## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 2, 2023

## AN ACT

1	Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled "An
2	act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and
3	brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and
4	changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and
5	restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession,
6	consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding
7	in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic
8	liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the
9	persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and
10	duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing
11	for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores,
12	for the payment of certain license fees to the respective
13	municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain
14	nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure
15	without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures;
16	providing for local option, and repealing existing laws,"
17	providing for adult use cannabis; imposing certain gross
18	receipts tax and excise tax; and making repeals.
9	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
20	hereby enacts as follows:
21	Section 1. The act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known
22	as the Liquor Code, is amended by adding an article to read:
23	ARTICLE VIII-A
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24	<u>ADULT USE CANNABIS</u>
2.5	Section 801-A. Purpose, findings and declarations.

- 1 (a) Findings and declarations. -- In the interest of the
- 2 <u>efficient use of law enforcement resources</u>, enhancing revenue
- 3 for public purposes and individual freedom, the people of this
- 4 Commonwealth find and declare that the use of cannabis should be
- 5 legal for individuals who are at least 21 years of age and
- 6 should be taxed.
- 7 (b) Additional findings and declarations. -- In the interest
- 8 of the health and public safety of our citizenry, the people of
- 9 this Commonwealth further find and declare that cannabis should
- 10 be regulated in a manner similar to alcohol so that:
- 11 (1) individuals will have to show proof of age before
- 12 <u>purchasing cannabis;</u>
- 13 (2) selling, distributing or transferring cannabis to
- 14 <u>minors and other individuals under 21 years of age shall</u>
- 15 remain illegal;
- 16 (3) driving under the influence of cannabis shall remain
- 17 illegal;
- 18 (4) legitimate, State-operated stores and not criminal
- 19 actors will conduct sales of cannabis; and
- 20 (5) cannabis sold in this Commonwealth will be labeled
- 21 <u>and subject to additional regulations to ensure that</u>
- 22 <u>consumers are informed and protected.</u>
- 23 (c) Industrial hemp.--In the interest of enacting rational
- 24 policies for the treatment of all variations of the cannabis
- 25 plant, the people of this Commonwealth further find and declare
- 26 that industrial hemp should be regulated separately from strains
- 27 of cannabis with higher delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)
- 28 concentrations.
- 29 (d) Matters of Statewide concern. -- The people of this
- 30 Commonwealth further find and declare that it is necessary to

- 1 ensure consistency and fairness in the application of this
- 2 article throughout this Commonwealth and that, therefore, the
- 3 <u>matters addressed by this article are, except as specified in</u>
- 4 this article, matters of Statewide concern.
- 5 Section 802-A. Definitions.
- 6 The following words and phrases when used in this article
- 7 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 8 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 9 <u>"Adult use cannabis." Cannabis ingested for any reason other</u>
- 10 than medical purposes.
- 11 <u>"Board." The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.</u>
- 12 "Cannabis." The plant of the genus cannabis whether growing
- 13 or not, the parts and seeds thereof, the resin extracted from
- 14 any part of the plant and every compound, manufacture, salt,
- 15 derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, and the plant's
- 16 seeds or resin, including cannabis concentrate. The term does
- 17 not include industrial hemp or fiber produced from the stalks,
- 18 oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, sterilized seed of
- 19 the plant that is incapable of germination or the weight of
- 20 another ingredient combined with cannabis to prepare topical or
- 21 <u>oral administrations, food, drink or other product.</u>
- 22 "Cannabis accessories." Equipment, products or materials
- 23 that are used, intended or designed for use in planting,
- 24 propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, composting,
- 25 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing,
- 26 preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing,
- 27 <u>vaporizing or containing cannabis or for ingesting, inhaling or</u>
- 28 otherwise introducing cannabis into the human body.
- 29 <u>"Cannabis cultivation facility." An entity licensed to</u>
- 30 <u>cultivate</u>, <u>prepare and package cannabis and sell cannabis to a</u>

- 1 retail cannabis store, cannabis product manufacturing facility
- 2 and other cannabis cultivation facility, but not to a consumer.
- 3 "Cannabis establishment." A cannabis cultivation facility, a
- 4 cannabis testing facility and a cannabis product manufacturing
- 5 facility.
- 6 "Cannabis product." A concentrated cannabis product and a
- 7 cannabis product that is comprised of cannabis and other
- 8 <u>ingredients and is intended for use or consumption, including as</u>
- 9 <u>an edible product, ointment or tincture.</u>
- 10 "Cannabis product manufacturing facility." An entity
- 11 <u>licensed to:</u>
- 12 (1) purchase cannabis;
- 13 (2) manufacture, prepare and package cannabis products;
- 14 and
- 15 (3) sell cannabis and cannabis products to other
- 16 <u>cannabis product manufacturing facilities and retail cannabis</u>
- stores, but not to a consumer.
- 18 "Cannabis testing facility." An entity licensed to analyze
- 19 and certify the safety and potency of cannabis.
- 20 "Consumer." An individual who is at least 21 years of age
- 21 and purchases cannabis or cannabis products for personal use and
- 22 <u>not for resale to others.</u>
- 23 "Industrial hemp." The plant of the genus cannabis and any
- 24 part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9
- 25 <u>tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (THC) that does not exceed</u>
- 26 0.03% on a dry-weight basis.
- 27 "Locality." A county, municipality or city of this
- 28 Commonwealth.
- 29 <u>"Pennsylvania farm." An agricultural business incorporated</u>
- 30 as a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company

- 1 or Pennsylvania S corporation that operates an area of land and
- 2 <u>building used for growing crops and rearing animals.</u>
- 3 "Retail cannabis store." A retail establishment operated by
- 4 the board as provided under section 805-A.
- 5 <u>Section 803-A. Personal use of cannabis.</u>
- 6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following
- 7 acts are not unlawful and are not an offense under the laws of
- 8 this Commonwealth or the law of a locality within this
- 9 <u>Commonwealth or a basis for seizure or forfeiture of an asset</u>
- 10 under Commonwealth law for an individual who is at least 21
- 11 <u>years of age:</u>
- 12 (1) Possessing, using, displaying, purchasing or
- transporting cannabis accessories or cannabis.
- 14 (2) (i) Possessing, growing, processing or transporting
- not more than six cannabis plants, including mature,
- 16 <u>flowering plants.</u>
- 17 (ii) Possessing the cannabis produced by the plants
- 18 under subparagraph (i) on the premises where the plants
- 19 were grown, if the growing takes place in an enclosed,
- locked space and is not conducted openly or publicly, and
- 21 the cannabis is not made available for sale.
- 22 (3) Transferring of one ounce or less of cannabis
- 23 without remuneration to an individual who is at least 21
- years of age.
- 25 (4) Consuming cannabis, provided that nothing in this
- 26 section shall be construed to permit consumption that is
- 27 <u>conducted openly and publicly or in a manner that endangers</u>
- others.
- 29 (5) Assisting another individual who is at least 21
- years of age in an act described in paragraph (1), (2), (3)

1	<u>or (4).</u>
2	Section 804-A. Lawful operation of cannabis-related facilities.
3	Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following
4	acts are not unlawful and are not an offense under the laws of
5	this Commonwealth or a basis for seizure or forfeiture of an
6	asset under Commonwealth law for an individual who is at least
7	21 years of age:
8	(1) Manufacture, possession or purchase of a cannabis
9	accessory or the sale of a cannabis accessory to an
10	individual who is at least 21 years of age.
11	(2) Any of the following:
12	(i) Possessing, displaying or transporting cannabis
13	or a cannabis product.
14	(ii) Purchasing cannabis from a cannabis cultivation
15	facility.
16	(iii) Purchasing cannabis or a cannabis product from
17	a cannabis product manufacturing facility.
18	(iv) Selling cannabis or a cannabis product to a
19	<pre>consumer, if:</pre>
20	(A) the individual conducting the activity
21	described in this paragraph acts in the capacity of
22	an employee or agent of a retail cannabis store or
23	the board; and
24	(B) the retail cannabis store utilizes a
25	transaction scan device to verify the age of any
26	individual who appears to be less than 35 years of
27	age before making a sale of cannabis products.
28	(3) Any of the following:
29	(i) Cultivating, harvesting, processing, packaging,
30	transporting, displaying or possessing cannabis.

