

[John Hudak] 15:12:38

Hello everyone, we're going to give people a few more minutes to trickle in.

[John Hudak] 15:13:39

All right, everyone. Good afternoon. Thank you for joining us for our enacted cannabis legislation webinar.

[John Hudak] 15:13:46

My name is John Hudac. I'm the director of the Office of Cannabis Policy.

[John Hudak] 15:13:50

I'll be joined today by my colleague, colleague Gabby Baraby Pierce, who's Ocp's Policy Director.

[John Hudak] 15:13:55

I want to provide a little context for today's event. OCP traditionally provides a legislative roundup memorandum after each legislative session to make sure the industry participants and stakeholders are aware of any legislative changes to the medical and adult use cannabis programs.

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The memo for the first regular and special sessions of the 130 first legislature was shared earlier this week.

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We're going to provide a link to that memo in the. In the chat function now for anyone who might have missed it.

[John Hudak] 15:14:27

This year we're also hosting this webinar to go over the legislative changes in more detail and to make ourselves available for any questions you might have about the implementation of these changes.

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Or and or about the upcoming ro making process. Please be reminded that both the memo and this webinar are provided by OCP as a courtesy.

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This information should not be construed as legal advice and should not be viewed as a substitute for consulting with a qualified business.

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Consultant or attorney about the application of these changes and requirements, particularly to your business. I want to talk a little bit or Gabby and I will talk a little bit in this.

[John Hudak] 15:15:06

Webinar today about a variety of topics. Implementation timelines, legislation affecting both the medical and adult use programs.

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The obviously the legislation this session applied to both programs, there were changes made to both and will go through each of those separately.

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And then finally we're going to talk about the rulemaking process that will come as a result of the legislation and talk a little bit about how you can participate.

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Before we jump into the legislation, we wanted to provide a brief overview of the various implementation timelines and the different effective dates for different types of bills.

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It can be a little bit complicated. And so we wanted to lay that ground work to start. Emergency legislation is effective upon the governor's signature or 10 days post enactment if the governor chooses to sign declines to sign or to beat up.

[John Hudak] 15:15:59

Non-emergency legislation is effective 90 days after adjournment sign a die. So the general effective date for the first regular session of the 130 first legislature is June 20 ninth of this year the general effective date for bills passed and enacted in the first special session of the 130 first will be effective October.

[John Hudak] 15:16:21

The 20 fifth of this year. It's important to keep in mind that the legislative branch makes the laws while the executive branch executes and administers those laws.

[John Hudak] 15:16:30

And that's the role that OCP plays here. So the administration of those laws often requires rulemaking, which OCP will be engaging in for both the medical and adult use programs and rules.

[John Hudak] 15:16:43

And so we'll talk a little bit more about that. Right now I'm gonna turn it over to Gabby to go over the legislative changes.

[John Hudak] 15:16:49

Gabby?

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:16:51

Thanks so much. And you all for joining us this afternoon. First we're gonna start with, Public Law, 2023, we're gonna start with, Public Law, 2023 chapter 6, which was, more commonly known as LD, 83 chapter 6 which was more commonly known as LD 83 an emergency law that was more commonly known as LD 83 an emergency law that was passed early

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:17:09

in LD. 83 an emergency law that was passed early in this past legislative session to To clarify, the interaction between the laws in main, governing tobacco and the laws governing cannabis.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:17:21

It creates a definition of cannabis. Paraphernalia for both the cannabis legalization act and the main medical use of cannabis act And it differentiates cannabis products, or cannabis paraphernalia from tobacco products under the laws governing.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:17:37

Tobacco. Excuse me. And shortly after that law was signed by the governor on March fifteenth.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:17:44

The Department of Health and Human Services issued, guidance to our program participants regarding, whether or not they needed to continue to, to obtain a tobacco retail sales license.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:17:59

And so. That I believe that We link to that in our. Our legislative round up that we did earlier this year.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:18:10

But folks who have questions about the interaction between the tobacco and the cannabis loss should certainly reach out to the Department of Health and Human Services with those questions.

