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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, and Messier

Date Introduced: May 06, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21-28.6 of the General Laws entitled "The Edward O. Hawkins and
2 Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 section:

4 **21-28.6-15. Public health and safety.** – Notwithstanding any other provisions of the
5 general laws, the manufacture of marijuana by a patient cardholder, a primary caregiver
6 cardholder or any other individual or entity licensed to cultivate or manufacture marijuana
7 pursuant to this chapter, shall be subject to the protections afforded by this chapter if the
8 cardholder or licensee cultivates or manufactures the marijuana in accordance with department's
9 regulations that shall include, but shall not be limited to, safety inspections by the department
10 and/or its designee including the fire marshal building official or electrical inspector of the
11 municipality in which the cardholder or licensee is located. Any cardholder or licensee shall, prior
12 to the manufacture or cultivation of marijuana, permit an inspection and obtain a certification that
13 all equipment, manufacturing rooms and standard operating procedures are in compliance with all
14 applicable local and state building codes, fire codes, electrical codes and any other applicable
15 laws.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that any patient cardholder, any caregiver cardholder or any other
2 licensee cultivating or manufacturing marijuana must submit to safety checks prior to its
3 cultivation or manufacture and obtain certification that all equipment, manufacturing rooms, and
4 standard operating procedures are in compliance with all applicable local and state building
5 codes, fire codes, electrical codes and other applicable laws.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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