Τ	(11) Delivering or transferring cannable to a
2	cannabis testing facility.
3	(iii) Selling cannabis to a cannabis cultivation
4	facility, a cannabis product manufacturing facility or a
5	retail cannabis store.
6	(iv) Purchasing cannabis from a cannabis cultivation
7	facility, if the person conducting the activity described
8	in this paragraph has obtained a current, valid license
9	to operate a cannabis cultivation facility or acts in the
10	capacity of an owner, employee or agent of a licensed
11	cannabis cultivation facility.
12	(4) Any of the following:
13	(i) Packaging, processing, transporting,
14	manufacturing, displaying or possessing cannabis or
15	cannabis products.
16	(ii) Delivering or transferring cannabis or a
17	cannabis product to a cannabis testing facility.
18	(iii) Selling cannabis or a cannabis product to a
19	retail cannabis store or a cannabis product manufacturing
20	<pre>facility.</pre>
21	(iv) Purchasing cannabis from a cannabis cultivation
22	<pre>facility.</pre>
23	(v) Purchasing cannabis or a cannabis product from a
24	cannabis product manufacturing facility, if the
25	individual conducting the activities described in this
26	paragraph has obtained a current, valid license to
27	operate a cannabis product manufacturing facility or acts
28	in the capacity of an owner, employee or agent of a
29	licensed cannabis product manufacturing facility.
30	(5) Possessing, cultivating, processing, repackaging,

1	storing, transporting, displaying, transferring or delivering
2	cannabis or cannabis products, if the person has obtained a
3	current, valid license to operate a cannabis testing facility
4	or acts in the capacity of an owner, employee or agent of a
5	licensed cannabis testing facility.
6	(6) Leasing or otherwise allowing the use of property
7	owned, occupied or controlled by a person, corporation or
8	other entity for an activity conducted lawfully in accordance
9	with paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5).
10	Section 805-A. General powers of board.
11	In addition to sections 207 and 208, the board has the
12	following powers and duties:
13	(1) Buy, import or have in the board's possession for
14	sale, and sell cannabis and cannabis products in the manner
15	provided in this article, provided the purchases are made
16	subject to the approval of the State Treasurer or the State
17	Treasurer's designated deputy. The board shall buy cannabis
18	and cannabis products at the lowest price and in the greatest
19	variety reasonably obtainable.
20	(2) Control the manufacture, possession, sale,
21	consumption, importation, use, storage, transportation and
22	delivery of cannabis and cannabis products in accordance with
23	the provisions of this act and fix the wholesale and retail
24	prices at which cannabis and cannabis products may be sold at
25	retail cannabis stores, as follows:
26	(i) Prices must be proportional with prices paid by
27	the board to the board's suppliers and reflect any
28	advantage obtained through volume purchases by the board.
29	(ii) The board may establish a preferential price
30	structure for cannabis produced within this Commonwealth