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[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:18:22

Thanks. Nope. Any questions? Sorry.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:18:29

Next, we'll turn to the medical use of cannabis program legislation. There were a couple of bills that were enacted this year.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:18:39

First was a repeal of the sunset on the requirement that the rules drafted by our office for the medical program be affirmatively approved by the legislature before they can be finally adopted by our office.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:18:55

That originally had a sunset date of November first of 2025 and that was repealed. And then, LD.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:19:04

3, 8 32, sorry. Was an act to sustain the medical use of cannabis program and that.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:19:11

Made a number of changes to, the medical cannabis program requirements. Including. Eliminating the requirement that registry identification card holders.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:19:23

Produce not only the registry identification card but a secondary photo ID in order to prove. Proof of authorized conduct.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:19:34

Effective later this year, we will be including photographs on registry all registry identification cards we've been doing that I think for about a year.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:19:45

On assistant cards and dispensary officer and director cards and we will be extending that now to the caregiver registry identification card.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:19:54

Application and reapply renewal process so keep an eye out for more guidance on that particular requirement.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:20:03

Additionally, there was, There were a number of changes to the existing medical cannabis statute regarding the off-canvas policies enforcement authority and the tools available to OCP to help.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:20:19

Program participants come into compliance. Well, I'll get into the details of that, but one of the issues that, was discussed at length.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:20:28

Was, what the department should be doing when we identify, sales to non patients. And so there was an update to the statute to require the department to notify any of affected registrant, a caregiver or a dispensary.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:20:46

If we determine that there was a sale to an onpatient.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:20:54

Next, there were some changes to the rules around 4, Excuse me. Cool. Forefeiture and distractions of medical cannabis plants and cannabis and cannabis products for medical use.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:21:09

To allow for the forfeiture. To the department and for the department as opposed to law enforcement to, order destruction of those, items.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:21:20

I think one of the things that probably got the most attention this past session was the, development of a two-tiered finding structure.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:21:31

In the medical cannabis program. And so the law now allows for the department to assess fines for misconduct designated either as a minor violation of the program.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:21:44

Major violation of the program or a major violation affecting public safety. And in allowing for those fines the statute also sets up 2 tiers of fines one specifically for registered caregivers who operate a caregiver retail store as well as dispensaries, manufacturing facilities, testing facilities, and individuals who.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:22:09

Extract using inherently hazardous substances. And they also create a second. Tier of fines for caregivers who do not operate a caregiver retail store and any person who has a registry identification card who is not a caregiver who operates a retail store.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:22:30

Let's see, sorry, I am having. Having trouble seeing the bottom of the for a presentation, I apologize if you are as well.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:22:41

But the next thing that was authorized by that same bill, LD A. 32, was permission for the department to accept donations for registration fees on behalf of individuals.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:22:53

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[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:23:03

Seeing no questions, great. Turning now to the adult use cannabis program. There were a number of bills that touched on various aspects of the adult use program and we'll take them each in turn.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:23:16

First starting with LD. 5 55, which is now chapter 2 20 of the public laws for this year.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:23:23

That law will increase the number of adult use cannabis plants and individual can home grow from 3 to 6.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:23:32

Want to be clear that OCP does not have any oversight over home grow, but this is a adult use cannabis bill that wasn't active this year.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:23:42

Next. Was LD. 1063, public law. 4 44.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:23:49

And we're really excited about this one. This is one that brings parity between the taxation, the tax deductions available to adult use cannabis businesses and medical cannabis businesses by extending what are commonly known as 2 80 deductions, to adult use cannabis businesses, medical cannabis.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:24:12

Program participants have been able to take these deductions for a number of years. And we were, thrilled to, see this bill get across the finish line, on we had a, I think it was last week, we had a signing ceremony with the governor, a week or 2 ago, because this was, we know this means a lot to the adult use program.

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Participants.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:24:38

Next slide, please.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:24:43

Hey, so next up is LD 2 2 public cloud 2023 chapter 408.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:24:51

Which updates, and clarifies the requirements for off premise sales by cannabis store licenses. And From our view, this really provided us with the clarity and statute necessary for us to engage in role making around this issue.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:25:08

I defined some terms that were previously undefined. To help bring clarity to that issue. It also provided, some additional clarity around the application requirements.

Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:25:21

It removed the prohibition on the sale of smokable cannabis and cannabis products at these events.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:25:29

It's, established criteria for suspension and revocation of those specified event permits. As I said before, it provides us with some additional criteria.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:25:42

For consideration at the time of application. And amended the requirements regarding issuance of guidance. For those off kind of sales.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:25:52

Any questions around that? Okay, great. LD, 1880. This is a long one, so buckle up.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:26:01

This bill, which is now chapter. Under 3 96.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:26:08

Does a number of things as well with the adult use cannabis program including permitting tier one tier 2 nursery cultivation facilities as well as products manufacturing facilities to conduct.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:26:20

Delivery of cannabis and cannabis products. Although there are some additional restrictions on what a nursery cultivation facility can sell by delivery.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:26:29

So it allows those entities to make sales direct to consumers. And also permits the delivery of cannabis and cannabis products to hotels and other private businesses so it extends, expands the places where cannabis stores and other folks who are doing delivery can deliver.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:26:53

And it created a requirement that any hotels or other private businesses that are permitting delivery to their location.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:27:04

Will affirm that permission in writing. And then that those, That authorization will be retained by the licensee who is making the deliveries.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:27:15

It also permits the return of cannabis and cannabis products from one licensee to another. And provide some guidance or some provisions regarding the testing of that returned product.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:27:28

Next slide. Like I said, this is a long one. We're gonna continue on with 1880.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:27:34

It also requires our office to, to give in through rulemaking. Some specific limitations on the kinds of signs and advertising and marketing materials.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:27:49

That would be appealing to individuals under the age of 21. It also affirmatively permits the use of vehicle wraps by licensees and increase the per package limit for.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:28:06

For the potency of edible cannabis products from 100 milligrams per package to 200 milligrams per package.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:28:13

And also. Allows individuals to purchase or purchase 10 grams of cannabis concentrate at any time.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:28:25

Yes. And the serving size. Limits continue to be 10 milligrams per serving. And there were no changes made to the allowable variance, so that remains.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:28:55

I will get to that second question and that remains, the per serving limit is 10 milligrams per serving.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:29:03

The package will be going up to 200 milligrams per package and the allowable variance will be 10% but not less than point 6 milligrams or 5, milligrams variance.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:29:18

Within that 10%.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:29:22

And now I have to pause for just a second. Hey, take a quick peek of this.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:29:38

So with respect the 5 gram to 10 gram concentrate limit. That, will be going into effect.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:29:46

October 20 fifth of this year. We will absolutely be putting out additional guidance on all on the.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:29:56

Implementation timelines for a lot of these things and we are going to get into. Discussion of rule making here in a minute but just to echo what onset at the top of this discussion a lot of these changes will require rulemaking the extent possible where the law is clear enough already and there is not additional information required to maintain compliance.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:30:18



We are going to do our best to make sure those go into effect October 20 fifth. But.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:30:25

But there are some things that will require additional rulemaking before they can become effective.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:30:35

Give me just a second, please.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:30:43

Oh, we got more questions coming in.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:30:51

So the question regarding. Does this pertain to delivering only of 100 milligram edibles.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:30:59

Or is this how much a person can possess? So the, per package limit is what can be manufactured into a.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:31:07

Package and then the concentrate limit is how much an individual can. Purchase or possess at one time.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:31:16

I think some of these other questions might be answered as we go along, so I'm gonna.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:31:28

Alright, as I mentioned, excuse me, much of this is going to require much of both the adult use and medical program changes are going to require rule-making in order to implement these changes.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:31:43

And the bulk of OCPs rule making authority for both the medical and the adult use programs is designated as.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:31:51

Major substantive as opposed to routine technical. Major substantive rules. Go through a process that is governed by the main administrative procedures act.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:32:00

That is in title 5 chapter 375. And because those are designated as major substantive, we run our rules through the.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:32:13

Rule making process which includes public notice a public hearing an opportunity for public comment. And then, revision of the.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:32:25

Proposed rule in response to those public comments. After OCP has completed all those revisions, we would do what's called provisionally adopt those rules.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:32:36

And then we would submit those rules to the legislature. For additional consideration, which will include the holding of a hearing and a work session where the public can be involved and then the legislature will determine whether to.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:32:52

