2023 Legislative Changes to the Medical Marijuana Program

House Bill 1165

- Allows the State Health Officer to appoint a designee to serve as Chair of the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board.
 - Effective date of legislation: August 1, 2023

House Bill 1478

- Allows an individual admitted into a hospice program to provide a copy of the individual's medical records in lieu of a written certification in a qualifying patient application.
- There is no application fee for a qualifying patient applicant who is submitting documentation of being admitted into the hospice program.
- A registered designated caregiver assisting a registered qualifying patient admitted into the hospice program may have the criminal history record check requirement waived. If waived, a caregiver's registry identification card is valid for a period not to exceed six months.
 - Effective date of legislation: August 1, 2023

Senate Bill 2068

- Increases the amount of THC from 4,000 milligrams to 6,000 milligrams that is permitted to be purchased in a 30-day period for a cannabinoid concentrate or medical cannabinoid product, or the cumulative total of both.
- Products impacted include all concentrates (wax, shatter, live resin, PDO, RSO, vape cartridge, etc.), cannabinoid solutions, capsules, transdermal patches, and topicals.
 - Effective date of legislation: August 1, 2023

Senate Bill 2078

- Adds language requiring an appeal of a denial or revocation of a registry identification card or registry certificate to occur within 30 days after notice has been given.
- Changes language related to the Department of Health and Human Services referring credible criminal complaints to law enforcement authorities from 'shall' to 'may.'
 - Effective date of legislation: August 1, 2023

Senate Bill 2102

- Adds definitions for the terms 'agent,' 'manager,' and 'member.'
 - Effective date of legislation: August 1, 2023

Senate Bill 2201

- Reduces the maximum fee from \$50 to \$25 for a qualifying patient application.
- Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to pay the costs associated with criminal history record checks of agents and designated caregivers.
- Reduces the maximum certification fee from \$10,000 to \$7,500 for every 500 plants in excess of 1,000 plants a manufacturing facility possesses.
- Legislative management is to consider conducting a study of the administrative costs involved in certifying compassion centers.
 - Effective date of legislation: August 1, 2023

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Senate Bill 2388

- Adds the following related to a revoked registry identification card:
 - First revocation: not eligible to be registered cardholder for one year
 - Second revocation: not eligible to be registered cardholder for five years
 - Third revocation: no longer eligible to be registered cardholder
 - Revocation involving unauthorized minor transfer, use, or access to usable marijuana or the use of usable marijuana which allowed the smoke or vapor to be inhaled by a minor: no longer eligible to be a registered cardholder
- Adds language that an employer is not prohibited from disciplining an employee for working with marijuana in the employee's system.
 - Effective date of legislation: April 12, 2023