any corporation, limited liability company, association or partnership, or one or more individuals, government or governmental subdivisions or agency, business trust, estate, trust, or any other legal entity;

(47) "Pesticide chemicals" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-92 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(48) "Petition" means a written request submitted pursuant to the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and seeking approval to add a medical condition, medical treatment or disease to the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the palliative use of marijuana;

(49) "Pharmaceutical grade marijuana" means marijuana or marijuana products that are not adulterated and are:

(A) processed, packaged and labeled according to the Food and Drug Administration's "Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packaging, Labeling, or Holding Operations for Dietary Supplements" Rule, 21 C.F.R. 111;

(B) labeled with the results of an active ingredient analysis, a microbiological contaminants analysis, a heavy metal analysis and a chemical residue analysis which have been completed on a batch basis by a laboratory and are uniform within 97% to 103% of labeled results; and

(C) where each step of the production, cultivating, trimming, curing, manufacturing, processing and packaging method has been documented by using established standard operation procedures;

(50) "Pharmacist" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571 of Connecticut's General Statutes;

(51) "Pharmacy technician" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(52) "Physician" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55;

(53) "Prescription Monitoring Program" means the prescription monitoring program established by section 21a-254(j) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(54) "Primary caregiver" or "caregiver" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55 for primary caregiver;

(55) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55;

(56) "Producer backer" means any person with a direct or indirect financial interest in an entity licensed as a producer;

(57) "Production" or "Produce" means the manufacture, planting, preparation, cultivation, growing, harvesting, propagation, compounding, conversion or processing of marijuana, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of its container, except that this term does not include the preparation or compounding of marijuana by a patient or caregiver for the patient's use;

(58) "Production facility" means a secure, indoor facility where the production of marijuana occurs and that is operated by a person to whom the department has issued a producer license under the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(59) "Production facility personnel" means all persons employed by a producer or production facility or who otherwise have access to the production facility, including independent contractors who are routinely on the facility premises;

(60) "Qualifying patient" or "patient" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55 for qualifying patient;

(61) "Registration certificate" means an identification card or other document issued by the department that identifies a person as a registered qualifying patient or primary caregiver;

(62) "Sale" is any form of delivery, which includes barter, exchange or gift, or offer therefor, and each such transaction made by any person whether as principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee;

(63) "State", when applied to a part of the United States, includes any state, district, commonwealth, territory or insular possession thereof, and any area subject to the legal authority of the United States of America;

(64) "Usable marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of public act 12-55; and

(65) "Written certification" means a written or electronically submitted statement issued by a physician to the department certifying a patient for the palliative use of marijuana, which shall be submitted on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-2. Physician requirements for issuing written certifications to the department

(a) The department shall only accept written certifications from physicians for the palliative use of marijuana when the physician:

(1) Holds an active license under chapter 370 of the Connecticut General Statutes that is in good standing;

(2) Holds an active department Controlled Substance Practitioner registration that is in good standing and is eligible to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances;

(3) Holds an active Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") controlled substance registration that is in good standing and is eligible to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances;

(4) Is registered with, and able to access, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring Program; and

(5) Is not engaged in any conduct prohibited by the Act or sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) A physician issuing a written certification shall:

(1) Have a bona fide physician-patient relationship with the qualifying patient;

(2) Conduct an assessment and evaluation of the patient in order to develop a treatment plan for the patient, which shall include an examination of the patient and the patient's medical history, prescription history and current medical condition, including an in-person physical examination;

(3) Diagnose the patient as having a debilitating medical condition;

(4) Be of the opinion that the potential benefits of the palliative use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks of such use to the qualifying patient;

(5) Have prescribed, or have had a reasonable basis for determining that it is not in the best interest of the patient to prescribe, prescription drugs to address the symptoms or effects for which the written certification is being issued;

(6) Be reasonably available to provide follow-up care and treatment to the qualifying patient including, but not limited to, physical examinations, to determine the efficacy of marijuana for treating the qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or the symptom of the debilitating medical condition for which the written certification was issued;

(7) Comply with generally accepted standards of medical practice except to the extent such standards would counsel against certifying a qualifying patient for marijuana; and

(8) Explain the potential risks and benefits of the palliative use of marijuana to the qualifying patient and, if the qualifying patient lacks legal capacity, to a parent, guardian or person having legal custody of the qualifying patient, prior to submitting the written certification.

(c) A physician shall not delegate the responsibility of diagnosing a patient or determining whether a patient should be issued a written certification. Employees under the direct supervision of the physician may assist with preparing a written certification so long as the final written certification is reviewed and approved by the physician before it is submitted to the department.

(d) If a physician provides instructions for the use of marijuana to the patient, or as part of the written certification, the physician shall also securely transmit such instructions to the qualifying patient's designated dispensary facility.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-3. Physician requirements for maintaining patient medical records

(a) A physician shall maintain medical records, as defined by section 19a-14-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, or any successor regulation, for all patients for whom the physician has issued a written certification.

(b) A physician shall make a copy of such medical records reasonably available to the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative, to other state

agencies and to state and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of enabling the department or other agency to ensure compliance with the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies or for the purpose of investigating or prosecuting a violation of state law.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-4. Physician prohibitions

(a) A physician that has issued or intends to issue a written certification shall not:

(1) Directly or indirectly accept, solicit, or receive anything of value from a dispensary, dispensary facility backer, dispensary facility personnel, producer, producer backer, production facility personnel, provider of paraphernalia or any other person associated with a dispensary facility or production facility;

(2) Offer a discount or any other thing of value to a qualifying patient based on the patient's agreement or decision to use a particular primary caregiver, dispensary, dispensary facility or marijuana product;

(3) Examine a qualifying patient for purposes of diagnosing a debilitating medical condition at a location where marijuana or paraphernalia is acquired, distributed, dispensed, manufactured, sold, or produced; or

(4) Directly or indirectly benefit from a patient obtaining a written certification.

This shall not prohibit a physician from charging an appropriate fee for the patient visit.

(b) A physician that issues written certifications, and such physician's co-worker, employee, spouse, parent or child, shall not have a direct or indirect financial interest in a dispensary, dispensary facility, producer, production facility, provider of paraphernalia, or any other entity that may benefit from a qualifying patient's or primary caregiver's acquisition, purchase or use of marijuana, including any formal or informal agreement whereby a producer, dispensary, or other person provides compensation if the physician issues a written certification for a qualifying patient or steers a qualifying patient to a specific dispensary facility, paraphernalia provider, or marijuana product.

(c) A physician shall not issue a written certification for such physician or for the physician's family members, employees or co-workers.

(d) A physician shall not provide product samples containing marijuana other than those federally approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

(NEW) Sec XX-XXX-5. Enforcement actions against physicians

(a) The commissioner may, after a hearing conducted pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes, issue an order to revoke or suspend a physician's Controlled Substance Practitioner registration or to restrict a physician's Controlled Substance Practitioner registration so as to prohibit the physician from issuing written certifications if the physician has:

(1) Failed to comply with any provision of the Act or sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(2) Failed to comply with any provision of state statute or regulation concerning legend drugs or controlled substances; or

(3) Intentionally or negligently permitted another person to issue written certifications under the physician's name.

(b) If the commissioner has reason to believe that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, the commissioner may issue an order restricting the physician's controlled substance registration to summarily prohibit the physician from issuing written certifications pending a hearing. Such hearing shall be conducted pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(c) The commissioner may enter into an agreement with a physician placing conditions on the physician's controlled substance registration that prohibit or restrict the issuing of written certifications.

(d) In addition to any other action permitted in this section, the commissioner may refer any case involving an alleged violation by a physician of the Act or sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to the Connecticut Medical Examining Board or to a state or local law enforcement agency.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-6. Patient and primary caregiver registration

(a) A qualifying patient for whom a physician has issued a written certification, and the qualifying patient's primary caregiver where applicable, shall register with the department on forms, and in a manner, prescribed by the commissioner. For a registration application to be considered complete, the following items shall be submitted:

(1) Written certification issued by a physician who meets the requirements set forth in the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(2) Proof of residency of the qualifying patient acceptable to the department;

(3) Proof of identity of the qualifying patient acceptable to the department;

(4) Proof of the qualifying patient's age acceptable to the department;

(5) A photograph of the qualifying patient meeting the following requirements:

(A) A current, digital, passport size image, taken no more than thirty (30) calendar days before the submission of the application;

(B) Taken against a plain white or off-white background or backdrop;

(C) At least two inches by two inches in size;

- (D) In natural color;
 - (E) Provides a front, unobstructed view of the full face;
 - (F) Has between 1 and 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head; and
 - (G) Is in "jpeg" format or such other format as the department may authorize;
 - (6) A caregiver form, if applicable;
 - (7) Proof of identity of the caregiver in a manner acceptable to the department;
 - (8) Proof of the primary caregiver's age acceptable to the department;
 - (9) A photograph of the caregiver meeting the requirements set forth in subsection (a)(5) of this section;
 - (10) Permission for the department to confirm the patient's status with the Department of Correction;
 - (11) Permission for the department to conduct a background check of the primary caregiver;
 - (12) Payment of the appropriate fee(s) as set forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;
 - (13) The name, address and telephone number of the dispensary facility from which the qualifying patient or the patient's primary caregiver will purchase marijuana; and
 - (14) Such other information as the department may require.
- (b) If a registration application is determined to be inaccurate or incomplete, the department shall send the applicant a notice of deficiency. If the applicant corrects the deficiencies less than sixty (60) days after receiving notice from the department, the department shall not charge any additional fees.
- (c) An applicant who submits corrections or supplies the missing information more than sixty (60) days after receiving a notice of deficiency from the department, or who fails to provide correct and complete information on their second attempt, shall resubmit their registration application materials with all applicable fees before the application will be reviewed.
- (d) A qualifying patient shall only designate, and the department shall only register, one primary caregiver for the patient at any given time.
- (e) Absent permission from the commissioner for good cause shown, a qualifying patient may only change primary caregivers once per year at the time of renewal. A qualifying patient may change primary caregivers at the time of their registration renewal by registering a different primary caregiver, who shall meet the requirements of the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and be approved by the commissioner prior to the patient's registration certificate being renewed. If the qualifying patient requests permission to change primary caregiver prior to renewal, the qualifying patient shall submit a change

of caregiver request form to the department, which shall set forth the reasons the qualifying patient seeks to change primary caregivers. If the department approves such change of primary caregiver request, the qualifying patient shall register the new primary caregiver with the department and shall submit the non-refundable primary caregiver application fee required by section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. A new primary caregiver shall only be approved if such person meets the requirements of the Act and section XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(f) A qualifying patient who lacked legal capacity at the time of the most recent application or renewal may not change primary caregivers unless:

(1) the qualifying patient provides a court order, or other proof acceptable to the department, indicating that the qualifying patient no longer lacks legal capacity in which case the qualifying patient may change caregivers in accordance with subsection (e) of this section; or

(2) the primary caregiver is no longer willing or able to serve as a primary caregiver in which case the qualifying patient's new primary caregiver applicant must: (i) certify to the department that the current primary caregiver can no longer serve or no longer wishes to serve as a primary caregiver; and (ii) submit an application and registration fee that meets all of the requirements of the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-7. Denial of a qualifying patient or primary caregiver registration application

(a) The department may deny an application or renewal of a qualifying patient's registration certificate if the applicant:

(1) Does not meet the requirements set forth in the Act or sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(2) Fails to properly complete the application form;

(3) Does not provide acceptable proof of identity, residency or age to the department;

(4) Provides false, misleading or incorrect information to the department;

(5) Fails to provide a photograph in accordance with section XX-XXX-6(a)(5) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(6) Has had a qualifying patient's registration denied, suspended or revoked by the department in the previous six months;

(7) Has not paid all applicable fees as required by section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(8) Has a written certification issued by a physician who is not authorized to certify patients for marijuana; or

(9) Needs a primary caregiver according to the written certification issued by the physician and:

(A) The applicant has not designated a primary caregiver; or

(B) The department has denied the application of the primary caregiver designated by the qualifying patient.

(b) The department may deny an application or renewal of a primary caregiver's registration certificate if the qualifying patient's physician has not certified the need for the patient to have a primary caregiver or if the primary caregiver applicant:

(1) Does not meet the qualifications set forth in the Act or sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(2) Has a disqualifying conviction;

(3) Fails to properly complete the primary caregiver application form;

(4) Does not provide acceptable proof of identity or age to the department;

(5) Fails to provide a photograph in accordance with section XX-XXX-6(a)(5) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(6) Has not paid all applicable fees as required by section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(7) Provides false, misleading or incorrect information to the department;

(8) Has had a primary caregiver registration denied, suspended or revoked in the previous six months;

(9) Is already a primary caregiver, or has already applied to be a primary caregiver, for a different qualifying patient, unless the primary caregiver provides proof acceptable to the department demonstrating that the primary caregiver has a parental, guardianship, conservatorship or sibling relationship with each qualifying patient; or

(10) Is designated as a primary caregiver for a qualifying patient whose application is denied by the department or whose qualifying patient registration certificate has been suspended or revoked.

(c) If the commissioner denies an application or renewal of a qualifying patient applicant or primary caregiver applicant, the commissioner shall provide the applicant with notice of the grounds for the denial and shall inform the applicant of the right to request a hearing.

(1) Upon receipt of such notice, the applicant may request a hearing, which request shall be submitted to the department in writing not more than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of the notice.

