RESOLUTION 2022-30
APPROVAL OF PROPOSED READOPTION OF SPECIALLY ADOPTED NEW RULES WITH AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”), established pursuant to P.L. 2019, c.153, known and cited as the “Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act,” is charged with implementing the provisions of that Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act”; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has a stated mission to apply the values of public safety and equity in establishing and regulating a responsible medicinal and personal-use cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(l)(a) requires the Commission to adopt initial rules and regulations which are necessary and proper to enable the Commission to carry out its duties, functions, and powers with respect to overseeing the development, regulation, and enforcement of activities associated with the personal use of cannabis pursuant to P.L.2021, c.16; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(l)(a) requires that the initial rules and regulations be adopted by the later of 180 days after the effective date of the law, or 45 days following appointment of all five members of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(l)(a), the Commission has consulted with the Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Health, and the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance in drafting the proposed initial rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(b), the Commission adopted the Personal Use Cannabis Rules at N.J.A.C. 17:30 on August 19, 2021, by filing with the Office of Administrative Law, before the 180-day statutory deadline for adopting initial rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-34(d)(1)(b), the initial rules and regulations shall be in effect for a period of not more than one year after the date of filing with the Office of Administrative Law; and
WHEREAS, following adoption of the initial rules and regulations, the Commission shall adopt, amend, or re-adopt these and any subsequent rules and regulations in accordance with the requirements of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s initial rules and regulations are set to expire on August 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is proposing to readopt the Personal Use Cannabis Rules with amendments reflecting the consultation with the above-mentioned agencies, as well as other agencies, stakeholders, and individuals who provided input to the Commission regarding the rules; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will be filing with the Office of Administrative Law this notice of proposed readoption prior to August 19, 2022, and therefore the expiration date is extended 180 days to February 15, 2023, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1(c)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the attached proposed readoption of specially adopted rules with amendments are hereby approved for filing with the Office of Administrative Law.

Submitted by:

Dianna Houenou, Chair

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 30th day of June, 2022.

Christopher Riggs, Chief Counsel

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