1	for the promotion of the cannabis.
2	(iii) The board may not purchase cannabis or a
3	cannabis product that is produced in a state, territory
4	or country prohibiting the importation of cannabis or a
5	cannabis product that is produced in this Commonwealth.
6	(3) Determine the municipalities within which retail
7	cannabis stores shall be established and the locations of the
8	stores within the municipalities.
9	(4) Through the Department of General Services as the
10	board's agent, lease, furnish and equip buildings, rooms and
11	other accommodations as required for the operation of this
12	article.
13	(5) Appoint, fix the compensation and define the powers
14	and duties of the managers, officers, inspectors, examiners,
15	clerks and other employees as required for the operation of
16	this article, subject to the provisions of the act of April
17	9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code
18	of 1929, and 71 Pa.C.S. Pt. III (relating to civil service
19	reform).
20	(6) Determine the nature, form and capacity of the
21	packages and original containers to be used for containing
22	cannabis and cannabis products.
23	(7) Perform any other act deemed necessary or advisable
24	for the purpose of carrying into effect this article and the
25	regulations promulgated under this article.
26	(8) Periodically promulgate regulations that are
27	consistent with this article as the board may deem necessary
28	for the efficient administration of this article. The board
29	shall publish regulations throughout this Commonwealth in the

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manner the board deems necessary and advisable or as may be

- 1 provided by law.
- 2 (9) By regulation, provide for the use of a computerized
- 3 <u>referral system to assist consumers in locating special items</u>
- 4 <u>at retail cannabis stores and for the use of electronic</u>
- 5 <u>transfer of funds and credit cards for the purchase of</u>
- 6 <u>cannabis and cannabis products at retail cannabis stores.</u>
- 7 (10) Issue grants to various entities for cannabis
- 8 <u>education and prevention efforts.</u>
- 9 <u>Section 806-A. Regulation of cannabis.</u>
- 10 (a) Regulations. -- Not later than July 1, 2024, the board
- 11 shall adopt regulations necessary for implementation of this
- 12 <u>article. The regulations may not prohibit the operation of a</u>
- 13 <u>cannabis establishment</u>, <u>either expressly or through a regulation</u>
- 14 that makes the operation unreasonably impracticable. The
- 15 <u>regulations shall include:</u>
- 16 (1) Procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension and
- 17 <u>revocation of a license to operate a cannabis establishment.</u>
- 18 (2) A schedule of application and licensing fees,
- including an annual \$700 license renewal surcharge, provided
- that an application fee may not exceed \$5,000 with the upper
- 21 limit adjusted annually for inflation, unless the board
- 22 determines a greater fee is necessary to carry out the
- board's responsibilities under this section.
- 24 (3) Qualifications for licensure that are directly and
- demonstrably related to the operation of a cannabis
- establishment.
- 27 <u>(4) Security requirements for a cannabis establishment.</u>
- 28 <u>(5) Requirements to prevent the sale or diversion of</u>
- 29 cannabis and a cannabis product to an individual who is less
- 30 than 21 years of age.

1	(6) Labeling requirements for cannabis and a cannabis
2	product sold or distributed by a cannabis establishment.
3	(7) Health and safety regulations and standards for the
4	manufacture of a cannabis product and the cultivation of
5	cannabis.
6	(8) Restrictions on the advertising and display of
7	cannabis and a cannabis product.
8	(9) Civil penalties for the failure to comply with
9	regulations promulgated under this section.
10	(b) Individual privacy Notwithstanding subsection (a), the
11	board may not require a consumer to provide a retail cannabis
12	store with personal information other than government-issued
13	identification to determine the consumer's age, and a retail
14	cannabis store may not be required to acquire and record
15	personal information about a consumer other than information
16	typically acquired in a financial transaction conducted at a
17	retail liquor store.
18	(c) Taxation of adult use cannabis and cannabis products
19	(1) A gross receipts tax is imposed on the gross
20	receipts of a cannabis cultivation facility received from the
21	sale of adult use cannabis or cannabis products by a cannabis
22	cultivation facility to another cannabis cultivation
23	facility, cannabis product manufacturing facility or retail
24	cannabis store, to be paid by the cannabis cultivation
25	facility at the rate of 10%. The tax shall be charged against
26	and be paid by the cannabis cultivation facility and shall
27	not be added as a separate charge or line item on any sales
28	slip, invoice, receipt or other statement or memorandum of
29	the price paid.
30	(2) The tax under paragraph (1) shall not be levied on a