(2) If a timely request for a hearing is made, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(3) If the applicant does not request a hearing in writing in a timely manner, the applicant shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-8. Revocation or suspension of a qualifying patient or primary caregiver registration

(a) The commissioner may revoke or suspend the registration certificate of a qualifying patient, in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes, under the following circumstances:

(1) The qualifying patient comes under the supervision of a Department of Correction facility;

(2) The qualifying patient's physician notifies the department that the physician is withdrawing the written certification submitted on behalf of the qualifying patient and, after thirty (30) days from the physician withdrawing the written certification, the patient has not obtained a valid written certification from a different physician;

(3) The qualifying patient or primary caregiver provided false, misleading or incorrect information to the department;

(4) The qualifying patient is no longer a resident of Connecticut;

(5) The qualifying patient, together with the qualifying patient's caregiver where applicable, obtains more than a one-month supply of marijuana in a one-month period;

(6) The qualifying patient provides or sells marijuana to any person, including another registered qualifying patient or primary caregiver;

(7) The qualifying patient uses marijuana in a place or manner not permitted by the Act or sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(8) The qualifying patient uses marijuana in a manner that puts others at risk or fails to take reasonable precautions to avoid putting others at risk;

(9) The qualifying patient has permitted another person to use the qualifying patient's registration certificate;

(10) The qualifying patient has tampered, falsified, altered, modified, or allowed another person to tamper, falsify, alter or modify, the qualifying patient's registration certificate;

(11) The qualifying patient's physician is no longer available to provide care to the patient and, after thirty (30) days from the physician notifying the department of the physician's unavailability, the patient has not established a bona-fide relationship with a different physician;

(12) The primary caregiver notifies the department that the primary caregiver is no longer willing to serve as a primary caregiver for the qualifying patient, or the primary caregiver's registration certification has been suspended or revoked, in which case the

qualifying patient shall have thirty (30) days to register an acceptable primary caregiver with the department before the department may commence an action to suspend or revoke the qualifying patient's registration;

(13) The qualifying patient's registration certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed and the patient or the patient's primary caregiver fails to notify the department or notifies the department of such incident more than five (5) business days after becoming aware that the registration certificate was lost, stolen or destroyed;

(14) The qualifying patient fails to notify the department of a change in registration information or notifies the department of such change more than five (5) business days after the change; or

(15) The qualifying patient has violated the Act or sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) The department may revoke or suspend the registration certificate of a primary caregiver, in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes, under the following circumstances:

(1) The registration certification of the primary caregiver has been revoked or suspended;

(2) The qualifying patient's physician notifies the department that the qualifying patient is no longer in need of a primary caregiver;

(3) The qualifying patient or primary caregiver provided false, misleading or incorrect information to the department;

(4) The qualifying patient registers a different person to serve as the primary caregiver in accordance with the procedure set forth in section XX-XXX-6 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(5) The primary caregiver obtains more than a one-month supply of marijuana in a one-month period on behalf of a single qualifying patient;

(6) The primary caregiver obtains marijuana for, or provides or sells marijuana to, any person other than the qualifying patient of the primary caregiver, including a different qualifying patient or primary caregiver;

(7) The primary caregiver permits another person to use the primary caregiver's registration certificate;

(8) The primary caregiver has tampered, altered, modified, falsified, or allowed any person to tamper, alter, modify or falsify, the primary caregiver's registration certificate;

(9) The primary caregiver has permitted the use of marijuana that endangers the health or well-being of a person other than the qualifying patient or primary caregiver;

(10) The primary caregiver has a disqualifying conviction;

(11) The primary caregiver's registration certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed and the primary caregiver fails to notify the department or notifies the department of

such incident more than five (5) business days after becoming aware that the registration certificate was lost, stolen or destroyed;

(12) The primary caregiver fails to notify the department of a change in registration information or notifies the department of such change more than five (5) business days after the change; or

(13) The primary caregiver has violated any section of the Act or sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-9. Reporting requirements for physicians, patients and caregivers

(a) A physician shall report to the department, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, a death or change in status of a debilitating medication condition involving a qualifying patient for whom the physician has issued a written certification if such change may affect the patient's continued eligibility to use marijuana. Such notification shall be made not more than five (5) business days of the physician becoming aware of such change.

(b) A qualifying patient or primary caregiver, who has been issued a registration certificate, shall notify the department of any change in the information provided to the department not later than five (5) business days of such change. Changes that shall be reported include, but are not limited to, a change in the qualifying patient's name, address, contact information, medical status, or status with the Department of Corrections. All such changes shall be submitted on a form, and in a manner, prescribed by the commissioner.

(c) A qualifying patient or primary caregiver may change their designated dispensary facility no more than four times per year without good cause shown and prior approval by the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative. Any such changes shall be made on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. A change in the designated dispensary facility shall not be effective until five (5) business days after the qualifying patient or primary caregiver notify the department of such change. A qualifying patient or primary caregiver shall only purchase marijuana from the dispensary facility currently designated by the patient or caregiver with the department.

(d) If a qualifying patient's or primary caregiver's appearance has substantially changed such that the photograph submitted to the department does not accurately resemble such qualifying patient or primary caregiver, such person shall submit, in a timely manner, an updated photograph that meets the requirements set forth in section XX-XXX-6(a)(5) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(e) If a qualifying patient has a primary caregiver, that primary caregiver may notify the department of any changes on behalf of the qualifying patient using the same forms and process prescribed for qualifying patients.

(f) If a qualifying patient or primary caregiver notifies the department of any change that results in information on the registration certificate being inaccurate or the photograph needing to be replaced, the qualifying patient or primary caregiver shall submit the fee required by section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for a replacement registration certificate, after which the department shall issue the qualifying patient or primary caregiver a new registration certificate provided the applicant continues to satisfy the requirements of the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Upon receipt of a new registration certificate, the qualifying patient or primary caregiver shall destroy in a non-recoverable manner the registration certificate that was replaced.

(g) If a qualifying patient or primary caregiver becomes aware of the loss, theft or destruction of a registration certificate, the qualifying patient or primary caregiver shall notify the department, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, not later than five (5) business days of becoming aware of the loss, theft or destruction, and submit the fee required by section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for a replacement registration certificate. The department shall inactivate the initial registration certificate upon receiving such notice and issue a replacement registration certificate upon receiving the applicable fee provided the applicant continues to satisfy the requirements of the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-10. Precautions for preventing the loss, theft or misuse of marijuana by patients and caregivers

(a) A qualifying patient and primary caregiver shall store marijuana in a secure location to prevent theft, loss or access by unauthorized persons.

(b) A qualifying patient and primary caregiver in possession of marijuana shall maintain it in the container in which it was sold or dispensed.

(c) A qualifying patient and primary caregiver shall carry their registration certificate with them whenever they are in possession of marijuana.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-11. Proper disposal of marijuana by patients or caregivers

A patient or caregiver shall dispose of all usable marijuana in the patient or caregiver's possession no later than ten (10) calendar days after the expiration of the patient's registration certificate, if such certificate is not renewed, or sooner should the

patient no longer wish to possess marijuana for palliative use. Such disposal shall be by one of the following methods:

- (1) By rendering the marijuana non-recoverable in accordance with the department's proper disposal instructions, which are available on the department's website: www.ct.gov/dcp;
- (2) By depositing it in a Connecticut police department medication drop-box; or
- (3) By disposing of the marijuana at a government-recognized drug take-back program located in Connecticut.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-12. Establishment of additional debilitating medical conditions

(a) No medical condition, medical treatment or disease shall be added to the list of debilitating medical conditions under the Act unless the appropriateness of adding the condition, treatment or disease has been considered by the board and the board has submitted a written recommendation to the commissioner in accordance with this section.

(b) Persons seeking to add a medical condition, medical treatment or disease to the list of debilitating medical conditions under the Act shall submit a written petition to the commissioner and request that the commissioner present the petition to the board.

(c) Absent a showing of good cause, the commissioner shall only present a petition to the board if it includes the following information:

(1) The extent to which the medical condition, medical treatment or disease is generally accepted by the medical community and other experts as a valid, existing medical condition, medical treatment or disease;

(2) If one or more treatments for the condition, rather than the condition itself, are alleged to be the cause of a patient's suffering, the extent to which the treatments causing suffering are generally accepted by the medical community and other experts as valid treatments for the condition;

(3) The extent to which the condition or the treatments thereof cause severe or chronic pain, severe nausea, spasticity or otherwise severely impair the patient's ability to carry on activities of daily living;

(4) The availability of conventional medical therapies, other than those that cause suffering, to alleviate suffering caused by the condition or the treatment thereof;

(5) The extent to which evidence that is generally accepted among the medical community and other experts supports a finding that the use of marijuana alleviates suffering caused by the condition or the treatment thereof;

(6) Any information or studies known to the petitioner regarding any beneficial or adverse effects from the use of marijuana in patients with the medical condition, medical treatment or disease that is the subject of the petition; and

(7) Letters of support from physicians or other licensed health care professionals knowledgeable about the condition, treatment or disease.

(d) If a medical condition, medical treatment or disease in a petition has been previously considered and rejected by the commissioner, or is determined by the commissioner to be substantially similar to such a rejected condition, treatment or disease, the commissioner may deny the petition without first submitting it to the board unless new scientific research supporting the request is included in the petition.

(e) If a written petition meets the requirements of this section, the commissioner shall refer the written petition to the board for a public hearing at the next board meeting that is at least sixty (60) days after the date the petition was submitted and at which the board will be considering petitions.

(f) At least twice per year, the board shall conduct a public hearing to evaluate any petitions referred to it by the commissioner and to consider any other medical conditions, medical treatments or diseases that the board, on its own initiative, believes should be reviewed for possible inclusion on the list of debilitating medical conditions under the Act.

(g) No less than twenty (20) days before each public hearing at which the board will consider petitions or the inclusion of debilitating conditions on its own initiative, the department shall publish a list of the debilitating medical conditions, medical treatments and diseases that the board will be considering at its upcoming hearing so that the petitioner, where applicable, and other members of the public may offer public comments before the board.

(h) The board may, in its discretion, or at the request of the commissioner, hold additional meetings during which it need not consider petitions.

(i) In addition to information provided in a petition, the board may examine scientific, medical or other evidence and research pertaining to the petition, and may gather information, in person or in writing, from other persons knowledgeable about the medical condition, medical treatment or disease being considered.

(j) Following the public hearing, the board shall consider the public comments and any additional information or expertise made available to the board for each proposed debilitating medical condition considered at the hearing. The board shall issue a written recommendation to the commissioner as to whether the medical condition, medical treatment or disease should be added to the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the palliative use of marijuana. The recommendation shall include the board's opinion as to:

(1) Whether the medical condition, medical treatment or disease is debilitating;

(2) Whether marijuana is more likely than not to have the potential to be beneficial to treat or alleviate the debilitation associated with the medical condition, medical treatment or disease; and

(3) Other matters that the board considers relevant to the approval or the denial of the petition.

(k) Each proposed debilitating medical condition shall be considered by at least three members of the board, which shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the board members present at the hearing where each proposed debilitating medical condition was presented for public comment shall concur in the recommendation submitted to the commissioner and that recommendation shall be considered the official recommendation of the board. Any board member who disagrees with the board's official recommendation may submit a dissenting recommendation to the commissioner.

(l) If, after receiving the board's official recommendation and any dissenting recommendation, the commissioner concludes that the medical condition, medical treatment or disease that was under consideration should be added to the list of debilitating medical conditions under the act, the commissioner shall proceed to promulgate regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes, expanding the list of debilitating medical conditions accordingly.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-13. Number of dispensaries and dispensary facilities

(a) Marijuana shall only be dispensed by a dispensary at a dispensary department.

(b) The commissioner shall commence the process set forth in section XX-XXX-14 to issue at least one dispensary facility permit upon adoption of sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and may issue additional dispensary facility permits upon a determination that additional dispensary facilities are desirable to assure access to marijuana for qualifying patients, which determination shall be made based on the size and location of the dispensary facilities in operation, the number of qualifying patients registered with the department and the convenience and economic benefits to qualifying patients.

(c) Each dispensary facility may employ no more than five dispensaries at a time without prior approval from the commissioner, one of whom shall be designated as the dispensary facility manager.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-14. Dispensary facility permit selection

(a) Upon the effective date of sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and at a later date if the commissioner determines that additional dispensary facilities are desirable, the department shall

publish on its website, and in such other places as the department deems appropriate, a notice of open applications for dispensary facility permits. Such notice shall include:

- (1) The number of permits anticipated to be awarded;
- (2) Information on how to obtain an application;
- (3) The deadline for receipt of applications;
- (4) Acceptable methods for submitting an application;
- (5) The preferred location, if any, for the dispensary facility permit(s); and
- (6) The criteria that shall be considered in awarding the dispensary facility permit(s).

(b) Following the deadline for receipt of applications, the commissioner shall evaluate each complete and timely submitted application and award dispensary facility permits on a competitive basis based on the criteria set out in the notice for applications.

(c) Criteria that the commissioner shall consider in evaluating dispensary facility permit applications includes, but is not limited to:

(1) The character and fitness of the dispensary, dispensary facility backers and others associated with the proposed dispensary facility;

(2) The location for the proposed dispensary facility including, but not limited to:

(A) Its proximity to previously approved dispensary facilities or pending dispensary facility applications;

(B) Whether the registered patient population in the area proposed by the dispensary facility applicant justifies the need for a dispensary facility, or an additional dispensary facility, in that area;

(C) Whether the proximity of the proposed dispensary facility will have a detrimental effect upon any church, public or parochial school, convent, charitable institution, whether supported by private or public funds, hospital or veterans' home or any camp or military establishment;

(D) Whether the number of dispensary facilities in the locality is such that the granting of a permit is detrimental to the public interest. In reaching a conclusion in this respect, the commissioner may consider the character of, the population of, the number of like permits and number of all permits existent in, the particular town and the immediate neighborhood concerned, the effect which a new permit may have on such town or neighborhood or on like permits existent in such town or neighborhood;

(3) The applicant's ability to maintain adequate control against the diversion, theft and loss of marijuana;

(4) The applicant's ability to maintain the knowledge, understanding, judgment, procedures, security controls and ethics to ensure optimal safety and accuracy in the dispensing and sale of marijuana; and

(5) Any other reason provided by state or federal law or regulation that warrants consideration.

(d) The commissioner shall have the right to amend the notice of open applications prior to the deadline for submitting an application.

(e) The commissioner shall have the right to cancel a notice of open applications prior to the award of a dispensary facility permit.

(f) The commissioner may disqualify any applicant who:

(1) Submits an incomplete, false, inaccurate or misleading application;

(2) Fails to submit an application by the published deadline;

(3) Fails to pay all applicable fees; or

(4) Has been convicted, or whose dispensary facility backer or other person associated with the proposed dispensary facility, has been convicted for the violation of any law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of a legend drug or controlled substance unless the violation resulting in the conviction occurred when the person held a valid license or registration certificate from the department and the violation was of a federal law related to the possession, purchase or sale of marijuana that is authorized under the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(g) The decision of the commissioner not to award a dispensary facility permit to an applicant shall be final.

