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### **BUREAU OF MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATION RELEASES PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS TESTING LABORATORIES**

SACRAMENTO – The Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation (BMCR) today announced that its proposed testing laboratories regulations for medical cannabis have been posted and the 45-day public comment period is now underway.

“These proposed testing laboratories regulations for medical cannabis follow the same process as those regulations announced last week,” BMCR Chief Lori Ajax said. “We continue to move full force ahead to meet our target launch date and I want to encourage people to provide public comment and feedback to help meet our goal.”

Individuals interested in reviewing the medical regulations for testing laboratories can do so by visiting the new Cannabis Web Portal, [www.cannabis.ca.gov](http://www.cannabis.ca.gov). At this site you will also find the proposed medical regulations that were released last week for licensing dispensaries, distribution and transporters.

Part of today’s announcement includes the news of four public hearings for the purpose of public comment on the proposed regulations. The bureau encourages all interested stakeholders to review the proposed regulations and come to a hearing near you to provide feedback. Hearing dates and locations are as follows:

June 1, 2017  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Adorni Center  
1011 Waterfront Drive, Eureka, CA 95501

June 8, 2017  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Junipero Serra Building  
320 W. Fourth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

June 13, 2017  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
King Library, Second Floor  
150 E. San Fernando Street, San Jose, CA 95112

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June 20, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Department of Consumer Affairs, Hearing Room, S-102

1625 North Market Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834

Please note these dates, times and locations are different from the hearing dates for the regulations announced last week ([Press Release](#)).

Those who wish to provide feedback and are unable to attend one of the four listed sessions above, can get involved in the regulatory process by following the steps outlined here - [http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/about\\_us/documents/17-065\\_public\\_comment.pdf](http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/about_us/documents/17-065_public_comment.pdf).

There is currently budget trailer bill language designed to align the Medical Cannabis Safety and Regulation Act with Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. If that bill passes, the bureau will withdraw these proposed regulations and propose a new set of regulations consistent with changes in the law.

However, public comments on the regulations published today are still very important.

Beginning a little more than a year ago, the Bureau kicked off its outreach efforts with nine informational sessions in locations all around the state. Those sessions were followed up last Fall by eight pre-regulatory stakeholder meetings with discussions centering on issues related to general licensing requirements, and specific concepts related to the regulation of medical cannabis dispensaries, distributors and transporters. The feedback from those sessions can be reviewed here - <http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/meetings/summaries.shtml>.

For additional information about BMCR, or to subscribe to email alerts to hear about updates as they become available, please visit our website - <http://www.bmcr.ca.gov/>.

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In 2015, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law three bills (Assembly Bills 243 and 266, and Senate Bill 643) that create a licensing and regulatory framework for medical cannabis through the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act. It is anticipated that the regulations will be developed by January 1, 2018. On November 8, 2016, the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) was passed by voters as Proposition 64. AUMA legalizes the adult use of cannabis by persons 21 years of age and older.