- 1 cannabis cultivation facility that partners with a
- 2 <u>Pennsylvania farm to grow or process cannabis for the</u>
- 3 <u>cannabis cultivation facility.</u>
- 4 (3) An excise tax is imposed at the point of sale of
- 5 adult use cannabis or cannabis products at the rate of 19%. A
- 6 person required to collect the tax shall clearly provide
- 7 <u>notice of the assessment of the tax to the consumer through</u>
- 8 <u>advertising or separate listing on a sales receipt or</u>
- 9 invoice.
- 10 (4) The taxes imposed under this subsection shall be
- administered in the same manner as the tax imposed under
- 12 Article XI of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known
- as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, except that estimated tax
- 14 payments under section 3003.2 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971
- 15 <u>shall not be required. A cannabis cultivation facility shall</u>
- 16 make quarterly payments under this section for each calendar
- 17 quarter at the rate prescribed in this subsection on the
- 18 gross receipts for the calendar quarter. The tax shall be due
- 19 and payable on the 20th day of January, April, July and
- 20 October for the preceding calendar quarter on a form
- 21 prescribed by the Department of Revenue.
- 22 (5) The Department of Revenue shall deposit 100% of all
- 23 money received from the tax imposed under this subsection
- into the General Fund.
- 25 (d) Locality.--A locality shall enact an ordinance or
- 26 regulation:
- 27 (1) Specifying the entity within the locality that is
- 28 <u>responsible for processing applications submitted for a</u>
- 29 license to operate a cannabis establishment within the
- 30 <u>boundaries of the locality.</u>

1	(2) For the issuance of licenses should the issuance by
2	the locality become necessary because of:
3	(i) a failure by the board to adopt regulations
4	under subsection (a); or
5	(ii) a failure by the board to process and issue
6	licenses as required by subsection (f).
7	(e) Ordinance or regulation A locality may enact an
8	ordinance or regulation, not in conflict with this section or
9	with a regulation promulgated under this section, which:
10	(1) Governs the time, place, manner and number of
11	cannabis establishment operations.
12	(2) Establishes procedures for the issuance, suspension
13	and revocation of a license issued by the locality.
14	(3) Establishes a schedule of annual operating,
15	licensing and application fees for cannabis establishments,
16	provided the application fees are only due if applications
17	are submitted to a locality and a licensing fee is only due
18	if a license is issued by a locality.
19	(4) Establishes civil penalties for violation of an
20	ordinance or regulation governing the time, place and manner
21	of a cannabis establishment that may operate in the locality.
22	(f) License application Each application for an annual
23	license to operate a cannabis establishment must be submitted to
24	the board. The board shall:
25	(1) Begin accepting and processing applications on
26	October 1, 2024.
27	(2) Immediately forward a copy of an application and
28	half of the license application fee to the locality in which
29	the applicant desires to operate the cannabis establishment.
30	(3) Issue an annual license to the applicant between 45

1	and 90 days after receipt of an application, unless the board
2	finds the applicant is not in compliance with regulations
3	enacted under subsection (a) or the board is notified by the
4	relevant locality that the applicant is not in compliance
5	with ordinances and regulations in effect at the time of
6	application. If a locality enacted a limit on the number of
7	cannabis establishments in the locality and a greater number
8	of applicants seek licenses in the locality, the board shall
9	solicit and consider input from the locality as to the
10	locality's preference or preferences for licensure.
11	(4) Upon denial of an application, notify the applicant
12	in writing of the specific reason for the denial.
13	(g) Resubmission of application to locality
14	(1) If the board does not issue a license to an
15	applicant within 90 days of receipt of the application filed
16	and does not notify the applicant of the specific reason for
17	the denial, in writing and within the time period, the
18	applicant may resubmit the application directly to the
19	locality, and the locality may issue an annual license to the
20	applicant.
21	(2) A locality issuing a license to an applicant shall
22	do so within 90 days of receipt of the resubmitted
23	application unless the locality finds and notifies the
24	applicant that the applicant is not in compliance with
25	ordinances and regulations in effect at the time the
26	application is resubmitted, and the locality shall notify the
27	board if an annual license has been issued to the applicant.
28	(3) If an application is submitted to a locality under
29	this subsection, the board shall forward to the locality the