(h) If an applicant has been awarded a dispensary facility permit and has not commenced operation of such facility within one hundred twenty (120) days of being notified of the dispensary facility permit award, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, rescind such dispensary facility permit. In the event a dispensary facility permit is rescinded pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner shall award a dispensary facility permit by selecting among the applicants who applied for the dispensary facility permit subject to rescission. If no other qualified applicant applied for such dispensary facility permit or satisfied the criteria for awarding a permit, the department shall publish, in accordance with this section, a notice of open applications for dispensary facility permits.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-15. Dispensary facility permit applications

(a) A dispensary facility permit shall allow the retail sale of marijuana to qualified patients and primary caregivers that have a registration certificate from the department.

(b) A dispensary facility shall not be located within one thousand feet of a school, church, temple or other place used exclusively for religious worship, or a playground, park or child day care facility.

(c) A dispensary facility permit applicant shall submit an application form and the fees required by section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as well as all other required documentation on forms prescribed by the commissioner.

(d) The applicant shall provide the following information in the application process and maintain the following records, as applicable:

(1) The name and address of the applicant, the applicant's dispensary facility backer(s), if any, and the person who will serve as the dispensary facility manager if the application is approved;

(2) The location for the dispensary facility that is to be operated under such permit;

(3) A financial statement setting forth all elements and details of any business transactions connected with the application;

(4) A detailed description of any other services or products to be offered by the dispensary facility;

(5) Details regarding the applicant's plans to maintain adequate control against the diversion, theft or loss of marijuana;

(6) Details of any felony conviction or of any criminal conviction related to controlled substances or legend drugs of the applicant or applicant's backer(s);

(7) Documents sufficient to establish that the applicant is authorized to conduct business in Connecticut and that all state and local building, fire and zoning requirements and local ordinances will be met; with regard to zoning, it shall be sufficient to establish that the proposed location is in a zone where a pharmacy or other medical facility would be allowed;

(8) Permission for the department to conduct a background check on the applicant and the applicant's backer(s), if any;

(9) Any business and marketing plans related to the operation of the dispensary facility or the sale of marijuana;

(10) Text and graphic materials showing the exterior appearance of the proposed dispensary facility and its site compatibility with commercial or residential structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate neighborhood;

(11) A blueprint of the proposed dispensary facility, which shall, at a minimum, show and identify:

(A) The square footage of the area which will constitute the dispensary department;

(B) The square footage of the overall dispensary facility;

(C) The square footage and location of areas used as storerooms or stockrooms;

(D) The size of the counter that will be used for selling marijuana;

(E) The location of the dispensary facility sink and refrigerator, if any;

(F) The location of all approved safe(s) and approved vault(s) that will be used to store marijuana;

(G) The location of the toilet facilities;

(H) The location of a break room and location of personal belonging lockers;

(I) The location and size of patient counseling areas, if any;

(J) The location(s) where any other products or services will be offered; and

(K) The location of all areas that may contain marijuana showing the location of walls, partitions, counters and all areas of ingress and egress; and

(12) Such other documents and information required by the department.

(e) In the event any information contained in the application or accompanying documents changes after being submitted to the department, the applicant shall notify the department in writing and provide corrected information in a timely manner so as not to disrupt the permit selection process.

(f) The department may verify information contained in each application and accompanying documentation in order to assess the applicant's character and fitness to operate a dispensary facility. The department may verify the information and assess the applicant's character and fitness by, among other things:

(1) Contacting the applicant by telephone, mail, electronic mail or such other means as are reasonable under the circumstances;

(2) Conducting an on-site visit of the proposed dispensary facility location or other dispensary facility locations associated with the applicant or the applicant's dispensary facility backers;

(3) Conducting background checks or contacting references of the applicant, dispensary facility backers or any other person associated with the proposed dispensary facility;

(4) Contacting state regulators in any other states where the applicant, dispensary facility backers or other persons associated with the proposed dispensary facility are engaged in, or have sought to be engaged in, any aspect of that state's medical marijuana program; and

(5) Requiring a personal meeting with the applicant and the submission of additional information or documents.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-16. Dispensary facility personnel licenses and registrations

(a) No person shall act as a dispensary without a license issued by the department under the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) No person shall act as a dispensary technician without being registered with the department under the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(c) No person shall be employed or retained as any other dispensary facility personnel without being at least 18 years of age and being registered by the department under the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(d) Any dispensary facility backer, or other person who will exercise control over, or have management responsibility for, a dispensary facility shall be registered with the department pursuant to section XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(e) Only a pharmacist who is in good standing and has an active pharmacist license issued by the department may apply for and receive a dispensary license.

(f) Only a pharmacy technician who is 18 years of age or older, in good standing and has an active pharmacy technician registration issued by the department may apply for and receive a dispensary technician registration.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-17. Notification of changes by dispensary facility

(a) Unless otherwise provided, any notification or information that is required to be provided by a dispensary facility pursuant to sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall be provided to the department by the dispensary facility manager, except that if the notification or information relates to a change in the dispensary facility manager, or if the dispensary facility manager is otherwise not available to provide the notification or information to the department, such notification or information shall be provided by a dispensary facility backer.

(b) Prior to any person becoming affiliated with a dispensary facility, such person shall comply with the licensing and registration requirements set forth in section XX-XXX-16 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No such affiliation shall be permitted until approved by the commissioner.

(c) Prior to making any change to the dispensary facility name, the dispensary facility shall submit an application, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, for such change to the department and pay the fee set forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No such change shall be permitted until approved by the commissioner.

(d) Prior to changing a dispensary facility location, the dispensary facility shall submit an application, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, for such change to the department and pay the fee set forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of

Connecticut State Agencies. No such change shall be permitted until approved by the commissioner.

(e) Prior to any modification, remodeling, expansion, reduction or other physical, non-cosmetic alteration of a dispensary facility or a dispensary department, the dispensary facility shall submit an application, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, for such change to the department and pay the fee set forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No such change shall be permitted until approved by the commissioner.

(f) Prior to designating a new dispensary facility manager, the dispensary facility shall submit a change of dispensary facility manager form to the department and pay the fee set forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No such change in dispensary facility manager shall be permitted until approved by the commissioner. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of an emergency such that the designated dispensary facility manager is no longer able or willing to continue managing the dispensary department, the dispensary facility backer or current dispensary facility manager shall immediately notify the department that the dispensary manager has ceased such management and shall immediately notify the department of the name, address and dispensary license number of the dispensary who assumes management of the dispensary facility. Such person shall serve as the acting dispensary facility manager until such time as the commissioner approves a new dispensary facility manager. The dispensary facility shall submit a change of dispensary facility manager form and accompanying fee to the department to designate a permanent dispensary facility manager not more than fifteen (15) business days after the previously designated dispensary facility manager has ceased management responsibilities.

(g) The applications for any changes set forth in this section may include, and the commissioner may consider, any of the types of information contained in the initial applications for a dispensary facility permit or dispensary facility backer registration.

(h) The dispensary facility shall notify the department no later than ten (10) business days after the date that a dispensary facility backer or dispensary facility personnel ceases to work for, or be affiliated with, the dispensary facility.

(i) The dispensary facility manager shall notify the department if the dispensary facility managed by such manager will be closing no less than fifteen (15) business days prior to such closing.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-18. Notification of changes by dispensary and dispensary technician

(a) Every dispensary and dispensary technician whose place of employment changes shall report to the department within five (5) business days the following information regarding the dispensary or dispensary technician's new employment:

- (1) the date of commencement of employment at the new employer;
- (2) the name of the dispensary's or dispensary technician's employer; and
- (3) the address of the dispensary facility location, if any.

(b) Any dispensary or dispensary technician whose name or home address changes shall notify the department of such change within five (5) business days.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-19. Number of producers

(a) The department shall commence the process set forth in section XX-XXX-20 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to issue at least three producer licenses upon adoption of sections XX-XXX-1 through XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) Prior to issuing any additional producer licenses, the commissioner shall determine that additional producers are desirable to assure access to marijuana for qualifying patients, which determination shall be made based on the size and location of the production facilities in operation, the amount of marijuana each production facility is producing, the number of qualifying patients registered with the department and the convenience and economic benefits to qualifying patients or dispensary facilities.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-20. Producer selection

(a) Upon the effective date of sections XX-XXX-1 through XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and at any other time the department determines that additional producers are desirable, the department shall publish on its website, and in such other places as the department deems appropriate, a notice of open applications for producer licenses. Such notice shall include:

- (1) The number of producer licenses anticipated to be awarded;
- (2) Information on how to obtain an application;
- (3) The deadline for receipt of applications;
- (4) Acceptable methods for submitting an application; and
- (5) The criteria that shall be considered in awarding the producer license.

(b) Following the deadline for receipt of applications, the department shall evaluate each complete and timely submitted application and award producer licenses on a competitive basis based on the criteria set out in the notice for applications.

(c) Criteria that the department shall consider in evaluating producer license applications includes, but is not limited to:

(1) The location for the proposed production facility to be owned and operated by the producer including, but not limited to:

(A) Whether the proximity of the proposed production facility will have a detrimental effect upon any church, public or parochial school, convent, charitable institution, whether supported by private or public funds, hospital or veterans' home or any camp or military establishment; and

(B) Whether the number of production facilities in the locality is such that the granting of an additional license is detrimental to the public interest. In reaching a conclusion in this respect, the commissioner may consider the character of, the population of, the number of like licenses and number of all licenses existent in, the particular town and the immediate neighborhood concerned and the effect that a new license may have on such town or neighborhood or on like licenses existent in such town or neighborhood;

(2) The character and fitness of the producer, producer backers, and other persons associated with the proposed producer or production facility;

(3) Detailed information regarding the applicant's financial position, indicating all assets, liabilities, income and net worth, to demonstrate the financial capacity of the applicant to build and operate a production facility;

(4) The applicant's ability to maintain adequate control against the diversion, theft and loss of marijuana produced or manufactured at the production facility;

(5) The applicant's ability to produce pharmaceutical grade marijuana for palliative use in a secure, indoor facility;

(6) The applicant's expertise in agriculture and other production techniques required to produce pharmaceutical grade marijuana or to manufacture marijuana products;

(7) The establishment and maintenance of an escrow account in a financial institution in Connecticut, upon terms approved by the commissioner, in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), which shall be payable to the State in the event the producer fails to timely and successfully complete the construction of a production facility or to continue to operate such facility in a manner that provides an uninterrupted supply to its usual dispensary facility customers during the term of the license; and

(8) Any other factors provided by state or federal law or regulation.

(d) The commissioner shall have the right to amend the notice of open applications prior to the deadline for submitting an application.

(e) The commissioner shall have the right to cancel a notice of open applications prior to the award of a producer license.

(f) The commissioner may disqualify any applicant who:

- (1) Submits an incomplete, false, inaccurate or misleading application;
- (2) Fails to submit an application by the published deadline;
- (3) Fails to pay all applicable fees; or
- (4) Has been convicted, or whose producer backer or any other person associated with the proposed producer or production facility, has been convicted for the violation of any law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or distribution of a legend drug or controlled substance unless the violation resulting in the conviction occurred when the person held a valid license or registration certificate from the department and the violation was of a federal law related to the possession, purchase or sale of marijuana that is authorized under the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(g) The decision of the commissioner not to award a producer license to an applicant shall be final.

(h) If an applicant has been awarded a producer license and has not commenced operation of a production facility within 180 days of being notified of the producer license award, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, rescind such producer license. In the event a producer license is rescinded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall award a producer license by selecting among the applicants who applied for the producer license subject to rescission. If no other qualified applicant applied for such producer license or satisfied the criteria for awarding a permit, the department shall publish, in accordance with this section, a notice of open applications for producer license.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-21. Producer applications

(a) A producer shall submit an application form and the fees required by section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as well as all other required documentation on forms prescribed by the commissioner.

(b) The applicant shall provide the following information in the application process and maintain the following records, as applicable:

(1) The name and address of the applicant and the applicant's producer backer(s), if any;

(2) The location for the production facility that is to be operated under such producer license;

(3) A financial statement setting forth all elements and details of any business transactions connected with the application;

(4) Details of any felony conviction or of any criminal conviction related to controlled substances or legend drugs of the applicant or applicant's backer(s);

(5) Details regarding the applicant's plans to maintain adequate control against the diversion, theft or loss of marijuana;

(6) Documents sufficient to establish that the applicant is authorized to conduct business in Connecticut and that state and local building, fire and zoning requirements and local ordinances will be met; with regard to zoning, it shall be sufficient to establish that the proposed location is in a zone where a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility would be allowed;

(7) Permission for the department to conduct a background check on the applicant and the applicant's backer(s), if any;

(8) Any proposed business and marketing plans, including expected production capacity;

(9) Text and graphic materials showing the exterior appearance of the proposed production facility and its site compatibility with commercial or residential structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate neighborhood;

(10) A blueprint of the proposed production facility to be operated by the licensee, which shall, at a minimum, show and identify:

(A) The square footage of the area(s) which will constitute the area(s) where marijuana is grown;

(B) The square footage of the area(s) which will constitute the area(s) where marijuana is harvested;

(C) The square footage of the area(s) which will constitute the area(s) where marijuana is packaged and labeled;

(D) The square footage of the area(s) which will constitute the area(s) where marijuana is produced and manufactured;

(E) The square footage of the overall production facility;

(F) The square footage and location of areas used as storerooms or stockrooms;

(G) The location of any approved safes or approved vaults that will be used to store marijuana;

(H) The location of the toilet facilities;

(I) The location of a break room and location of personal belonging lockers; and

(J) The location of all areas that may contain marijuana that shows walls, partitions, counters and all areas of ingress and egress. Said diagram shall also reflect all production, propagation, vegetation, flowering, harvesting, and manufacturing areas;

(11) Documents sufficient to show the establishment of the required escrow account; and

(12) Such other documents and information required by the department.

(c) In the event any information contained in the producer license application or accompanying documents changes after being submitted to the department, the

applicant shall notify the department in writing and provide corrected information in a timely manner so as not to disrupt the license selection process.

