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June 17, 2026

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New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association
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Re: **FINAL AGENCY DECISION**
New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association Regulation Waiver Request
NJ-CRC Docket No.: WR057

Dear [REDACTED]:

The New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“NJ-CRC” or “Commission”) is in receipt of your request to waive N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.12 and N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1(b)(3). Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7(a), the Commission 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 New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act (“CREAMM 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.

The Commission has reviewed your waiver request and has determined that your request to waive N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.12(a) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1(b)(3) does meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.7(a). Thus, the background check requirement under N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.12(a) for “employees” and “volunteers” of a cannabis business or a testing laboratory license applicant or license holder participating in the Adult Use industry is waived. Owners, principals, management services contractors, and staff members of management services contractors of a cannabis business or a testing laboratory license applicant or license holder remain subject to background check requirements.

As such, your request to waive N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.12(a) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-8.1(b)(3) has been granted.

Furthermore, the Commission does not waive the general requirement to register with the Commission and be issued a Cannabis Business Identification Card. As articulated during the May 14, 2026, public

meeting, badging serves a distinct regulatory function from background checks and is essential to the Commission's tracking and oversight infrastructure.

You may appeal the Commission's determination within 45 days from the date of this Final Agency Decision to the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 006, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0970.

Thank you for your interest in participating in the cannabis industry. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please submit your inquiry to the NJ-CRC Licensing inbox at crc.licensing@crc.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Laufer", written in a cursive style.

Harris Laufer
Chairperson
New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission