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November 14, 2022

## Via USPS First Class Mail and Electronic Mail

#### Mr. Mackenzie Bimpson

### Subject: Notice of Revocation of Registry Identification Card(s)

Dear Mr. Bimpson

The Maine Department of Administrative & Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy (Department) is responsible for the administration and oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program (MMCP). Protection for authorized conduct requires compliance with the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and program rules. Pursuant to its authority under 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C, §2430-F, the Department revokes the following Registry Identification Card(s): CGR30768. Such revocations are effective three (3) calendar days after the date of this notice.

### I. Justification for revocation:

The Department's decision to revoke your Registry Identification Card(s) is based on your violations of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act. More specifically, the Department's MMCP field investigation staff have provided the Department with sufficient evidence to demonstrate the following statutory and regulatory violations:

- On August 4, 2022, while meeting with tenants at 57 Conant Rd., Turner, Field Investigator Dean Goodale found recent sales records indicating that you had purchased over 17 pounds of cannabis in the month of July 2022 to a person who did not have a valid caregiver or other registration card. Field Investigator Goodale met with you on September 23, 2022, and asked you about these purchases and conducted an inspection of your caregiver business. As a result of the above inquiry and your caregiver inspection the following violations were noted including but not limited to:
  - 1. The records found at 57 Conant Rd., Turner indicate that you made 5 documented wholesale purchases from a person who did not have a valid caregiver or other registration card. When asked who you purchased this cannabis from you advised that you made the purchases from 57 Conant Rd., but you were unable to provide the caregiver's name. This is a violation of 22 MRS §2423-A(2) (K-1), Wholesale Purchase from a non-caregiver or dispensary.

- 2. Upon an inspection of your caregiver business it was discovered that you did not have records for all your wholesale purchases and sales of cannabis. You were able to produce one invoice for a sale to Mr. Medicinals from May 2022. You had only one undated invoice for purchase from 57 Conant Road. OCP inspection records revealed that this purchase was made in June 2022, and that you made four more purchases from 57 Conant Road in June. In addition, you admitted to making purchases from 57 Conant Rd., in May, however you were unable to produce these records. It was also discovered that you made a sale of 1 pound of cannabis to Alternative Essence on December 9, 2021. Due to not keeping records of these transfers you were in violation of; 22 MRS 2430 G (1) (A) (1) and (2) Failure to maintain records of all transfers of plants and harvested marijuana and Failure to keep records for 4 years
- 3. During the inspection you stated that you did not have any completed trip tickets and stated you had not been using them, although you made several purchases where you transported the product from 57 Conant Rd.. You also delivered product to stores such as Mr. Medicinals and Alternative Essence without using trip tickets. This is a violation of 18-691 C.M.R. Ch 2 § 6(A)(2) and 7(Q)(1).
- 4. You stated you were using Mike Miller as a caregiver assistant. Mike Miller was not registered as a caregiver assistant. This is a violation of 22 M.R.S. 2425 A (2) Unregistered caregiver assistants. You also did not keep caregiver assistant files which is a violation of 18-691 C.M.R. Ch 2 § 6 (G) (2) Inadequate personnel files.
- 5. During your inspection you stated that you had been using pesticides and you are not a licensed pesticide applicator. This is a violation of 22 M.R.S. 2423 (2) (J) Use of pesticides by a caregiver without a pesticide applicator's license. This is a violation of 22 M.R.S. 2425 A (2).
- 6. Upon an inspection of your outdoor grow it was discovered that the fenced in area was not locked and was not opaque. In addition, the strength of the fence was inadequate being a thin wire fence with inadequate metal poles for posts. This is a violation of 18-691 C.M.R. Ch. 2 § 3 (B)(1) and (2)
- 7. You also did not have a compliant scale that had been inspected and certified by the Maine Department of Agriculture. This is a violation of 10 M.R.S. 2402 (10)
- 8. Because on multiple occasions you purchased cannabis from a non-caregiver at 57 Conant Rd. and transferred this product to other caregiver stores (Mr. Medicinals and possibly Alternative Essence) you were in violation of 18-691 C.M.R Ch 2 § 10 (I) (4), illegal practices and unauthorized conduct.

For these reasons, your eligibility to participate in the MMCP has been revoked. Please immediately return your Registry Identification Card to:

Department of Administrative & Financial Services Office of Cannabis Policy Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program 162 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0162

# II. Registration Revocation and Right to Request an Administrative Hearing:

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §2430-F, the Department may suspend or revoke a registry identification card for violation of Chapter 558-C and the rules adopted by the Department. A person who has had authorization for conduct under Chapter 558-C revoked due to failure to comply with Chapter 558-C and rules adopted by the Department may request an administrative hearing. If you would like to request an administrative hearing, please notify the Department in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the revocation effective date at the address information provided above. A request for an administrative hearing should be sent to Vernon Malloch, Interim Director, by email at Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov or USPS at 162 State House Station, 19 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04333-0062. If the Department does not receive a hearing request in accordance with the policy, the revocation becomes final.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Field

Michael W. Field Director of Compliance Office of Cannabis Policy

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