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To: Current and Prospective Medical and Adult Use Cannabis Program Participants
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Subject: Cannabis-related Legislation Update – First Regular and Special Sessions of the 132nd Legislature

Background

The Maine Legislature adjourned *sine die*—without day—Wednesday, June 25, 2025. This guidance is provided by the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) to update Maine’s cannabis program participants on the status of cannabis-related legislation passed during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 132nd Legislature.

Changes to the Adult Use Excise Tax and Sales Tax

The supplemental budget passed by the Legislature via [P.L. 2025, ch. 388 \(LD 210\)](#) included changes to the adult use cannabis excise tax and sales tax rates. Those changes will go into effect on **January 1, 2026**. In the meantime:

- Interested program participants should sign up for tax alerts from Maine Revenue Services for additional information. [Sign up here](#).
- Program participants should direct any questions regarding the impact of these changes to their own tax advisor or Maine Revenue Services.

Additional Cannabis-related Legislative Changes

No other cannabis-related bills became public law before the Legislature adjourned *sine die*. Five cannabis-related bills were enacted by the Legislature but not signed into law by the Governor when the Legislature adjourned *sine die*. As such, those bills **are not public law** and **do not have an effective date**. When the Legislature next convenes for the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature, the Governor will have three days to either veto the bills or allow them to go into law without her signature. OCP will communicate more detailed updates about those bills at that time.

The enacted cannabis-related bills that are **not** public law and do **not** have an effective date include:

- *An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp Products* (LD 1488)
- *An Act to Allow a Grace Period for the Payment of Excise Tax for Adult Use Cannabis Cultivation Facilities* (LD 1654)
- *An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council* (LD 1669)

- *An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act* (LD 1840)
- *An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries* (LD 1897)

Conclusion

This guidance is provided by OCP as a courtesy. It should not be construed as legal advice and should not be viewed as a substitute for program participants consulting with qualified business consultant(s) and/or attorney(s) about the application of the requirements of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and/or the Cannabis Legalization Act to their unique situation.