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application fee paid by the applicant to the board upon

- 1 request by the locality.
- 2 (4) A license issued by a locality in accordance with
- 3 this subsection has the same force and effect as a license
- 4 <u>issued by the board, and the holder of the license is not</u>
- 5 subject to regulation or enforcement by the board during the
- 6 term of the license.
- 7 (5) A subsequent or renewed license may be issued under
- 8 <u>this subsection on an annual basis only upon resubmission to</u>
- 9 <u>the locality of a new application submitted to the board.</u>
- 10 (6) This subsection shall not be construed to limit the
- 11 <u>relief available to an aggrieved party.</u>
- 12 Section 807-A. Diversity goals.
- 13 (a) Goals. -- It is the intent and goal of the General
- 14 Assembly that the board promote diversity and the participation
- 15 by diverse groups in the activities authorized under this
- 16 <u>article</u>. In order to further this goal, the board shall adopt
- 17 and implement policies to ensure that:
- 18 (1) Diverse groups are accorded equal opportunity in the
- 19 licensing process.
- 20 (2) Licensees promote the participation of diverse
- 21 groups in operations by affording equal access to employment
- 22 opportunities.
- 23 (b) Duties of board. -- To facilitate participation by diverse
- 24 groups in the activities authorized under this article, the
- 25 board shall:
- 26 (1) Conduct necessary and appropriate outreach,
- 27 including, if necessary, consulting with other Commonwealth
- 28 agencies to identify diverse groups who may qualify for
- 29 <u>participation in activities under this article.</u>
- 30 (2) Provide sufficient and continuous notice of the

- 1 participation opportunities afforded under this article by
- 2 publishing notice on the board's publicly accessible Internet
- 3 website.
- 4 (3) Include in the applications for license under this
- 5 <u>article language to encourage applicants to utilize and give</u>
- 6 <u>consideration to diverse groups for contracting or</u>
- 7 <u>professional services opportunities.</u>
- 8 (c) Reports.--No later than March 1, 2024, and each March 1
- 9 thereafter, the board shall submit a report to the chairperson
- 10 and minority chairperson of the Law and Justice Committee of the
- 11 Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
- 12 Liquor Control Committee of the House of Representatives
- 13 <u>summarizing the participation and utilization of diverse groups</u>
- 14 in the activities authorized under this article. The report
- 15 shall include:
- 16 (1) The participation level, by percentage, of diverse
- 17 groups in the activities authorized under this article.
- 18 (2) A summary of how diverse groups are utilized by
- 19 licensees, including in the provision of goods or services.
- 20 (3) Any other information the board deems appropriate.
- 21 (d) Definitions. -- The following words and phrases when used
- 22 in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 23 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 24 "Disadvantaged business." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. § 303(b)
- 25 (relating to diverse business participation).
- 26 "Diverse group." A disadvantaged business, minority-owned
- 27 <u>business</u>, <u>women-owned business</u>, <u>service-disabled veteran-owned</u>
- 28 small business or veteran-owned small business that has been
- 29 <u>certified by a third-party certifying organization.</u>
- 30 "Minority-owned business." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. §