Allow those rules to go into effect. After if the if the legislature allows those rules to go into effect unless the instrument they use to allow that is an emergency instrument those rules would go or that law or resolve would go into effect 90 days after a German of the legislature next year.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:33:14

And then our office has to adopt those rules within 60 days. Of that resolve or law becoming effective.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:33:23

And then 30 days from the date we finally adopt those rules, those rules would become effective. So we are looking at a fairly protracted timeline.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:33:33

For, the actual implementation of some of these provisions. And, so we just wanna make sure we're setting folks expectations.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:33:42

We, as you can see, we are in the process of finalizing the draft adult use rules.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:33:52

For consideration and we should have those posted online next week and then we are planning on having a public hearing in Augusta at OCPs office on September sixth.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:34:03

And, then we will have a public comment period as we always do where we can. Except written public comments.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:34:11

Online and also via email. Or mail and I cannot stress enough how critically important it is for the public to engage in the rule making process.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:34:24

We know that the rules get better every time we get feedback on these rules. So, please.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:34:32

Take some time to review the rules. I do want to preview for everybody that we have taken the gigantic adult use rule.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:34:39

And we have broken it down into smaller rules. So you'll see that when we published the rules next week that instead of having one big rule that covers the entirety of the adult use program we're now going to have 4 smaller roles.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:34:54

That are more subject matter specific. So keep an eye peeled for that. And a couple of things that I wanna highlight and I think I've probably said this to a lot of you one-on-one, but I want to make sure.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:35:09

I tell everybody. We understand that changes to the laws and the rules. Is can be concerning for business owners and it's really important and helpful for our office.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:35:26

To be able to hear from program participants about how, these roles are going to affect your day-to-day operations, what sort of costs are going to be associated with those things.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:35:39

And not only a ballpark estimate, but if you have actual estimates or actual costs that you can provide to us so that we can keep that in mind

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:35:49

Impact statement, that would be really, really helpful. So. Please, please, please participate and.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:35:57

And Yeah, we'll go from there. I think we're gonna get to the question that just popped up in just a minute so I'm gonna continue on unless there's anything else.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:36:11

We had.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:36:17

You wanna go to the next slide?

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:36:27

Oh, okay. Well, sorry about that. Agradact. Did you have anything you wanted to add?

[John Hudak] 15:36:33

A few things, but Gabby, do you wanna, I'm not sure if you mentioned the, forthcoming timeline on medical rules.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:36:39

Oh, sorry. Yeah, no, I did not. So, we are in the process of, working to develop rules for the medical cannabis program as well to implement specifically the provisions of 8 30 LD 832 around compliance and enforcement.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:36:59

And so those rules should be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Early follow at the latest. We are really writing pretty fair furiously.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:37:10

And one of the things that I have shared with some folks is that we are we are taking into consideration everything that was discussed before the legislature this year with respect to this rule making.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:37:24

All of you who showed up and participated in the legislature this session have already informed some of that rule making.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:37:32

So we hope that you'll see that reflected as well. But stay tuned and keep an eye on your email inboxes for additional information and time like more solid timelines associated with the medical cannabis.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:37:45

Okay.

[John Hudak] 15:37:47

Excellent. Thanks, Gabby. I do want to jump back to a couple of questions of that Barry.

[John Hudak] 15:37:54

Chafin, Chaffan, I'm sorry if I'm just pronouncing your last name.

[John Hudak] 15:37:58

Barry, that is Gabby had noted the 200 milligram, edibles, the sales of those will begin on October, the 20 fifth.

[John Hudak] 15:38:05

We will be sure to communicate with the labs to make sure that they are aware of those legislative changes and making sure that they both have a link to this presentation and to make sure that nothing on the labs and will hold up licensees, both obviously manufacturers and then also retail stores as well.

[John Hudak] 15:38:30

As Gabby had mentioned, in some of her closing remarks. A public participation is absolutely critical.

[John Hudak] 15:38:38

For the rulemaking process. This is a really important and often overlooked a part of the democratic process and frankly if we don't receive information from all of you, we're not going to know how these draft rules may impact positively or negatively your businesses and your day to day operations.

