

As a coalition of local organizations and businesses working to increase racial and economic equity, criminal justice reform and repair, and agricultural access in the coming regulated cannabis market in Vermont - we've developed this informational material to help you understand the timeline for this process, the entities involved and their responsibilities and accountability.

Below is a timeline of the rollout of Act 164 leading up to the market in 2022.

- **On or before November 1, 2020:** Appointments to the Cannabis Control Board Nominating Committee shall be made.
- **On or before November 4, 2020:** The Governor shall send the names of candidates for the Cannabis Control Board to the Nominating Committee.
- **On or before December 18, 2020:** The Committee shall send the names of well-qualified candidates to the Governor.
- **On or before January 8, 2021:** The Governor shall appoint members to the Cannabis Control Board.
- **On or before January 15, 2021:** The Senate shall take up the issue of the confirmation of the Governor's appointments to the Board.
- **On or before January 19, 2021:** Cannabis Control Board members' shall begin their terms.
- **On or before April 1, 2021:** The Cannabis Control Board shall propose sweeping recommendations to the General Assembly
- **On or before May 1, 2021:** Members of the CCB Advisory Committee shall be appointed.
- **On or before June 1, 2021:** The Cannabis Control Board shall initiate rulemaking.
- **On or before July 1, 2021:** New fees for cannabis establishments take effect.
- **On or before September 1, 2021:** Cannabis Control Board develops a program to develop outreach, training, and employment programs focused on providing economic opportunities to individuals who historically have been disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition.
- **On or before January 15, 2022:** Cannabis Control Board reports to General Assembly regarding outreach, training and employment programs, online ordering and delivery, and additional types of licenses.
- **On or before February 1, 2022:** The cannabis limits set forth for registered cannabis dispensaries is lifted

and dispensaries may begin cultivating cannabis and manufacturing cannabis products for transfer or sale to a licensed integrated licensee.

- **On or before March 1, 2022:** Final adoption of rules for cannabis establishments, medical program, and dispensaries. Medical program moves from DPS to the Board; staff positions and money in medical regulation fund transfer; new medical statutes take effect.
- **On or before April 1, 2022:** Application period begins for small cultivators, integrated licensees, and testing labs.
- **On or before May 1, 2022:** The Cannabis Control Board shall begin issuing licenses for small cultivators, integrated licensees, and testing labs. Integrated licensees may begin selling cannabis and cannabis products to the public. Application period begins for all cultivators.
- **On or before June 1, 2022:** The Cannabis Control Board shall begin issuing licenses for all cultivators.
- **On or before July 1, 2022:** Application period begins for product manufacturers and wholesalers.
- **On or before August 1, 2022:** The Cannabis Control Board shall begin issuing product manufacturer and wholesale licenses.
- **On or before September 1, 2022:** Application period begins for retailers.
- **On or before October 1, 2022:** The Cannabis Control Board shall begin issuing retailer licenses and retailers may begin selling cannabis and cannabis products to the public.

Below is a description of the Committees and Boards in Act 164 and what they do.

The Cannabis Control Board Nominating Committee is created for the purpose of “assessing the qualifications of applicants for appointment to the Cannabis Control Board.” The Committee consists of 7 members: 3 appointed by the Executive Branch, 2 appointed by the House, and 2 appointed by the Senate, with members serving 2-year terms. The members elect their own chair, have full access to legislative services, and hold public meetings with a quorum of 4 members. The Committee will submit their final 3 candidates back to the Governor on or before December 18 for his selection.

The Cannabis Control Board is created within the Executive Branch for the purpose of “safely, equitably, and effectively implementing and administering the laws enabling access to adult-use cannabis in Vermont.” Duties

include rulemaking, administration of licenses, administration of the Medical Cannabis Registry, administration of Medical Cannabis dispensaries, and submission of an annual budget to the Governor. The Board consists of 3 members – 1 chair and 2 members – appointed by the Governor to serve 3-year terms. It will also include 1 Executive Director, and 1 Administrative Assistant. None of its members – or their family members – may have a conflict of interest in the industry being regulated.

The Advisory Committee is created within the Cannabis Control Board, has no stated purpose, duties, or authority, and the members have no defined terms. It consists of 12 members:

- One member with expertise in public health appointed by the Governor,
- The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or designee,
- One member with expertise in laboratory science or toxicology appointed by the Governor,
- One member with expertise in systemic social justice and equity issues appointed by the Speaker of the House,
- One member with an expertise in women and minority-owned business ownership appointed by the Speaker of the House,
- One member with an expertise in substance misuse prevention appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees,
- One member with an expertise in the cannabis industry appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees,
- One member with an expertise in business management or regulatory compliance appointed by the Treasurer,
- One member with an expertise in municipal issues appointed by the Treasurer,
- One member with an expertise in public safety appointed by the Attorney General,
- One member with an expertise in criminal justice reform appointed by the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Natural Resources or designee.