

Thursday, May 21, 2026

The Honorable Joseph Solomon, Jr.
Chairman, House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H 8426 – An Act Relating To Food And Drugs – The Edward O. Hawkins And Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act

Dear Chairman Solomon,

The Cannabis Control Commission submits this letter in support of H 8426 – An Act Relating to Food and Drugs – The Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act.

This legislation would allow compassion center license fees to be paid in quarterly installments rather than as a single upfront payment. This adjustment provides additional flexibility for licensees while maintaining the integrity of the existing licensing structure.

The Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact associated with this change and does not identify any operational or regulatory concerns related to implementation.

Overall, this legislation represents a practical and administratively straightforward modification to the existing framework, and the Commission supports its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations
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