(d) The department may verify information contained in each application and accompanying documentation in order to assess the applicant's character and fitness to operate a production facility. The department may verify the information and assess the applicant's character and fitness by, among other things:

(1) Contacting the applicant by telephone, mail, electronic mail or such other means as are reasonable under the circumstances;

(2) Conducting an on-site visit of the proposed production facility location or other production facility locations associated with the applicant or the applicant's producer backers;

(3) Conducting background checks or contacting references of the applicant, producer backers or anyone else associated with the proposed producer or production facility;

(4) Contacting state regulators in any other states where the applicant, producer backers or other persons associated with the proposed producer or production facility are engaged in, or have sought to be engaged in, any aspect of that state's medical marijuana program; and

(5) Requiring a personal meeting with the applicant and the submission of additional information or documents.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-22. Production facility personnel registrations

(a) No person shall be employed or retained as production facility personnel without being at least 18 years of age and being registered by the department under the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) Any production facility backer or other person who will exercise control over, or have management responsibility for, a production facility shall be registered with the department pursuant to sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-23. Notification of changes by producers

(a) Prior to adding any person as a producer backer, the producer shall register such additional person(s), on forms prescribed by the commissioner, as producer backers with the department pursuant to sections XX-XXX-24 to XX-XXX-25, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and pay the accompanying registration fee set forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No such additions shall be permitted until approved by the commissioner.

(b) Prior to making any change to the producer name or production facility name, the producer shall submit an application, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, for such change to the department and pay the fee set forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No such change shall be permitted until approved by the commissioner.

(c) Prior to changing a production facility location, the producer shall submit an application, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, for such change to the department and pay the fee set forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No such change shall be permitted until approved by the commissioner.

(d) Prior to any modification, remodeling, expansion, reduction or other physical, non-cosmetic alteration of a production facility, the producer shall submit an application, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, for such change to the department and pay the fee set forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. No such change shall be permitted until approved by the commissioner.

(e) The applications for any changes set forth in this section may include, and the department may consider, any of the criteria or types of information contained in the initial applications for a producer or producer backer registration.

(f) The producer shall notify the department no later than ten (10) business days after the date that a producer backer or production facility personnel ceases to work for or be affiliated with the producer.

(g) The producer shall notify the department if the producer's production facility will be closing or if the producer does not intend to renew the producer's license immediately after such decision has been made and, in no event less than six months prior to the effective date of such a decision.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-24 Licenses, permits and registrations for dispensary facilities, dispensary facility personnel, producers and production facility personnel

(a) Applicants for any of the licenses, permits or registrations set forth in sections XX-XXX-13 to XX-XXX-24, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, shall be required to supply information to the department sufficient for the department to conduct a background check and determine the suitability of the applicant for the license, permit or registration, which information may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Name(s);
- (2) Address;
- (3) Social security number or federal employee identification number;
- (4) Date of birth or formation;

(5) Name and address of the producer, production facility or dispensary facility that the applicant seeks to work for, invest in or otherwise be associated with;

(6) Past employment history;

(7) Pharmacist or pharmacy technician license or registration number, if applicable;

(8) Previous or current involvement in the medical marijuana industry;

(9) Personal references;

(10) Any criminal record;

(11) Whether the person has ever applied for a license, permit or registration related to medical marijuana in any state and, if so, the status of that application, license, permit or registration;

(12) Percent ownership or nature of the financial interest in the producer or dispensary facility, where applicable;

(13) Detailed information regarding the applicant's financial position, indicating all assets, liabilities, income and net worth, to demonstrate the financial capacity of the applicant to build and operate a marijuana production facility or dispensary facility; and

(14) Such other information as the department may require.

(b) All licenses, permits and registrations issued pursuant to sections XX-XXX-13 to XX-XXX-24 inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, shall expire one year after the date of issuance and annually thereafter if renewed.

(c) Any person who receives a license, registration or permit pursuant to sections XX-XXX-13 to XX-XXX-24, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, shall notify the department of any changes to the information supplied on the application for such license, registration or permit no later than five (5) business days of the change.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-25. Department issuance of identification cards; expiration

(a) The Department shall issue each person licensed or registered pursuant to sections XX-XXX-13 to XX-XXX-24, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies an identification card that shall expire one year after the date of issuance.

(b) No person shall begin working at a dispensary facility or production facility prior to receiving their identification card.

(c) Identification cards shall be conspicuously displayed by all licensees and registrants while on the premises of a dispensary facility or production facility.

(d) Upon termination of employment, all dispensary facility personnel and production facility personnel identification cards shall be promptly returned to the department by the dispensary facility manager or producer.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-26. Non-transferability of licenses, permits and registrations

No license, permit or registration issued pursuant to XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall be assignable or transferable without the commissioner's prior approval.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-27. Renewal applications

(a) Every renewal application for a license, permit or registration issued pursuant to sections XX-XXX-13 to XX-XXX-24, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and accompanied by the proper fee(s) as forth in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, shall be filed with the department before the existing license, permit or registration expires.

(b) Failure to renew prior to the expiration date of the applicable license, permit or registration shall result in the license, permit or registration expiring and being null and void until such time that the renewal application and all applicable fees are submitted and approved by the commissioner.

(c) If a renewal application and all applicable fees are not submitted to the department at least thirty (30) calendar days after the expiration of the license, permit or registration, such license, permit or registration shall not be eligible for renewal and the applicant must reapply for such license, permit or registration.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-28. Fees

(a) An applicant shall submit the following fees with each license, permit and registration application submitted, in the form of a certified check or money order payable to the "Treasurer, State of Connecticut," or by such other means as approved by the commissioner:

(1) The non-refundable application fee and each renewal fee for each qualifying patient and for each primary caregiver application shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). In addition, there shall be a non-refundable fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for administrative costs for each qualifying patient application and for each primary caregiver application, for a total non-refundable fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) per application and for each renewal. Notwithstanding the above, the commissioner may create a class of patients who, due to financial hardship, shall be entitled to a reduction or waiver of the seventy-five dollar (\$75) administrative costs fee if such patients meet criteria established by the commissioner;

(2) The non-refundable fee for a replacement registration certificate for a qualifying patient or primary caregiver whose information has changed or whose original registration certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed shall be ten dollars (\$10.00);

(3) The non-refundable fee for a dispensary facility permit application shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000). In addition, upon approval of the applicant's dispensary facility permit, the applicant shall pay an additional fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) prior to receiving a permit;

(4) The non-refundable fee for each renewal of a dispensary facility permit shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000);

(5) The non-refundable fee for a dispensary license and for each renewal shall be one hundred dollars (\$100);

(6) The non-refundable fee for a dispensary technician and dispensary personnel registration and each renewal shall be fifty dollars (\$50);

(7) The non-refundable registration fee and each renewal fee for a dispensary facility backer shall be one hundred dollars (\$100);

(8) The non-refundable fee for an application to change a dispensary facility name shall be one hundred dollars (\$100);

(9) The non-refundable fee for a change of dispensary facility manager form shall be fifty dollars (\$50);

(10) The non-refundable fee for an application to expand or change the location of a dispensary facility shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000). If the application is approved, the applicant shall pay an additional one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) upon such approval;

(11) The non-refundable fee for an application to make a physical, non-cosmetic alteration of a dispensary facility or a dispensary facility department, other than an expansion, shall be five hundred dollars (\$500);

(12) The non-refundable application fee for a producer license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). In addition, if an application for a producer license is approved, the applicant shall pay a fee of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) prior to receiving a license;

(13) The fee for each renewal of a producer license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per production facility location;

(14) The non-refundable application fee for a producer to open an additional production facility location shall be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). In addition, if an application for an additional location is approved, the applicant shall pay a fee of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) prior to receiving permission to open an additional production facility.

(15) The non-refundable fee for a production facility personnel registration and for each renewal shall be one hundred dollars (\$100);

(16) The registration fee for a producer backer registration and for each renewal shall be one hundred dollars (\$100);

(17) The non-refundable fee for an application to change a producer name or production facility name shall be one hundred dollars (\$100);

(18) The fee for an application to expand or change the location of a production facility shall be three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500). In addition, upon approval of the application, the applicant shall pay an additional fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500);

(19) The non-refundable fee for an application to make a physical, non-cosmetic alteration of a production facility, other than an expansion, shall be five hundred dollars (\$500); and

(20) The non-refundable fee for a producer to register a marijuana brand name with the department shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per brand name.

(b) The commissioner may adjust the fees set forth in subsection (a) either upward or downward. Any such change shall be based on a determination of the sufficiency of fee revenue to meet the anticipated costs of efficiently administering the provisions of the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and shall be effective on July 1 of the fiscal year the change is instituted.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-29. Refusal to renew or issue a license, permit or registration of a dispensary facility, dispensary facility personnel, producer or production facility personnel

(a) If the commissioner refuses to renew a dispensary facility permit or producer license, the department shall, in accordance with Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes, notify the permittee or licensee of its refusal and set a day and place of a hearing thereon giving the permittee or licensee reasonable notice in advance thereof. If, at or after such hearing, the commissioner refuses to renew the permit or license, the department shall promptly provide notice of such decision to such permittee or licensee.

(b) Upon refusal to issue or renew a license or registration required under sections XX-XXX-13 to XX-XXX-24, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, other than dispensary facility permits and producer licenses, the department shall provide the applicant, licensee or registrant with notice of the grounds for the refusal to issue or renew the license or registration and shall inform the person of the right to request a hearing.

(1) Upon receipt of such notice, the applicant, licensee or registrant may request a hearing, which request shall be submitted to the department in writing not more than ten (10) calendar days after the date of the notice.

(2) If a request for a hearing is made within the ten-day period, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(3) If the applicant, licensee or registrant does not request a hearing in writing within the ten-day period, the applicant shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-30. Disciplinary action against dispensary facility, dispensary facility personnel, producer or production facility personnel

(a) For sufficient cause found after a hearing in accordance with Chapter 54, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew a license, permit or registration issued pursuant to sections XX-XXX-13 to XX-XXX-24, or place such license, permit or registration on probation, place conditions on such license, permit or registration, or take other actions permitted by statute or regulation. For purposes of this section, each instance of qualifying patient or primary caregiver contact or consultation that is in violation of any provision of sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, shall be deemed a separate offense. Failure to renew any license, permit or registration in a timely manner is not a violation for purposes of this section.

(b) Any of the following shall be sufficient cause for such action by the commissioner:

- (1) Furnishing of false or fraudulent information in any application;
- (2) Any criminal conviction under federal, state or local laws;
- (3) Any civil action under any federal, state or local law relating to the applicant's, permittee's, licensee's or registrant's profession, drugs, devices or fraudulent practices, including, but not limited to, fraudulent billing practices;
- (4) Failure to maintain effective controls against diversion, theft or loss of marijuana or other controlled substances;
- (5) Discipline by, or a pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint, with regard to any professional license or registration of any federal, state or local government;
- (6) Abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol;
- (7) Possession, use, prescription for use or distribution of controlled substances or legend drugs, except for therapeutic or other proper medical or scientific purpose;
- (8) Failure to account for the disposition of marijuana;
- (9) Failure to keep accurate records of all marijuana dispensed, administered or sold to qualifying patients or primary caregivers;

(10) Failure to keep accurate records of all marijuana produced, manufactured, packaged or sold to a dispensary or dispensary facility;

(11) Denial, suspension or revocation of a license or registration, or the denial of a renewal of a license or registration, by any federal, state or local government or a foreign jurisdiction;

(12) False, misleading or deceptive representations to the public or the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative;

(13) Return to regular stock of any marijuana where:

(A) The package or container containing the marijuana has been opened, breached or tampered with; or

(B) The marijuana has been sold to a patient or caregiver;

(14) Involvement in a fraudulent or deceitful practice or transaction;

(15) Performance of incompetent or negligent work;

(16) Failure to maintain the entire dispensary facility or production facility and contents in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition;

(17) Intentionally, or through negligence, obscuring, damaging, or defacing a license, permit or registration card;

(18) A determination by the commissioner that the applicant or holder of the license or registration has a condition including, but not limited to, physical illness or loss of skill or deterioration due to the aging process, emotional disorder or mental illness, abuse or excessive use of drugs or alcohol that would interfere with the practice of dispensing, operation of a dispensary facility or activities as a dispensary, dispensary technician, dispensary facility personnel or production facility personnel, provided the department may not, in taking action against a license or registration holder on the basis of such a condition, violate the provisions of section 46a-73 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or 42 USC 12132 of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act;

(19) Permitting another person to use the licensee's or registrant's license or registration;

(20) Failure to cooperate or give information to the department, local law enforcement authorities or any other enforcement agency upon any matter arising out of conduct at a dispensary facility or production facility;

(21) Discontinuance of business for more than sixty (60) days unless the commissioner approves an extension of such period for good cause shown, upon a written request from a dispensary facility permittee or producer. Good cause may include exigent circumstances that necessitate the closing of the facility. Good cause shall not include a voluntary closing of the dispensary facility or production facility;

(22) A violation of any provision of the general statutes, or any regulation established thereunder, related to the person's profession or occupation; or

(23) Failure to comply with any provision of sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(c) No person whose application for a permit, license, or registration has been denied because the applicant is an unsuitable person may make another application for a license, permit or registration under sections XX-XXX-13 to XX-XXX-24, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for at least one year from the date of denial.

(d) No person whose license, permit or registration has been revoked may make an application for a permit, license or registration under sections XX-XXX-13 to XX-XXX-24, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for at least one year from the date of such revocation.

(e) The surrender of a license, permit or registration or the expiration of a license or registration shall not prevent the department from suspending, revoking or imposing other penalties permitted by the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, on any such license, permit or registration.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-31. Suspension of dispensary facility permit or producer license

(a) During the period of any suspension as a result of disciplinary action by the department:

(1) No dispensary facility shall be altered unless the alterations have been expressly approved by the commissioner nor shall any person associated with a dispensary facility whose permit has been suspended attach to the exterior or any other part of the facility any sign indicating that the premises are “closed for repairs,” “closed for alterations” or any such like signs.

(2) There shall be placed on the dispensary facility in the front window, or on the front door facing the street, a notice that shall indicate the length of the suspension and the reasons therefor. The sign shall measure a minimum of eight inches in height and ten inches in length and the lettering shall be in a size and style that allows such sign to be read without difficulty by persons standing outside the dispensary facility. The sign shall be maintained in place until the period of suspension has terminated.

(3) No marijuana products shall be sold, delivered, offered, ordered or received by the dispensary facility unless expressly approved by the commissioner.

(4) The entire dispensary facility shall remain closed for business and all marijuana shall be securely locked. Dispensary facility personnel may visit the facility only for the necessary care and maintenance of the premises.