[John Hudak] 15:39:00

And so we really encourage you to participate in the public hearing. We recognize that the public hearing is on one day and life happens.

[John Hudak] 15:39:06

Both business and personal and you might not be able A to make that hearing you might not be able to make it to a Augusta for whatever reasons might restrict your ability to participate in the public hearing.

[John Hudak] 15:39:18

That comment period is open for a week and a half and so a week and a half after the hearing.

[John Hudak] 15:39:23

Why? So Got a lamp here. So, we really encourage you to participate in written comments as well.

[John Hudak] 15:39:35

And that is not weighted any more or less than participation in the public hearing. And it's critical as I said that we hear from you.

[John Hudak] 15:39:44

We need to hear whether the draft rules are overly burdensome, whether they're duplicative, whether they're, seen as wasteful, whether they're costly, etc.

[John Hudak] 15:39:54

And those are all opportunities, to hear from you on that. It's also important to, it's obviously a forum for you guys to, register complaints about the draft rules, but it's also important for us to hear positive aspects.

[John Hudak] 15:40:09

So we know that things are effective that things are items that your businesses are looking forward to or aspects that can actually help, as well.

[John Hudak] 15:40:20

Hold on a question just popped up with the off premise sales bill. You mentioned the smokeables would now be allowed for sale.

[John Hudak] 15:40:27

So can consumption of cannabis in public remains forbidden, even if those products are purchased at an off-premise site.

[John Hudak] 15:40:38

And so thank you for that question. It's really important. I think there can be some confusion around that.

[John Hudak] 15:40:43

And I do know that there are there was a robust. I won't even say debate. There was robust statements from the veterans and legal affairs committee during the debate of that bill about how the legislative intent was to ensure, that public consumption at these events or outside of these events, would not be part of, that law that passed.

[John Hudak] 15:41:09

And so it's really important for, that, those rules to be recognized and certainly for business owners.

[John Hudak] 15:41:17

I think there is a, sort of an implied obligation for you to communicate that. With customers as well because the last thing you want is to have a pop up, let's say, add an event and consumers leave and immediately begin smoking on cannabis and there be a lot of registered complaints about that and then the it will ultimately look bad for the industry.

[John Hudak] 15:41:44

And so there is a communication aspect there that I think is really important in order to preserve off-premise sales in the future and not to really muddy that issue for the legislature or for the general public in future sessions.

[John Hudak] 15:41:56

Information on rule making will be made available on the OCP website and will be sent to all program participants as well as stakeholders who are registered on our mailing list.

[John Hudak] 15:42:06

As Gabby had mentioned, there will be a comment, form for each chapter, for the AU rules will be accepting come accepting comments through September seventeenth.

[John Hudak] 15:42:19

And as I noted, you can also participate in the AU public hearing for rules on September sixth. The timeline on medical rules, medical rules is forthcoming.

[John Hudak] 15:42:30

We expect, that to be, announced by the office in the coming weeks.

[John Hudak] 15:42:35

And similarly, there will be a public hearing for the medical rules and there will also be the open comment period for the medical rules as well.

[John Hudak] 15:42:43

And so we really encourage you and hope that you'll participate as well. That concludes our presentation today.

[John Hudak] 15:42:49

Thank you all for joining. We'll answer, any outstanding questions now. Very. Please go, yeah.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:42:55

Hi, preview one other thing real quick. I apologize for not mentioning this earlier, but I do want to just like we previewed you're gonna be getting 4 rules about the adult use cannabis program I do want folks to understand with respect to the changes to the medical cannabis program rule.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:43:16

We are going to be. Pulling what is currently section 10 out of the existing medical cannabis program rule and doing a standalone well not a standalone but a a chapter specifically related to compliance and enforcement.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:43:34

So and that will work in concert with the existing medical cannabis program rule, but as you've probably heard us say time and time again, we continue to.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:43:45

Really? Want to see the, the rest of the medical cannabis program statue to be updated. To reflect the current operations in the, in the medical cannabis program, before we're going to.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:43:57

Feel comfortable really kind of doing a top to bottom. Rewrite of that existing medical cannabis program.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:44:05