- 1 303(b).
- 2 "Service-disabled veteran-owned small business." As defined
- 3 in 51 Pa.C.S. § 9601 (relating to definitions).
- 4 "Third-party certifying organization." As defined in 74
- 5 Pa.C.S. § 303(b).
- 6 <u>"Veteran-owned small business." As defined in 51 Pa.C.S. §</u>
- 7 9601.
- 8 "Women-owned business." As defined in 74 Pa.C.S. § 303(b).
- 9 <u>Section 808-A. Cannabis clean slate.</u>
- 10 (a) General rule. -- A person who has been arrested for,
- 11 charged with or convicted under section 13(a)(31) of the act of
- 12 April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled
- 13 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, shall have the
- 14 person's criminal history related to the criminal proceeding
- 15 expunged in accordance with subsection (b).
- 16 (b) Expungement process.--
- 17 (1) The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts
- 18 shall, within six months of the effective date of this
- 19 <u>section, transmit to the Pennsylvania State Police central</u>
- 20 repository all records related to an arrest or conviction
- 21 under subsection (a) for expungement.
- 22 (2) If the Pennsylvania State Police determines a record
- 23 <u>transmitted under paragraph (1) is not eligible for</u>
- 24 expungement, the Pennsylvania State Police shall notify the
- 25 Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts of the
- determination within 30 days of receiving the information.
- 27 (3) Upon expiration of the 30-day period, the
- 28 Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts shall provide to
- 29 the court of common pleas in which the arrest or adjudication
- 30 occurred a list of all records eligible for expungement.

- 1 (4) Within 30 days of receiving the list, the court of
- 2 common pleas shall order the expungement of all criminal
- 3 history records received under this section and all
- 4 administrative records of the Department of Transportation
- 5 relating to the criminal history records received under this
- 6 section.
- 7 (c) Release of inmates. -- A court of common pleas that has
- 8 received an expungement order for a person currently
- 9 <u>incarcerated for the crime for which the court received the</u>
- 10 expungement order shall transmit to the appropriate county
- 11 correctional institution or State correctional institution, as
- 12 <u>defined under 61 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions), an</u>
- 13 order for the immediate release or discharge of the person whose
- 14 record has been ordered to be expunged.
- 15 (d) Motor vehicle operation privileges. -- The Bureau of Motor
- 16 <u>Vehicles shall reinstate a person's suspended or revoked motor</u>
- 17 vehicle operation privileges that were suspended or revoked as a
- 18 result of a person's conviction that has been expunged under
- 19 this section.
- 20 (e) Reinstatement of license or registration. -- A license or
- 21 registration that has been suspended or revoked under section 23
- 22 of The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act due
- 23 to an arrest or conviction that has been expunded under this
- 24 section shall be reinstated.
- 25 <u>Section 809-A. Employment provisions.</u>
- 26 (a) Cannabis in workplace. -- No employer shall be required to
- 27 permit or accommodate the use, consumption, possession,
- 28 <u>transfer</u>, <u>display</u>, <u>transportation</u>, <u>sale or growing of cannabis</u>
- 29 <u>in the workplace.</u>
- 30 (b) Random drug tests.--A random drug test showing the mere

- 1 presence of a nonintoxicating level of cannabis may not be the
- 2 basis of the termination of employment or any other disciplinary
- 3 <u>action against the employee.</u>
- 4 (c) Construction. -- Nothing in this article shall be
- 5 construed to affect the ability of an employer to adopt and
- 6 enforce policies restricting the use of cannabis by employees in
- 7 <u>the workplace.</u>
- 8 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:
- 9 The General Assembly finds that the repeals under this
- 10 section are necessary to effectuate the addition of Article
- 11 VIII-A of the act:
- 12 (i) Section 4(1)(iii)16 and (iv) of the act of April
- 13 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled
- 14 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, are repealed.
- 15 (ii) Section 13(a)(30) and (31) of The Controlled
- Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act are repealed
- 17 insofar as they are inconsistent with Article VIII-A of
- 18 the act.
- 19 (iii) All acts and parts of acts are repealed
- insofar as they are inconsistent with this act.
- 21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 30 days.