(5) A producer whose license has been suspended shall not sell, offer for sale, or deliver marijuana to, or visit or solicit any, dispensary facility. Production facility personnel may visit the premises of the production facility for the necessary care and maintenance of the premises and of any marijuana and marijuana products.

(6) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, accept a monetary payment as an offer in compromise, in lieu of, or so as to reduce, a suspension from a licensee, permittee or registrant whose license, permit or registration is subject to a hearing that may result in a suspension or whose license, permit or registration has been suspended after due hearing. Such offer shall include a waiver of appeal and judicial review and a certified check in the amount designated by the commissioner.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-32. Confidentiality of information

(a) Except as provided by section XX-XXX-49 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, a dispensary facility personnel, producer, production facility personnel, or any other person associated with a dispensary facility or producer, shall not disclose patient-specific information received and records kept pursuant to sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, except that reasonable access to patient treatment or dispensing information shall be made available to:

(1) The department or state and local law enforcement for purposes of investigating and enforcing the Act or these regulations;

(2) Physicians, pharmacists or other dispensaries for the purpose of providing patient care and drug therapy management and monitoring controlled substances obtained by the qualifying patient;

(3) A qualifying patient but only with respect to information related to such patient;

(4) A primary caregiver, but only with respect to the qualifying patient of such primary caregiver;

(5) Third party payors who pay claims for dispensary services rendered to a qualifying patient or who have a formal agreement or contract to audit any records or information in connection with such claims; and

(6) Any person, the state or federal government or any agency thereof pursuant to a court-ordered subpoena or search warrant.

(b) An electronic data intermediary shall not have access to any data involving marijuana, qualifying patients, primary caregivers or other data from a dispensary facility or an agent of the dispensary facility.

(c) No electronic equipment utilized by a dispensary department shall collect patient-specific data for use outside the dispensary department, except that such data

shall be disclosed to the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative for purposes of an inspection or investigation.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-33. Operation of dispensary facility

(a) No person may operate a dispensary facility without a dispensary facility permit issued by the department.

(b) No marijuana shall be dispensed from, obtained from or transferred to a location outside of Connecticut.

(c) A dispensary facility shall not obtain, cultivate, deliver, transfer, transport, sell or dispense marijuana except:

(1) It may acquire marijuana from a producer; and

(2) It may dispense and sell marijuana to a qualifying patient or primary caregiver who is registered with the department pursuant to the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(d) No person at a dispensary facility shall provide marijuana samples or engage in marijuana compounding.

(e) Sales of marijuana products shall be made only in the original sealed containers or packaging as delivered by the producer, except that a dispensary may remove the marijuana product from the producer's child-proof container or package and place the marijuana product in a non-child-proof, secure and opaque container upon a written request from the qualifying patient or primary caregiver so long as all original labeling is maintained with the product.

(f) Only a dispensary may dispense marijuana, and only a dispensary or dispensary technician may sell marijuana, to qualifying patients and primary caregivers who are registered with the department pursuant to the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. A dispensary technician may assist, under the direct supervision of a dispensary, in the dispensing of marijuana.

(g) All products sold at a dispensary facility shall be provided to the qualifying patient or primary caregiver in an opaque bag that shall not indicate the contents of the bag, the originating facility or in any other way cause another person to believe that the bag may contain marijuana.

(h) No person shall be in the dispensary department unless:

(1) Such person is licensed or registered by the department pursuant to XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(2) Such person's responsibilities necessitate access to the dispensary department and then for only as long as necessary to perform the person's job duties;
or

(3) Such person has a patient or caregiver registration certificate in which case such person shall not be permitted behind the service counter or in other areas where marijuana is stored.

(i) All dispensary facility personnel shall, at all times while at the dispensary facility, have their current dispensary license, dispensary technician registration or dispensary facility personnel registration available for inspection by the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative.

(j) While inside the dispensary facility, all dispensary facility personnel shall wear name tags or similar forms of identification that clearly identify them to the public, including their position at the dispensary facility.

(k) A dispensary department shall be open for qualifying patients and primary caregivers to purchase marijuana products for a minimum of thirty-five (35) hours a week, except as otherwise authorized by the commissioner.

(l) A dispensary department that closes during its normal hours of operation shall implement procedures to notify qualifying patients and primary caregivers of when the dispensary department will resume normal hours of operation. Such procedures may include, but are not limited to, telephone system messages and conspicuously posted signs. If the dispensary department is, or will be, closed during its normal hours of operation for longer than two (2) business days, the dispensary facility shall immediately notify the department.

(m) A dispensary facility that operates at times when the dispensary department is closed shall:

(1) Conspicuously post the hours of operation of the dispensary department at all entrances to the dispensary facility in block letters at least one-half inch in height; and

(2) Clearly state the hours of operation of the dispensary department in all advertising for the specific dispensary department or dispensary facility.

(n) A dispensary facility shall make publicly available the price of all marijuana products offered by the dispensary facility to prospective qualifying patients and primary caregivers. Such disclosure may include posting the information on the dispensary facility website.

(o) Each dispensary facility shall provide information to qualifying patients and primary caregivers regarding the possession and use of marijuana. All informational material shall be submitted to the commissioner by the dispensary facility manager for approval prior to being provided to qualifying patients and primary caregivers and shall include information related to:

(1) Limitations on the right to possess and use marijuana pursuant to the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(2) Safe techniques for proper use of marijuana and paraphernalia;

(3) Alternative methods and forms of consumption or inhalation by which one can use marijuana;

(4) Signs and symptoms of substance abuse; and

(5) Opportunities to participate in substance abuse programs.

(p) The dispensary facility shall establish, implement and adhere to a written alcohol, drug free and smoke free work place policy, which shall be available to the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative upon request.

(q) All deliveries from producers shall be carried out under the direct supervision of a dispensary who shall be present to accept the delivery. Upon delivery, the marijuana shall immediately be placed in the secure locked area within the dispensary department where marijuana is stored.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-34. Dispensary facility prohibitions

(a) No dispensary department shall be open or in operation, and no person shall be in the dispensary department, unless a dispensary is on the premises and directly supervising the activity within the dispensary department. At all other times, the dispensary department shall be closed and properly secured, in accordance with sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) No products shall be sold at the dispensary department except marijuana products and paraphernalia.

(c) Consumption of marijuana on the premises of a dispensary facility is prohibited.

(d) Consumption of food or beverages by qualifying patients and primary caregivers on the premises of a dispensary facility is prohibited.

(e) No person except for a qualifying patient or primary caregiver shall open or break the seal placed on a marijuana product packaged by a producer.

(f) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, no person, except dispensary facility personnel, shall be allowed on the premises of a dispensary facility without a qualifying patient or primary caregiver registration certificate issued by the department.

(g) Upon prior written request, the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative may waive the provisions of subsection (f) of this section. All persons not permitted on the premises of a dispensary facility pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, but who have been authorized to enter the facility by the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative shall obtain a visitor identification badge from a dispensary facility personnel, prior to entering the dispensary facility and shall be escorted and monitored at all times by a dispensary or dispensary technician

when in the dispensary department. The visitor identification badge must be visibly displayed at all times while the visitor is in the dispensary facility. All visitors must be logged in and out, and that log shall include the date, time and purpose of the visit. The log shall be maintained and made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. All visitor identification badges shall be returned to the dispensary facility personnel upon exiting the dispensary facility.

(h) No dispensary facility shall enter into any agreement with a certifying physician or health care facility concerning the provision of services or equipment that may adversely affect any person's freedom to choose the dispensary at which the qualifying patient or primary caregiver will purchase marijuana.

(i) No marijuana shall be sold, dispensed or distributed via a delivery service or any other manner outside of a dispensary facility, except that a primary caregiver may deliver marijuana to the caregiver's qualified patient.

(j) Notwithstanding the requirements of sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, nothing shall prohibit members of the department, local law enforcement or other government officials from entering any area of a dispensary facility if necessary to perform their governmental duties.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-35. Procedures when dispensary department is closed

(a) During times that the dispensary department is closed, it shall be securely locked and equipped with an alarm system. Such alarm shall be activated and operated separately from any other alarm system at the dispensary facility and shall be able to detect entrance to the dispensary department at times when it is closed. Keys and access codes to the alarm system shall be controlled in such a manner so as to prevent access to the dispensary department by other than authorized dispensary facility personnel. Only a dispensary shall have the authority to deactivate the alarm system.

(b) Marijuana shall be stored in an approved safe or approved vault within the dispensary department and no sales of such products shall take place when the dispensary department is closed.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-36. Security of the dispensary department during momentary absences of a dispensary

During times when the dispensary leaves the dispensary department for a few moments, measures shall be taken to ensure that adequate security of the dispensary department is provided and that entry by unauthorized persons is prevented or immediately detected. The presence of a dispensary technician in the dispensary department during these times shall be considered adequate security. If no such

dispensary technician is available for this purpose, and the dispensary department is not within the view of the dispensary, a method shall be employed to physically or electronically secure the dispensary department through the use of mechanisms such as a locked barrier or an alarm system that will prevent or immediately detect access to that area.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-37. Rights and responsibilities of dispensaries

(a) A dispensary, in good faith, may sell and dispense marijuana to any qualifying patient or primary caregiver that is registered with the department. Except as otherwise provided by sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the dispensary dispensing the marijuana shall include the date of dispensing and the dispensary's signature or initials on the dispensary facility's dispensing record log.

(b) All dispensaries shall register with the department to access the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring Program.

(c) A dispensary shall review a qualifying patient's controlled substance history report within the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring Program before dispensing any marijuana to the qualifying patient or the qualifying patient's primary caregiver.

(d) The dispensary shall exercise their professional judgment to determine if they shall not dispense marijuana to a qualifying patient or primary caregiver if the dispensary suspects that dispensing marijuana to the qualifying patient or primary caregiver may have negative health or safety consequences for the qualifying patient or the public.

(e) A dispensary may dispense a portion of a qualifying patient's one-month supply of marijuana. The remaining portion of the one-month supply of marijuana may be dispensed at any time except that no qualifying patient or primary caregiver shall receive more than a one-month supply of marijuana in a one-month period.

(f) A dispensary, or dispensary technician, shall require the presentation of a registration certificate together with another valid photographic identification issued to a qualifying patient or primary caregiver, prior to selling marijuana to such qualifying patient or primary caregiver.

(g) The dispensary shall formulate a system for documenting a qualifying patient's self-assessment of the effects of marijuana in treating the qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or the symptoms thereof. Such documentation shall be maintained for at least three year following the date the patient ceases to designate the dispensary facility and shall be made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-38. Dispensaries to assign serial number and maintain records. Transfer of records to another dispensary facility

(a) A dispensary shall assign and record a sequential serial number to each marijuana product dispensed to a patient and shall keep all dispensing records in numerical order in a suitable file, electronic file or ledger. The records shall indicate:

- (1) the date of dispensing;
- (2) the name and address of the certifying physician;
- (3) the name and address of the qualifying patient, or primary caregiver if applicable;
- (4) the initials of the dispensary who dispensed the marijuana; and
- (5) whether a full or partial one-month supply of marijuana was dispensed.

(b) Records created under this section shall be maintained and made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(c) When a dispensary department closes temporarily or permanently, the dispensary facility shall, in the interest of public health, safety and convenience, make its complete dispensing records immediately available to a nearby dispensary facility and post a notice of this availability on the window or door of the closed dispensary facility.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-39. Labeling of marijuana products by dispensary

(a) A dispensary shall not dispense marijuana that does not bear the producer label required pursuant to section XX-XXX-55 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) All marijuana products dispensed shall be completely and properly labeled by the dispensary, or by the dispensary technician under the direct supervision of the dispensary, with all required information as follows:

- (1) the serial number, as assigned by the dispensary facility;
- (2) the date of dispensing the marijuana;
- (3) the quantity of marijuana dispensed;
- (4) the name and registration certificate number of the qualifying patient and, where applicable, the primary caregiver;
- (5) the name of the certifying physician;
- (6) such directions for use as may be included in the physician's written certification or otherwise provided by the physician;
- (7) name of the dispensary;
- (8) name and address of the dispensary facility;
- (9) any cautionary statement as may be required by state statute or regulation;

and

(10) a prominently printed expiration date based on the producer's recommended conditions of use and storage that can be read and understood by the ordinary individual.

(c) The expiration date required by this section shall be no later than the expiration date determined by the producer.

(d) No person except a dispensary, or a dispensary technician operating under the direct supervision of a dispensary, shall alter, deface or remove any label so affixed.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-40. Responsibilities of dispensary facility manager

(a) The dispensary facility manager shall be employed at the dispensary facility for at least thirty-five (35) hours per week, except as otherwise authorized by the commissioner.

(b) No person shall be a dispensary facility manager for more than one dispensary facility at a time.

(c) The dispensary facility manager shall be responsible for ensuring that:

(1) Dispensary technicians are registered and properly trained;

(2) All record-retention requirements are met;

(3) All requirements for the physical security of marijuana are met;

(4) The dispensary facility has appropriate pharmaceutical reference materials to ensure that marijuana can be properly dispensed; and

(5) The following items are conspicuously posted in the dispensary department in a location and in a manner so as to be clearly and readily identifiable to qualifying patients and primary caregivers:

(A) Dispensary facility permit;

(B) The name of the dispensary facility manager; and

(C) The price of all marijuana products offered by the dispensary facility as identified by their registered brand name as set forth in section XX-XXX-58 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies; and

(6) Any other filings or notifications required to be made on behalf of the dispensary facility, as set forth in sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, are completed.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-41. Dispensary technicians. Ratio. Supervision and responsibility

(a) The ratio of dispensary technicians to dispensaries on duty in a dispensary department shall not exceed three (3) dispensary technicians to one dispensary.

(b) A dispensary whose license is under suspension or revocation shall not act as a dispensary technician.