I'm also happy to answer. Question about, which specific provisions will need rule making, however I'm gonna flip it on its head.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:44:17

So I can tell you what provisions of the newly enacted bills will not require rulemaking.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:44:25

Will go, into effect. Effective October 20 fifth of this year. So as we had indicated in our publication, the, the increase in home grow.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:44:40

From 3 to 6 again that's not something that our office administers but that will become a effective October 20 fifth.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:44:49

We will Continue to accept their nations for registration fees in the medical program. And we will begin to have the requirement for, new and renewing caregivers registered caregivers.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:45:07

That they include a photograph effective October 20 fifth of this year although I have heard that our system will be available to.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:45:16

T put photos on cards before then. So stay tuned for additional guidance around that. If you'd like to get your photo on your card this year before October, the 20 fifth that very well may be in the cards for you.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:45:30

No pun intended that was real bad. let's see. Also effective October 20 fifth of this year.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:45:39

We will be providing. Notice within one business day, anytime we identify, sales to non patients happening.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:45:49

And then. Essentially the remainder of LD 8 32 is going to require major substantive rule making.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:45:58

Let's see. And then. Within, LD, 1880, the provisions that, allow license cannabis stores to conduct deliveries to hotels and other private businesses will become effective or will not require additional rulemaking in order for us to be able to implement that on October 20 fifth.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:46:23

However, again, Keep an eye out because we will have a form that licenses will be able to use.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:46:29

To. To get authorization from these private businesses. Similarly, the change in the allowable package size from 100 milligrams to 200 milligrams.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:46:42

Will become effective October 20 fifth of this year. As well as the increase from 5 grams to 10 grams of concentrate.

[Gabrielle Berube Pierce] 15:46:51



So. You didn't hear, provision you were listening for mentioned. That's probably cause it's included in our major substantive role making.

[John Hudak] 15:47:05

One of our attendees asked, about who's responsible for getting the permit for an event.

[John Hudak] 15:47:12

I assume the references to off-premise sales. I just wanted to note that this is a multi-step process that will ultimately be spelled out, in rules.

[John Hudak] 15:47:26

But the, but the law that passed LD 202 does lay out many of the provisions that are dependent on whether the event is a private event, whether it is a public event, whether it is held, say, a fair, versus getting permission from an individual property owner.

[John Hudak] 15:47:51

It also requires local authorization. It also requires local authorization. It also requires local authorization. It also requires local authorization.

[John Hudak] 15:48:02

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[John Hudak] 15:48:13

It also requires under the law that was passed by the legislature, ultimate OCP authorization.

[John Hudak] 15:48:16

It is a multi-step process as we noted that will be spelled out, in the adult use rules, in September.

[John Hudak] 15:48:23

But if not, you can go to the main legislature website. And right in the center of the screen, there's a spot for you to type in the LD number.

[John Hudak] 15:48:26

And that' as well. And then, the last question from Barry, is there a plan for, medical testing?

[John Hudak] 15:48:28

Medical testing did not come up in a substantive way by the legislature. This session, if it is an issue that is, important to you like any other issue, we would recommend that you make those views unknown to the legislature in particular you can make those views known to OCP as well.

[John Hudak] 15:48:49

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[John Hudak] 15:48:56

But, definitely something that, did not come up in this, legislative session in the form of a bill.

[John Hudak] 15:48:59

But if you're interested, in that becoming law in the future, making your voices heard in Augusta is obviously an important part of that process.

[John Hudak] 15:49:06

It looks like those are all of our questions. So I want to thank first Gabby for providing a great overview of the legislative changes from the first regular and special sessions of the 130 first and thank all of you for participating for those of you who want to go back and hear some portions of this that you might have missed if you had to step away or otherwise.

[John Hudak] 15:49:27

This will, this will live on the YouTube channel, OCPs YouTube channel. And if you have employees or friends or colleagues or others in the industry or outside of the industry who were not able to make this event, please feel free to share that link, or to direct them to Ocp's YouTube page, as well.

[John Hudak] 15:49:45

Just a final reminder to participate in the rulemaking processes for the adult use and medical rules.

[John Hudak] 15:49:52

And thank you very much for your participation.