

The information below includes a summary of changes made by the 2021 Legislature.

House Bill 1213
Effective May 3, 2021
(Emergency Clause)

- Additions and revisions to terms defined including cannabinoid solution (maximum size is 30 milliliters), marijuana, and THC
- Allows the Department of Health (DoH) to waive the requirement of a criminal history record check of a designated caregiver assisting a registered qualifying patient whose debilitating medical condition is a terminal illness (designated caregiver card issued under the waiver is valid for up to six months)
- If a health care provider moves to a location where it is not suitable to continue a bona fide provider-patient relationship, the qualifying patient has 60 days to establish care with a new health care provider
- An inventory discrepancy at a manufacturing facility or dispensary is to be reported to law enforcement within 72 hours rather than immediately
- Allows for additional data related to the program to be provided as long as an individual or manufacturing facility/dispensary is not identified
- Modifies language for the certification fee of manufacturing facilities and dispensaries (fee not to exceed rather than a set amount)
- Additions to law related to ownership including:
 - Definitions for owner, ownership interest, and substantial corporate change
 - Limits an individual/organization from having an ownership interest in more than one manufacturing facility or more than four dispensaries
 - Agreements may not be entered into to limit purchases by a dispensary to one manufacturing facility
 - Establishes new language related to transfer of ownership

House Bill 1359
Effective August 1, 2021

- Removes \$50 designated caregiver application fee
- Increases the number of designated caregivers a qualifying patient may have from one to five
- Modifies the membership of the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board and requires the Governor to appoint:
 - Health care provider (so a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed in the state)
 - Representative of DoH
 - Representative of a manufacturing facility
 - Representative of a dispensary
 - Registered qualifying patient
 - Licensed pharmacist

The chair of legislative management is to appoint two legislators and the State Health Officer serves as an ex officio voting member as well as the chair of the advisory board.