(c) The dispensary providing direct supervision of dispensary technicians shall be responsible for the dispensary technicians' actions. Any violations relating to the dispensing of marijuana resulting from the actions of a dispensary technician, or the use of dispensary technicians in the performance of tasks in a manner not in conformance with sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, shall constitute cause for action against the license of the dispensary. As used in this subsection, "direct supervision" means a supervising dispensary who:

- (1) Is physically present in the area or location where the dispensary technician is performing routine marijuana dispensing functions; and
- (2) Conducts in-process and final checks on the dispensary technician's performance.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-42. Dispensary technician limitations

(a) Dispensary technicians shall not:

- (1) Consult with a qualifying patient or the patient's primary caregiver regarding marijuana or other drugs, either before or after marijuana has been dispensed, or regarding any medical information contained in a patient medication record;
- (2) Consult with the physician who certified the qualifying patient, or the physician's agent, regarding a patient or any medical information pertaining to the patient's marijuana or any other drug the patient may be taking;
- (3) Interpret the patient's clinical data or provide medical advice;
- (4) Perform professional consultation with physicians, nurses or other health care professionals or their authorized agents; or
- (5) Determine whether a different brand or formulation of marijuana should be substituted for the marijuana product or formulation recommended by the physician or requested by the qualifying patient or primary caregiver.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit a dispensary technician from communicating with a physician who certified a qualifying patient, or the physician's agent, to obtain a clarification on a qualifying patient's written certification or instructions provided the supervising dispensary is aware that such clarification is being requested.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-43. Dispensary technician training

(a) Dispensary technicians shall complete initial training as determined by the dispensary facility manager of each dispensary facility. Such training shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) On-the-job and other related education, which shall be commensurate with the tasks dispensary technicians are to perform and which shall be completed prior to the regular performance of such tasks;

(2) Professional conduct, ethics, and state and federal laws regarding patient confidentiality; and

(3) Developments in the field of the medical use of marijuana.

(b) The dispensary technician shall be registered with the department prior to the start of such training.

(c) The dispensary facility manager shall assure the continued competency of dispensary technicians through continuing in-service training designed to supplement initial training.

(d) The dispensary facility manager shall be responsible for maintaining a written record documenting the initial and continuing training of dispensary technicians, which shall contain:

(1) The name of the person receiving the training;

(2) The date(s) of the training;

(3) A general description of the topics covered;

(4) The name of the person supervising the training; and

(5) The signatures of the person receiving the training and the dispensary facility manager.

(e) When a change of dispensary facility manager occurs, the new manager shall review such record and sign it, indicating that the new manager understands its contents.

(f) The record documenting the dispensary technician training shall be maintained and made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-44. Dispensary facility personnel training. Personnel records

(a) Each dispensary facility personnel, on or before their first day working at the dispensary facility, shall receive, at a minimum, training in the following:

(1) The proper use of security measures and controls that have been adopted for the prevention of diversion, theft or loss of marijuana;

(2) Procedures and instructions for responding to an emergency; and

(3) State and federal laws regarding patient confidentiality.

(b) Each dispensary facility shall maintain and make available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, a personnel record for each dispensary facility personnel. Such record shall include, at a minimum, documentation of all required training, including:

(1) The name of the person receiving the training;

(2) The date(s) of the training;

- (3) A general description of the topics covered;
- (4) The name of the person supervising the training; and
- (5) The signatures of the person receiving the training and the dispensary facility manager.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-45. Dispensary facility manager notifications

(a) A dispensary facility shall immediately notify the department whenever the dispensary facility manager ceases such management and shall immediately designate with the department the name, address and license number of the dispensary who assumes management of the dispensary facility. The notice of change in management of a dispensary required to be filed with the department under this section shall be accompanied by the filing fee required in section XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The dispensary who ceases management of the dispensary facility shall also immediately notify the department of that fact.

(b) If a dispensary facility manager is absent from the dispensary facility for any reason for more than sixteen (16) consecutive days, the dispensary facility shall immediately report such absence to the department. The dispensary facility shall provide the department with the name of the dispensary designated to be the acting dispensary facility manager no later than five (5) days after the sixteenth consecutive day of the original dispensary facility manager's absence.

(c) If the absence of the dispensary facility manager exceeds forty-two (42) consecutive days, such person shall be deemed to have ceased to be the dispensary facility manager for the dispensary facility. In such case, the dispensary facility shall, in accordance with this Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, immediately notify the department of the name, address and license number of the dispensary who is assuming management of the dispensary facility. This notice of change of dispensary facility manager shall be accompanied by the filing fee required by sections XX-XXX-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The dispensary who ceases management of the dispensary facility shall also immediately notify the department of this fact.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-46. Dispensing error reporting. Quality assurance program

(a) Each dispensary facility shall display a sign concerning the reporting of dispensing errors in a conspicuous location visible to qualifying patients and primary caregivers. The sign shall measure a minimum of eight inches in height and ten inches in length and the lettering shall be in a size and style that allows such sign to be read without difficulty by consumers standing at the dispensary department. The sign shall bear the following statement: "If you have a concern that an error may have occurred in

the dispensing of your marijuana you may contact the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division, by calling (Department of Consumer Protection telephone number authorized pursuant to section 21a-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes)."

(b) Each dispensary facility shall include the following printed statement on the receipt or in the bag or other similar packaging in which marijuana is contained: "If you have a concern that an error may have occurred in the dispensing of your marijuana you may contact the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division, by calling (Department of Consumer Protection telephone number authorized pursuant to section 21a-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes)." The statement shall be printed in a size and style that allows such statement to be read without difficulty by consumers.

(c) Each dispensary facility shall implement and abide by a quality assurance program that describes, in writing, policies and procedures to detect, identify and prevent dispensing errors. A written copy of such quality assurance program shall be readily available to all dispensary facility personnel. Such policies and procedures shall include:

(1) Directions for communicating the details of a dispensing error to the physician who certified a qualifying patient and to the qualifying patient, the patient's primary caregiver or appropriate family member if the patient is deceased or is unable to fully comprehend the communication. Such communication shall describe methods of correcting the dispensing error or reducing the negative impact of the error on the qualifying patient; and

(2) A process to document and assess dispensing errors to determine the cause of the error and an appropriate response.

(d) Each dispensary facility shall use the findings of its quality assurance program to develop dispensary systems and workflow processes designed to prevent dispensing errors.

(e) Each dispensary facility manager shall inform dispensary facility personnel of changes to dispensary facility policy, procedure, systems, or processes made as a result of recommendations generated by the quality assurance program.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-47. Review of dispensing errors

(a) Each dispensary facility manager shall notify all dispensary personnel that the discovery or reporting of a dispensing error shall be relayed immediately to a dispensary on duty.

(b) Each dispensary facility manager shall perform a quality assurance review for each dispensing error. This review shall commence as soon as is reasonably possible, but no later than two (2) business days from the date the dispensing error is discovered.

(c) Each dispensary facility manager shall create a record of every quality assurance review. This record shall contain at least the following:

(1) The date or dates of the quality assurance review and the names and titles of the persons performing the review;

(2) The pertinent data and other information relating to the dispensing error reviewed;

(3) Documentation of contact with the qualifying patient, primary caregiver where applicable, and the physician who certified the patient as required by section XX-XXX-46 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(4) The findings and determinations generated by the quality assurance review; and

(5) Recommended changes to dispensary facility policy, procedure, systems, or processes, if any.

(d) The quality assurance review records shall be maintained in an orderly manner and filed by date.

(e) A copy of the dispensary facility's quality assurance program and records of all reported dispensing errors and quality assurance reviews shall be maintained and made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-48. Electronic system record-keeping safeguards

(a) If an electronic system is used for the storage and retrieval of patient information or other marijuana records, it shall:

(1) Guarantee the confidentiality of the information contained therein;

(2) Be capable of providing safeguards against erasures and unauthorized changes in data after the information has been entered and verified by the dispensary; and

(3) Be capable of being reconstructed in the event of a computer malfunction or accident resulting in the destruction of the data bank.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-49. Dispensary reporting into the prescription monitoring program

(a) At least once per day, a dispensary shall transmit electronically to the Drug Control Division of the department the information set forth in the most recent edition of the Electronic Reporting Standard for Prescription Monitoring Programs established by the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy, a copy of which may be obtained from the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy, 492 Norristown Road, Suite

160, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422. Telephone: (610) 825-7783 or on their website: www.asapnet.org.

(b) A dispensary shall transmit to the department, in American Society for Automation in Pharmacy format, or such other format approved by the department, the fields listed in said reporting standard, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Drug Enforcement Administration Pharmacy number, which shall be provided by the department;
- (2) Birth date;
- (3) Sex code;
- (4) Date prescription filled, which shall be the date marijuana is dispensed;
- (5) Prescription number, which shall be the serial number assigned to each marijuana product dispensed to a patient;
- (6) New-refill code;
- (7) Quantity;
- (8) Days supply;
- (9) National Drug Code number, which shall be provided by the department;
- (10) Drug Enforcement Administration Prescriber identification number;
- (11) Date prescription written, which shall be the date the written certification was issued;
- (12) Number of refills authorized;
- (13) Prescription origin code, which shall be provided by the department;
- (14) Patient last name;
- (15) Patient first name;
- (16) Patient street address;
- (17) State;
- (18) Payment code for either cash or third-party provider; and
- (19) Drug name, which shall be the brand name of the marijuana product.

(c) A dispensary shall transmit the information required pursuant to this section in such a manner as to insure the confidentiality of the information in compliance with all federal and state statutes and regulations, including the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-50. Security requirements for dispensary facilities

- (a) A dispensary facility shall:
- (1) Not maintain marijuana in excess of the quantity required for normal, efficient operation;
 - (2) Store all marijuana in an approved safe or approved vault and in such a manner as to prevent diversion, theft or loss;

(3) Maintain all marijuana in a secure area or location accessible only to specifically authorized personnel, which shall include only the minimum number of employees essential for efficient operation;

(4) Keep all approved safes and approved vaults securely locked and protected from entry, except for the actual time required to remove or replace marijuana;

(5) Keep all locks and security equipment in good working order;

(6) Not allow keys to be left in the locks and not store or place keys in a location accessible to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;

(7) Not allow other security measures, such as combination numbers, passwords or electronic or biometric security systems, to be accessible to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;

(8) Keep the dispensary department securely locked and protected from entry by unauthorized personnel; and

(9) Post a sign at all entry ways into any area of the dispensary facility containing marijuana, including a room with an approved safe or approved vault, which shall be a minimum of twelve inches in height and twelve inches in length which shall state: "Do Not Enter - Limited Access Area – Access Limited to Authorized Personnel Only" in lettering no smaller than one-half inch in height.

(b) If a dispensary facility presents special security issues, such as extremely large stock of marijuana, exposed handling, unusual vulnerability to diversion, theft or loss, the commissioner may require additional safeguards such as supervised watchman service.

(c) If diversion, theft or loss of marijuana has occurred from a dispensary facility, the commissioner shall determine the appropriate storage and security requirements for all marijuana in such dispensary facility, and may require additional safeguards to ensure the security of the marijuana.

(d) Any marijuana not stored in compliance with sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, or at a location other than that for which the dispensary facility permit was issued, shall be subject to seizure by the department in accordance with section 21a-96 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(e) Any dispensary facility whose permit is revoked or not renewed shall dispose of its entire stock of marijuana in accordance with sections XX-XXX-63 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Such disposal shall be considered as being in the best interests of the general public, and the department shall not be held liable in any way for any loss of revenue.

(f) If a dispensary facility has provided other safeguards which can be regarded in total as an adequate substitute for some element of protection required of such

facility, such added protection may be taken into account by the commissioner in evaluating overall required security measures.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-51. Operation of production facility

- (a) Only a producer shall own and operate a production facility.
- (b) A producer shall not:
 - (1) produce or manufacture marijuana in any place except its approved production facility;
 - (2) sell, deliver, transport or distribute marijuana from any place except its approved production facility;
 - (3) produce or manufacture marijuana for use outside of Connecticut;
 - (4) sell, deliver, transport or distribute marijuana to any place except a dispensary facility located in Connecticut;
 - (5) enter into an exclusive agreement with any dispensary facility;
 - (6) refuse to deal with any dispensary facility that is willing to deal with such producer on the same terms and conditions as other dispensary facilities with whom the producer is dealing; or
 - (7) either directly or indirectly discriminate in price between different dispensary facilities that are purchasing a like, grade, strain, brand, and quality of marijuana or marijuana product, provided nothing herein shall prevent differentials which only make due allowance for differences in the cost of manufacture, sale or delivery resulting from the differing methods or quantities in which such marijuana or marijuana products are sold or delivered to such dispensary facilities.
- (c) A producer license shall permit the licensee to operate at a single production facility location. Prior to operating a production facility at a different location, a producer shall obtain an additional producer license in accordance with the producer license selection and application process set forth in sections XX-XXX-20 to XX-XXX-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, except that if the maximum number of producer licenses allowed under law have been issued, the commissioner may permit additional production facilities to be operated by a currently licensed producer.
- (d) A production facility shall not be located within one thousand feet of a school, church, temple or other place used exclusively for religious worship, or a playground, park or child day care facility.
- (e) A producer shall establish and maintain an escrow account in a financial institution in Connecticut, upon terms approved by the commissioner, in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), which shall be payable to the State in the event the producer fails to timely and successfully complete the construction of a production

facility or to continue to operate such facility in a manner that provides an uninterrupted supply to its usual dispensary facility customers during the term of the license.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-52. Minimum requirements for the storage and handling of marijuana by producers

(a) All production facilities shall:

(1) Have storage areas that provide adequate lighting, ventilation, temperature, sanitation, humidity, space, equipment, and security conditions for the production and manufacture of marijuana;

(2) Separate for storage, in a quarantined area, marijuana that is outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded, or adulterated, or whose containers or packaging have been opened or breached, until such marijuana is destroyed;

(3) Be maintained in a clean and orderly condition; and

(4) Be free from infestation by insects, rodents, birds, or vermin of any kind.

(b) Any area within the production facility where marijuana will be manufactured into an edible form shall comply with the Connecticut Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, Connecticut General Statutes, section 21a-91, et seq. (Chapter 418), and the Bakeries Act, Connecticut General Statutes, section 21a-151, et seq.(Chapter 419b).

(c) All areas in the production facility shall be compartmentalized based on function and access shall be restricted between compartments. The producer shall implement policies and procedures regarding best practices for secure and proper production and manufacturing of marijuana. These shall include, but not be limited to, policies and procedures that:

(1) Restrict movement between production compartments;

(2) Provide for different colored identification cards for production facility personnel based on the production compartment to which they are assigned at a given time so as to ensure that only personnel necessary for a production function have access to that compartment of the production facility;

(3) Require pocketless clothing for all production facility personnel working in an area containing marijuana; and

(4) Document the chain of custody of all marijuana and marijuana products.

