

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON CANNABIS POLICY
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY**

Bill Number:	H.148
Title:	An Act to create efficiencies in the cannabis employment process
Sponsor(s):	Rep. Manny Cruz (<i>Salem</i>)
Hearing Date:	April 9, 2025
Reporting Deadline:	June 8, 2025
Prior History:	No prior history
Similar Matters:	S. 80 (Sen. Dylan A. Fernandes – Identical)

CURRENT LAW:

Section 15(b) of chapter 94G requires that independent testing laboratories licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission obtain registration for its agents and prohibits registration of agents who have been convicted of a felony drug offense. Section 21 of chapter 94G enables the Commission to conduct criminal history checks as required by section 15.

Cannabis Control Commission regulations 935 CMR 500.029 through 500.033 and 935 CMR 501.029 and 501.030 require that employees, owners, executives, and volunteers of marijuana establishments, independent testing laboratories, and medical marijuana treatment centers be registered agents in order to work on behalf of the licensee. Following review of the applicant's CORI report and other background check information, the Commission will issue an Agent Registration Card if it deems the agent suitable considering history of criminal offenses and other factors. The licensee is responsible for applying for the agent's registration and the agent must be registered for every license they work under.

SUMMARY:

The bill amends sections 1 and 12 of chapter 94G to codify the Cannabis Control Commission's regulation requiring that all agents of cannabis licensees be registered with the Commission, but provides that the CCC shall issue the registration card to the individual agent rather than the licensee. The registration is valid for six years. A self-attestation verifying compliance must be submitted every two years. There shall not be a fee for social equity program participants or social equity business employees. The CCC is required to promulgate regulations effectuating the law no later than one year from its effective date.