

Q. How will DCA develop regulations?

A. DCA will convene stakeholders, members of the public, and other licensing authorities to develop the standards and regulations necessary to successfully implement a statewide medical marijuana regulatory structure in California.

Q. How long will licenses be active before they must be renewed?

A. Licenses will be effective for one year, at which time they must be renewed in order for the licensee to continue distributing, dispensing, or transporting medical cannabis.

Q. Where will I be able to obtain a license to grow medical marijuana?

A. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is the agency responsible for licensing cultivation. It will also be responsible for implementing a tracking program for plants from cultivation to sale. Visit [www.cdffa.ca.gov](http://www.cdffa.ca.gov) for more information.

Q. Where can I get a copy of the new law?

A. Three different bills provide the structure for the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. Below are a few of the highlights from each bill. To see the entire text of each bill, go online to the California Legislative Information website at <https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClientAhtml>.

#### **Assembly Bill 266, Bonta. Medical Marijuana.**

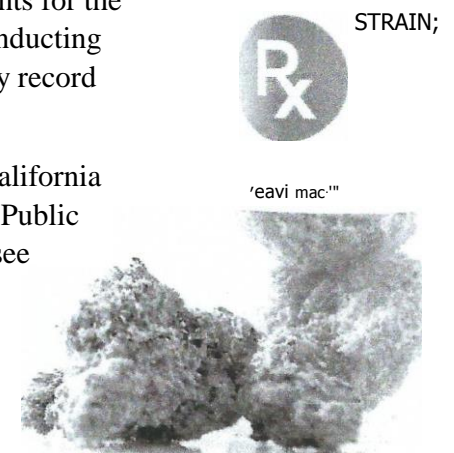
- Enacts the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. Establishes the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation as part of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
- Requires the Board of Equalization to adopt a system for reporting the movement of commercial cannabis and cannabis products.

#### **Assembly Bill 243, Wood. Medical Marijuana.**

- Authorizes the Department of Finance to provide funding for the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation.
- Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of Pesticide Regulation, the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State Water Resources Control Board to set standards relating to medical marijuana and its cultivation.
- Requires various State agencies to take specified actions to mitigate the impact that marijuana cultivation has on the environment.

#### **Senate Bill 643, McGuire. Medical Marijuana.**

- Sets standards for physicians and surgeons who prescribe medical marijuana.
- Requires the Medical Board of California to investigate licensees who have repeatedly recommended excessive cannabis to patients or have prescribed cannabis without a good faith examination.
- Authorizes the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation to require applicants to furnish a full set of fingerprints for the purposes of conducting criminal history record checks.
- Requires the California Department of Public Health to oversee manufacturing and testing of medical cannabis. ■



For updates about the developing Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulations, visit DCA's website at [www.dca.ca.gov](http://www.dca.ca.gov).