(d) Producers shall establish, maintain, and adhere to written policies and procedures for the manufacture, security, storage, inventory, and distribution of marijuana. Such policies and procedures shall include methods for identifying, recording, and reporting diversion, theft or loss, and for correcting all errors and inaccuracies in inventories. Producers shall include in their written policies and procedures, a process for the following:

(1) Handling mandatory and voluntary recalls of marijuana products. Such procedure shall be adequate to deal with recalls due to any action initiated at the request of the commissioner and any voluntary action by the producer to remove defective or potentially defective marijuana products from the market or any action undertaken to promote public health and safety by replacing existing marijuana products with improved products or packaging;

(2) Preparing for, protecting against, and handling any crises that affects the security or operation of any facility in the event of strike, fire, flood, or other natural disaster, or other situations of local, state, or national emergency;

(3) Ensuring that any outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded, or adulterated marijuana is segregated from other marijuana and destroyed. This procedure shall provide for written documentation of the marijuana disposition; and

(4) Ensuring the oldest stock of a marijuana product is distributed first. The procedure may permit deviation from this requirement, if such deviation is temporary and appropriate.

(e) All marijuana in the process of manufacture, distribution, transfer, or analysis shall be stored in such a manner as to prevent diversion, theft or loss, shall be accessible only to the minimum number of specifically authorized personnel essential for efficient operation, and shall be returned to its secure location immediately after completion of the process or at the end of the scheduled business day. If a manufacturing process cannot be completed at the end of a working day, the processing area or tanks, vessels, bins, or bulk containers containing marijuana shall be securely locked inside an area or building that affords adequate security.

(f) No person, except production facility personnel, law enforcement and the commissioner or commissioner's authorized representative, shall be allowed on the premises of a production facility, except that:

(1) Laboratory staff may enter a production facility for the sole purpose of identifying and collecting marijuana samples for purposes of conducting laboratory tests; and

(2) Upon prior written request, the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative may permit other persons to enter a production facility.

(g) All persons who are not production facility personnel, but who are permitted on the premises of a production facility pursuant to subsection (f)(1) or (2) of this section, shall obtain a visitor identification badge from a production facility personnel, prior to entering the production facility, and shall be escorted and monitored at all times by production facility personnel. The visitor identification badge shall be visibly displayed at all times while the visitor is in the production facility. All visitors shall be logged in and out, and that log shall include the date, time and purpose of the visit and shall be maintained and made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. All visitor identification badges shall be returned to the production facility personnel upon the visitor exiting the production facility.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-53. Producer record keeping

(a) Producers shall keep records of all marijuana produced or manufactured and of all marijuana disposed of by them. Such records shall be maintained and made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and, in each case shall show:

- (1) The brand name, kind and quantity of marijuana involved;
- (2) The date of such production or removal from production;
- (3) A record of all marijuana sold, transported or otherwise disposed of;
- (4) The date and time of selling, transporting or disposing of the marijuana;
- (5) The name and address of the dispensary facility to whom the marijuana was sold;
- (6) The name of the dispensary who took custody of the marijuana; and
- (7) The name of the production facility personnel responsible for transporting the marijuana.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-54. Manufacturing of marijuana products

- (a) Marijuana products shall only be manufactured and sold in the following forms:
- (1) Raw material;
 - (2) Cigarettes;
 - (3) Extracts, tinctures or oils;
 - (4) Topical oils or lotions;
 - (5) Transdermal patches;
 - (6) Baked goods; and
 - (7) Capsules or pills.
- (b) No marijuana product shall:
- (1) Include alcoholic liquor, dietary supplements or any drug, except for pharmaceutical grade marijuana. For purposes of this provision, alcoholic liquor does not include any liquid or solid containing less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume;
 - (2) Be manufactured or sold in a form or with a design that:
 - (A) Is obscene or indecent;
 - (B) May encourage the use of marijuana for recreational purposes;
 - (C) May encourage the use of marijuana for a condition other than a debilitating medical condition; or

- (D) Is primarily associated with persons under the age of 18;
- (3) Have had pesticide chemicals or organic solvents used during the production or manufacturing process.
- (c) Any marijuana product not in compliance with this section shall be deemed adulterated.

(NEW) Sec.XX-XXX-55. Packaging and labeling by producer

(a) Marijuana products shall be individually packaged, labeled and sealed in unit sizes such that no single unit contains more than a one-month supply of marijuana.

(b) Packaging of any product containing marijuana shall be child-proof and opaque. A package shall be deemed child-proof if it satisfies the standard for “special packaging” as set forth in the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission regulations, 16. C.F.R. 1700.1.

(c) Each marijuana product shall be labeled by the producer prior to sale to a dispensary and each such label shall be securely affixed to the package and state in legible English:

- (1) The name and address of the producer;
- (2) The brand name of the marijuana product that was registered with the department pursuant to section XX-XXX-58 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;
- (3) A unique serial number that will match the product with a producer batch and lot number so as to facilitate any warnings or recalls the department or producer deem appropriate;
- (4) The date of final testing and packaging;
- (5) The expiration date;
- (6) The quantity of marijuana contained therein;
- (7) A terpenes profile and a list of all active ingredients, including:
 - (A) tetrahydrocannabinol (THC);
 - (B) tetrahydrocannabinol acid (THCA);
 - (C) cannabidiols (CBD);
 - (D) carboxylic acids (CBDA); and
 - (E) any other active ingredient that constitute at least 1% of the marijuana batch used in the product.
- (8) A pass/fail rating based on the laboratory’s microbiological and chemical residue analysis; and
- (9) Such other information necessary to comply with state or local labeling requirements for similar products not containing marijuana, including but not limited to the Connecticut Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, Connecticut General Statutes, section

21a-91, et seq. (Chapter 418) and the Bakeries Act, Connecticut General Statutes, section 21a-151, et seq. (Chapter 419b).

(d) Marijuana products shall not be labeled “organic” unless the marijuana plants have been organically grown as defined in section 21a-92 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the marijuana products have been produced, processed, manufactured and certified to be consistent with organic standards in compliance with section 21a-92a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(NEW) Sec.XX-XXX-56. Laboratory approval

(a) No laboratory shall be approved to handle, test or analyze marijuana unless such laboratory:

(1) Is registered with the department as a controlled substance laboratory;

(2) Is independent from all other persons involved in the marijuana industry in Connecticut, which shall mean that no person with a direct or indirect interest in the laboratory shall have a direct or indirect financial interest in a dispensary, dispensary facility, producer, production facility, certifying physician or any other entity that may benefit from the production, manufacture, dispensing, sale, purchase or use of marijuana; and

(3) Has employed at least one person to oversee and be responsible for the laboratory testing who has earned, from a college or university accredited by a national or regional certifying authority, at least a master’s level degree in chemical or biological sciences and a minimum of two (2) years post-degree laboratory experience or a bachelor’s degree in biological sciences and a minimum of four (4) years post-degree laboratory experience.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-57. Laboratory testing

(a) Immediately prior to manufacturing any marijuana product or packaging raw marijuana for sale to a dispensary, all harvested marijuana shall be segregated into homogenized batches.

(b) Each such batch shall be made available at the production facility for a laboratory employee to select a random sample, which sample shall be tested by the laboratory for microbiological contaminants and chemical residue, and for purposes of conducting an active ingredient analysis.

(c) From the time that a batch of marijuana has been homogenized for sample testing and eventual packaging and sale to a dispensary facility, until the laboratory provides the results from its tests and analysis, the entire batch of marijuana, except the samples that have been removed by the laboratory for testing, shall be segregated and withheld from use. During this period of segregation, the marijuana batch shall be

maintained in a secure, cool and dry location so as to prevent the marijuana from becoming contaminated or losing its efficacy. Under no circumstances shall marijuana be included in a marijuana product or sold to a dispensary facility prior to the time that the laboratory has completed its testing and analysis and provided those results, in writing, to the producer or other designated production facility personnel.

(d) A laboratory shall immediately return or dispose of any marijuana upon the completion of any testing, use, or research. If marijuana is disposed of, it shall be done in compliance with XX-XXX-63 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(e) If a sample of marijuana does not pass the microbiological or chemical residue test, based on standards set out in the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, the entire batch from which the sample was taken shall be disposed of in accordance with XX-XXX-63 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(f) If a sample of marijuana passes the microbiological and chemical residue test, the entire batch shall be released for immediate manufacturing, packaging and labeling for sale to a dispensary facility.

(g) The laboratory shall file with the department an electronic copy of each laboratory test result for any batch that does not pass the microbiological and chemical residue test at the same time that it transmits those results to the producer. In addition, the laboratory shall maintain the laboratory test results and make them available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(h) A producer shall provide to a dispensary facility the laboratory test results for each batch of marijuana used in a product purchased by the dispensary facility. Each dispensary facility shall have such laboratory results available upon request to qualifying patients, primary caregivers and a physician who has certified a qualifying patient.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-58. Brand name

(a) Each marijuana product shall be assigned a brand name by the producer. Each brand name shall be registered with the department, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, prior to any sale to a dispensary facility and shall be associated with a specific laboratory test that includes a terpenes profile and a list of all active ingredients, including:

- (1) tetrahydrocannabinol (THC);
- (2) tetrahydrocannabinol acid (THCA);
- (3) cannabidiols (CBD);
- (4) carboxylic acids (CBDA); and
- (5) any other active ingredient that constitute at least 1% of the marijuana batch used in the product.

(b) No two marijuana products shall be labeled with the same brand name unless the laboratory test results for each product indicate that they contain the same level of each active ingredient within a range of 97% to 103%.

(c) The department shall not register any brand name that:

(1) Is identical to, or confusingly similar to, the name of an existing non-marijuana product;

(2) Is identical to, or confusingly similar to, the name of an unlawful product or substance;

(3) Is confusingly similar to the name of a previously approved marijuana product brand name;

(4) Is obscene or indecent;

(5) May encourage the use of marijuana for recreational purposes;

(6) May encourage the use of marijuana for a condition other than a debilitating medical condition;

(7) Is customarily associated with persons under the age of 18; or

(8) Is related to the benefits, safety or efficacy of the marijuana product unless supported by substantial evidence or substantial clinical data.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-59. Transportation of marijuana

(a) Prior to transporting any marijuana or marijuana product, a producer shall:

(1) Complete a shipping manifest using a form prescribed by the commissioner;
and

(2) Securely transmit a copy of the manifest to the dispensary facility that will receive the products and to the department at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to transport.

(b) The producer and dispensary facility shall maintain all shipping manifests and make them available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(c) Marijuana products that are being transported shall:

(1) Only be transported in a locked, safe and secure storage compartment that is part of the vehicle transporting the marijuana; and

(2) Not be visible from outside the vehicle.

(d) Any vehicle transporting marijuana shall travel directly from the producer to the dispensary facility and shall not make any stops in between except to other dispensary facilities.

(e) A producer shall ensure that all delivery times and routes are randomized.

(f) A producer shall staff all transport vehicles with a minimum of two employees. At least one delivery team member shall remain with the vehicle at all times that the vehicle contains marijuana.

(g) Each delivery team member shall have access to a secure form of communication with personnel at the production facility at all times that the vehicle contains marijuana.

(h) Each delivery team member shall possess his or her department issued identification card at all times when transporting or delivering marijuana and shall produce it to the commissioner or commissioner's authorized representative or law enforcement official upon request.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-60. Security requirements for producers

(a) A producer shall:

(1) Not produce, manufacture or maintain marijuana in excess of the quantity required for normal, efficient operation;

(2) Store all marijuana products in an approved safe or approved vault and in such a manner as to prevent diversion, theft or loss;

(3) Maintain all marijuana that is not part of a finished product in a secure area or location within the production facility accessible only to specifically authorized personnel, which shall include only the minimum number of employees essential for efficient operation;

(4) Keep all approved safes, approved vaults, or any other approved equipment or areas used for the production, cultivation, harvesting, processing, manufacturing or storage of marijuana, securely locked or protected from entry, except for the actual time required to remove or replace marijuana;

(5) Keep all locks and security equipment in good working order;

(6) Not allow keys to be left in the locks and not store or place keys in a location accessible to persons other than specifically authorized personnel;

(7) Not allow other security measures, such as combination numbers, passwords or electronic or biometric security systems, to be accessible to persons other than specifically authorized personnel; and

(8) Keep the production facility securely locked and protected from entry at all times.

(b) If a production facility presents special security issues, such as extremely large stock of marijuana, exposed handling, unusual vulnerability to diversion, theft or loss, the commissioner may require additional safeguards such as supervised watchman service.

(c) If a loss, theft, or diversion of marijuana has occurred from a production facility, the commissioner shall determine the appropriate storage and security requirements for all marijuana in such production facility, and may require additional safeguards to ensure the security of the marijuana.

(d) Any marijuana not stored in compliance with sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, or at a location other than that for which the producer license was issued, shall be subject to seizure in accordance with section 21a-96 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(e) Any producer whose license is revoked or not renewed shall dispose of its entire stock of marijuana under conditions approved by the department. Such disposal shall be considered as being in the best interest of the general public, and the department shall not be held liable in any way for any loss of revenue.

(f) If a producer has provided other safeguards, which can be regarded in total as an adequate substitute for some element of protection required of such producer, such added protection may be taken into account by the commissioner in evaluating overall required security measures.

(g) No person shall be allowed access to any area within a production facility containing marijuana except laboratory employees and production facility personnel whose responsibilities necessitate access to the area of the production facility containing marijuana and then for only as long as necessary to perform their job duties.

(h) Any area of a production facility containing marijuana, including a room with an approved safe or approved vault, shall have a sign posted at all entry ways, which shall be a minimum of twelve inches in height and twelve inches in length and shall state: "Do Not Enter - Limited Access Area – Access Limited to Authorized Personnel Only" in lettering no smaller than one-half inch in height.

