

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

Bill Number: H.166

Title: An Act to eliminate excessive regulation of the cannabis industry

Sponsor(s): Rep. Lindsay N. Sabadosa (Northampton)

Hearing Date: July 22, 2025

Reporting Deadline: September 20, 2025

Prior History: None

Similar Matters: None

CURRENT LAW:

Subsection (c) of Section 4 of Chapter 94G of the Massachusetts General Laws bars the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) from promulgating regulations which “prohibit the operation of a marijuana establishment either expressly or through regulations that make operation of a marijuana establishment unreasonably impracticable[.]” Subsection (a)(1) of Section 12 of Chapter 94G requires that the entrances to marijuana establishments be secured. The CCC promulgated regulations providing security requirements for marijuana establishments in 935 CMR 500.110 and for medical marijuana treatment centers in 935 CMR 501.110.

The Licensure of Pharmacies regulation provided in 247 CMR 6.02(6) requires that a pharmacy located outside of Massachusetts hold a non-resident Drug Store Pharmacy License and a non-resident complex non-sterile compounding pharmacy license in order to dispense or ship any complex non-sterile compounded preparation into Massachusetts.

SUMMARY:

This bill would amend Subsection (c) of Section 4 and Subsection (a)(1) of Section 12 of Chapter 94G and Section 7 of Chapter 94I to further limit CCC regulations, such that the general regulations, as well as specific entrance security requirements, may not be more restrictive or expensive to comply with than the pharmacy regulation requiring that out of state pharmacies obtain Massachusetts licenses prior to importing pharmaceutical preparations found in 247 CMR 6.02(6).