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An Act to Make the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy an Appointed Position Subject to Confirmation by the Legislature

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative SUPICA of Bangor and
Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, TALBOT ROSS
of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: BOYER of Poland,
FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, FREDERICKS of Sanford, RUDNICKI of Fairfield.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §104-B, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §6, is amended to read:

The Governor shall appoint the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy, referred to in this chapter as "the director," subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters and to confirmation by the Legislature. ~~The Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy, referred to in this chapter as "the director,"~~ may employ personnel as necessary to implement, administer and enforce this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter and the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the rules adopted pursuant to that Act.

Sec. 2. Appointment. The Governor shall appoint the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-B, section 104-B no later than 60 days after the effective date of this Act.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is appointed by the Governor and that the appointment is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters and to confirmation by the Legislature. The bill also requires the Governor to appoint the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy no later than 60 days after the effective date of this legislation.