(i) Notwithstanding the requirements of sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, nothing shall prohibit members of the department, local law enforcement or other government officials from entering any area of a production facility if necessary to perform their governmental duties.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-61. Security alarm systems; minimum requirements for dispensary facilities and production facilities

(a) All dispensary facilities and production facilities shall have an adequate security system to prevent and detect diversion, theft or loss of marijuana utilizing commercial grade equipment, which shall, at a minimum, include:

- (1) A perimeter alarm;
- (2) Motion detector;

(3) Video cameras in all areas that may contain marijuana and at all points of entry and exit, which shall be appropriate for the normal lighting conditions of the area under surveillance. The cameras shall be directed at all approved safes, approved vaults, dispensing areas, marijuana sales areas and any other area where marijuana is being produced, harvested, manufactured, stored or handled. At entry and exit points, the cameras shall be angled so as to allow for the capture of clear and certain identification of any person entering or exiting the facility;

(4) Twenty-four (24) hour recordings from all video cameras, which shall be available for immediate viewing by the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative upon request and shall be retained for at least thirty (30) days. Recordings shall not be destroyed or altered, and shall be maintained, if the dispensary facility permittee or producer is aware of a pending criminal, civil or administrative investigation or legal proceedings for which the recording may contain relevant information;

(5) Duress Alarm, which means a silent Security Alarm System signal generated by the entry of a designated code into an Arming Station in order to signal that the Alarm User is being forced to turn off the system;

(6) Panic Alarm, which means an audible Security Alarm System signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life threatening or emergency situation requiring a law enforcement response;

(7) Holdup Alarm, which means a silent alarm signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a robbery in progress;

(8) Automatic Voice Dialer, which means any electrical, electronic, mechanical, or other device capable of being programmed to send a prerecorded voice message, when activated, over a telephone line, radio or other communication system, to a law enforcement, public safety or emergency services agency requesting dispatch;

(9) A failure notification system that provides an audible, text or visual notification of any failure in the surveillance system. The failure notification system shall provide an alert to the dispensary facility permittee or producer within five minutes of the failure, either by telephone, email, or text message;

(10) The ability to immediately produce a clear color still photo that is a minimum of 9600 dpi from any camera image (live or recorded);

(11) A date and time stamp embedded on all recordings. The date and time shall be synchronized and set correctly and shall not significantly obscure the picture; and

(12) The ability to remain operational during a power outage.

(b) All security system equipment and recording shall be maintained in a secure location so as to prevent theft, loss, destruction or alterations.

(c) In addition to the requirements listed in subsection (a) of this section, each production facility shall have a back-up alarm system approved by the commissioner

that shall be provided by a company supplying commercial grade equipment, which shall not be the same company supplying the primary security system.

(d) Access to surveillance areas shall be limited to persons that are essential to surveillance operations, law enforcement agencies, security system service personnel, the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative, and others when approved by the commissioner. A current list of authorized employees and service personnel that have access to the surveillance room must be available to the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative upon request. If on-site, surveillance rooms shall remain locked and shall not be used for any other function.

(e) The outside perimeter of the dispensary facility and production facility premises shall be well-lighted.

(f) All video recording shall allow for the exporting of still images in an industry standard image format, including .jpg, .bmp, and .gif. Exported video shall have the ability to be archived in a proprietary format that ensures authentication of the video and guarantees that no alteration of the recorded image has taken place. Exported video shall also have the ability to be saved in an industry standard file format that can be played on a standard computer operating system. All recordings shall be erased or destroyed prior to disposal or sale.

(g) All security equipment shall be in good-working order and tested on a regular basis.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-62. Dispensary and producer reportable events

(a) Upon becoming aware of discrepancies identified during inventory, diversion, theft, loss, or unauthorized destruction of any marijuana or of any loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to marijuana or qualifying patients, a dispensary or producer shall immediately notify:

- (1) Appropriate law enforcement authorities; and
- (2) The Drug Control Division of the department.

(b) A dispensary or producer shall provide the notice required by subsection (a) of this section to the department by way of a signed statement which details the circumstances of the event, including an accurate inventory of the quantity and brand names of marijuana diverted, stolen, lost, destroyed or damaged and confirmation that the local authorities were notified. Such notice shall be made no later than twenty-four (24) hours after discovery of the event.

(c) A dispensary or producer shall notify the Drug Control Division of the department no later than the next business day, followed by written notification no later than ten (10) business days, of any of the following:

- (1) An alarm activation or other event that requires response by public safety personnel;
 - (2) A breach of security;
 - (3) The failure of the security alarm system due to a loss of electrical support or mechanical malfunction that is expected to last longer than eight (8) hours; and
 - (4) Corrective measures taken, if any.
- (d) All documentation related to an occurrence that is reportable pursuant to subsections (a) through (c), inclusive, of this section shall be maintained and made available by a dispensary and producer in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-63. Disposal of marijuana by dispensary facility or producer

(a) Disposal of undesired, excess, unauthorized, obsolete, adulterated, misbranded or deteriorated marijuana shall be made by a dispensary, producer, laboratory, law enforcement or court official or the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative in the following manner:

- (1) By surrender without compensation of such marijuana to the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative; or
- (2) By destruction in the presence of an authorized representative of the commissioner in such a manner as to render the marijuana non-recoverable. A separate record of each such destruction indicating the date, time, manner of destruction, the brand name and quantity of marijuana destroyed, and the signatures of the person destroying the marijuana, the authorized representative of the commissioner and any other persons present during the disposal shall be maintained and made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-64. Inventory

(a) Each dispensary facility and production facility, prior to commencing business, shall:

- (1) Conduct an initial comprehensive inventory of all marijuana at the facility. If a facility commences business with no marijuana on hand, the dispensary or producer shall record this fact as the initial inventory; and
- (2) Establish ongoing inventory controls and procedures for the conduct of inventory reviews and comprehensive inventories of marijuana, which shall enable the facility to detect any diversion, theft or loss in a timely manner.

(b) Upon commencing business, each dispensary facility and production facility shall conduct a weekly inventory of marijuana stock, which shall include, at a minimum, the date of the inventory, a summary of the inventory findings, the name, signature and

title of the individuals who conducted the inventory, the date of receipt of marijuana, the name and address of the producer from whom received, where applicable, and the kind and quantity of marijuana received. The record of all marijuana sold, dispensed or otherwise disposed of shall show the date of sale, the name of the dispensary facility, qualifying patient or primary caregiver to whom the marijuana was sold, the address of such person and the brand and quantity of marijuana sold.

(c) A complete and accurate record of all stocks or brands of marijuana on hand shall be prepared annually on the anniversary of the initial inventory or such other date that the dispensary facility manager or producer may choose, so long as it is not more than one year following the prior year's inventory.

(d) All inventories, procedures and other documents required by this section shall be maintained on the premises and made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(e) Whenever any sample or record is removed by a person authorized to enforce the provisions of sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies or the provisions of the state food, drug and cosmetic laws for the purpose of investigation or as evidence, such person shall tender a receipt in lieu thereof and the receipt shall be kept for a period of three years.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-65. Marketing: prohibited conduct, statements and illustrations; commissioner review of advertisements

(a) There shall be no direct or indirect cooperative advertising between or among two or more of the following: a producer, dispensary facility personnel, or physician.

(b) An advertisement for marijuana or any marijuana product shall not contain:

(1) Any statement that is false or misleading in any material particular or is otherwise in violation of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act, section 42-110b et seq., of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(2) any statement that is disparaging of a competitor's products;

(3) any statement, design, or representation, picture or illustration that is obscene or indecent;

(4) any statement, design, representation, picture or illustration that encourages or represents the use of marijuana for a condition other than a debilitating medical condition;

(5) any statement, design, representation, picture or illustration that encourages or represents the recreational use of marijuana;

(6) any statement, design, representation, picture or illustration related to the safety or efficacy of marijuana unless supported by substantial evidence or substantial clinical data;

(7) any statement, design, representation, picture or illustration portraying anyone under the age of 18, objects suggestive of the presence of anyone under the age of 18, or contains the use of a figure, symbol or language that is customarily associated with anyone under the age of 18;

(8) any offer of a prize or award to a qualifying patient, primary caregiver or physician related to the purchase of marijuana or a certification for the use of marijuana; or

(9) any statement that indicates or implies that the product or entity in the advertisement has been approved or endorsed by the commissioner, department, the State of Connecticut or any person or entity associated with the State of Connecticut.

(c) Any advertisement for marijuana or a marijuana product shall be submitted to the commissioner for review not less than forty-five (45) days before dissemination of the advertisement. The commissioner's forty-five (45) day review period shall not begin until a complete advertisement review package is received as set forth in subsection (d) of this section.

(d) For the commissioner to meaningfully review advertisements submitted under this section, the submitter of the advertisement shall provide the following information in addition to the advertisement itself:

(1) A cover letter that:

(A) Provides the following subject line: Medical marijuana advertisement review Package for a proposed advertisement for [Brand Name];

(B) Provides a brief description of the format and expected distribution of the proposed advertisement; and

(C) Provides the submitter's name, title, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address;

(2) An annotated summary of the proposed advertisement showing every claim being made in the advertisement and which references support each claim;

(3) Verification that a person identified in an advertisement as an actual patient or health care practitioner is an actual patient or health care practitioner and not a model or actor;

(4) Verification that a spokesperson who is represented as a real patient is indeed an actual patient;

(5) Verification that an official translation of a foreign language advertisement is accurate;

(6) Annotated references to support disease or epidemiology information, cross-referenced to the advertisement summary; and

(7) A final copy of the advertisement, including a video where applicable, in an acceptable format.

(e) Review packages that are missing any of the elements in subsection (g) of this section, or that fail to follow the specific details for submissions, shall be considered incomplete. If the department receives an incomplete package, it shall so notify the submitter.

(f) Following a review of an advertisement under this section, the commissioner may:

(1) Require a specific disclosure be made in the advertisement in a clear and conspicuous manner if the commissioner determines that the advertisement would be false or misleading without such a disclosure; or

(2) Make recommendations with respect to changes that are:

(A) Necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare; or

(B) Consistent with dispensing information for the product under review.

(3) If appropriate and if information exists, recommend statements for inclusion in the advertisement to address the specific efficacy of the drug as it relates to specific disease states, disease symptoms and population groups.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-66. Marijuana advertising; requirements for true statements and fair balance

(a) All advertisements for marijuana or marijuana products that make a statement relating to side effects, contraindications and effectiveness shall present a true statement of such information. When applicable, advertisements broadcast through media such as radio, television, or other electronic media shall include such information in the audio or audio and visual parts of the presentation.

(b) False or misleading information in any part of the advertisement will not be corrected by the inclusion of a true statement in another distinct part of the advertisement.

(c) An advertisement does not satisfy the requirement that it present a “true statement” of information relating to side effects, consequences, contraindications, and effectiveness if it fails to present a fair balance between information relating to side effects, consequences, contraindications and effectiveness in that the information relating to effectiveness is presented in greater scope, depth, or detail than is the information relating to side effects, consequences and contraindications, taking into account all implementing factors such as typography, layout, contrast, headlines, paragraphing, white space, and any other techniques apt to achieve emphasis.

(d) An advertisement is false, lacking in fair balance, or otherwise misleading if it:

(1) Contains a representation or suggestion that a marijuana strain, brand or product is better, more effective, useful in a broader range of conditions or patients or safer than other drugs or treatments including other marijuana strains or products,

unless such a claim has been demonstrated by substantial evidence or substantial clinical experience;

(2) Contains favorable information or opinions about a marijuana product previously regarded as valid but which have been rendered invalid by contrary and more credible recent information;

(3) Uses a quote or paraphrase out of context or without citing conflicting information from the same source, to convey a false or misleading idea;

(4) Uses a study on individuals without a debilitating medical condition without disclosing that the subjects were not suffering from a debilitating medical condition;

(5) Uses data favorable to a marijuana product derived from patients treated with a different product or dosages different from those approved in Connecticut;

(6) Contains favorable information or conclusions from a study that is inadequate in design, scope, or conduct to furnish significant support for such information or conclusions; or

(7) Fails to provide adequate emphasis for the fact that two or more facing pages are part of the same advertisement when only one page contains information relating to side effects, consequences and contraindications.

(e) No advertisement may be disseminated if the submitter of the advertisement has received information that has not been widely publicized in medical literature that the use of the marijuana product or strain may cause fatalities or serious damage.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-67. Marijuana marketing; advertising at a dispensary facility; advertising prices

(a) A dispensary facility shall:

(1) Restrict external signage to a single sign no larger than 16 X 18 inches;

(2) Not illuminate a dispensary facility sign advertising a marijuana product at any time;

(3) Not advertise marijuana brand names or utilize graphics related to marijuana or paraphernalia on the exterior of the dispensary facility or the building in which the dispensary facility is located;

(4) Not advertise the price of marijuana, except that a dispensary facility may provide a catalogue or a printed list on the dispensary facility's web site or within the dispensary facility of the prices and brands of marijuana available at the dispensary facility to qualifying patients and primary caregivers; and

(5) Not display marijuana and paraphernalia so as to be clearly visible from the exterior of a dispensary facility.

(b) A producer shall not advertise the price of its marijuana except that it may make a price list available to a dispensary facility.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-68. Records

(a) Each dispensary facility and producer shall keep a complete set of all records necessary to fully show the business transactions related to marijuana for a period of the current tax year and the three immediately prior tax years, all of which shall be made available in accordance with section XX-XXX-69 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) The commissioner may require any licensee, permittee or registrant to furnish such information as the commissioner considers necessary for the proper administration of the Act and sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and may require an audit of the business of any dispensary facility or producer and the expense thereof shall be paid by such dispensary facility permittee or producer.

(NEW) Sec. XX-XXX-69. Inspection of records; entry on premises

(a) Every person required by sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to prepare, obtain or keep records, logs, reports or other documents and every person in charge, or having custody, of such documents shall maintain such documents in an auditable format for no less than three (3) years and, upon request, shall make such documents immediately available for inspection and copying by the commissioner, the commissioner's authorized representative or others authorized by law to review the documents. The use of a foreign language, codes or symbols to designate marijuana types or persons in the keeping of any required document is not deemed to be compliance with this section.

(b) The commissioner and the commissioner's authorized representative may enter, at reasonable times, any place, including a vehicle, in which marijuana is held, dispensed, sold, produced, delivered, transported, manufactured or otherwise disposed of and to inspect within reasonable limits and in a reasonable manner, such place and all pertinent equipment, finished and unfinished material, containers and labeling, and all things therein including records, files, financial data, sales data, shipping data, pricing data, personnel data, research, papers, processes, controls and facilities, and to inventory any stock of marijuana therein and obtain samples of any marijuana or marijuana product, any labels or containers for marijuana, paraphernalia, and of any finished and unfinished material.

(c) The commissioner may subpoena witnesses and require the production of records, papers and documents or the filing of reports pertinent to any inquiry, verification or enforcement action pursuant to the Act or sections XX-XXX-1 to XX-XXX-69, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.