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RESOLUTION 2026-05-14-07 **REGULATION WAIVER REQUEST – DOCKET NO. WR057**

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, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7(a), The Commission, in accordance with the general purposes and intent of the Act and this chapter, may waive a regulatory requirement regarding the operations of a cannabis business, to the extent such waiver does not conflict with any other State law, if in the Commission's determination, such a waiver: (1) is necessary to achieve the purpose of the Act; (2) is necessary to provide access to cannabis items to consumers; and (3) does not create a danger to the public health, safety, or welfare; and

WHEREAS, under Docket Number WR057, the New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association, requested a waiver of the of the regulatory requirement that each employee, or volunteer of a cannabis business or testing laboratory license applicant or license holder or staff member of a license applicant's or license holder's management services contractor shall provide written consent to submit to a criminal history background check pursuant to the Act and shall comply with procedures established by the Division of State Police pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:59 for obtaining readable fingerprint impressions. Relatedly, the New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association also requested a waiver of the regulatory requirement that the Commission shall verify that a person who is requesting a Cannabis Business Identification Card has authorized a criminal history background check pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.12(d) and does not have any disqualifying convictions that have not been found to be rehabilitated; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the entity’s waiver request and is granting the waiver request by waiving the background check requirement for “employees” and “volunteers” of a cannabis business or a testing laboratory license applicant or license holder participating in the Adult Use industry under N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.12(a), as this waiver meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7(a); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is also granting the request to waive the registration requirement set forth in N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1(b)(3), which requires an individual to complete and clear a criminal history background check in order to obtain a Cannabis Business Identification Card. Specifically, the Commission grants the waiver of N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1(b)(3) only as it applies to “employees” and

“volunteers” of a cannabis business or a testing laboratory license holder participating in the Adult Use industry; and

WHEREAS, the Commission does not waive the general requirement to register with the Commission and be issued a Cannabis Business Identification Card.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that the above waiver request is GRANTED. The Commission’s reasons for denying this waiver request shall be set forth in the Final Agency Decision sent to the entity, if applicable.

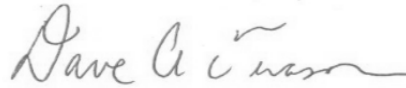
Submitted by:



Harris Laufer, 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 14th day of May 2026.



Dave Tuason, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recused
Chair Laufer			X				
Vice Chair Ferraro	X		X				
Commissioner Mapp		X	X				
Commissioner Nash			X				