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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Goodwin, Archambault, Morgan, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 05, 2021

Referred To: Senate 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 **21-28.6-19. Criminal background check required.**

5 (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of §§ 21-28.6-9, 21-28.6-12, 21-28.6-14 or 21-28.6-
6 14, any person who is owner, officer, director, manager, employee, or who has a business interest
7 including those third-party management companies and their owners, directors, managers or
8 employees of a compassion center, licensed medical marijuana cultivator, marijuana establishment
9 licensee, medical marijuana emporium, or any compassion center cardholder, practitioner, primary
10 caregiver, qualifying patient or holder of a registry identification card, as those terms are defined
11 in § 21-28.6-3, shall be required, as part of their application or renewal of any application, to submit
12 to a national criminal identification records check that shall include submitting fingerprints to the
13 federal bureau of identification.

14 (b) Upon the discovery of any plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any felony offense for
15 any person who is the owner, director, manager, employee of any compassion center, licensed
16 medical cultivator, medical marijuana establishment licensee, medical marijuana emporium, or any
17 compassion center cardholder, practitioner, primary caregiver, qualifying patient or holder of a
18 registry identification card, the application shall be denied.

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

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1 This act would require any person who is owner, officer, director, manager, employee, or
2 who has a business interest including those third-party management companies and their owners,
3 directors, managers or employees of a compassion center, licensed medical marijuana cultivator,
4 marijuana establishment licensee, medical marijuana emporium, or any compassion center
5 cardholder, practitioner, primary caregiver, qualifying patient or holder of a registry identification
6 card to submit to a national criminal identification records check as part of their application. Any
7 person who has pled nolo contendere or guilty to any felony offense shall have their application
8 denied.

9 This act would take effect upon passage.

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