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### **CANNABIS LICENSING AUTHORITIES UNVEIL NEW UNIFIED LICENSE SEARCH TOOL**

SACRAMENTO – California’s three cannabis licensing authorities – BCC, CDFFA and CDPH announced today the launch of a unified licensing search platform, the culmination of a collaboration between the California Department of Technology, the California Health and Human Services Agency Office of Innovation, the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), and the licensing authorities.

The unified license search tool allows the public to search for cannabis license information from all three licensing authorities by using one search tool. The need for a unified search was identified through conversations with, and surveys of, licensed businesses, local governments, and law enforcement conducted in late 2019 and early 2020.

“This unified license data search tool will make it easier for the public to access cannabis license information without having to inquire with each licensing authority separately,” Bureau Chief Lori Ajax said. “This will also help consumers identify licensed cannabis retailers near them.”

Some features of the new license search include an interactive map and geolocation tools. There is also a survey where users can submit usability feedback to the licensing authorities as they continue to refine the search tool. The unified license search tool can be accessed at <https://search.cannabis.ca.gov/>.

The unified license search will be updated every 24 hours; however, the most recent data will still be available through each licensing authority’s existing search tool on its website.

In January 2020, Governor Newsom announced plans to consolidate the three cannabis licensing authorities into a single Department of Cannabis Control, in an effort to improve access to licensing and simplify regulatory oversight of commercial cannabis activity. Today’s announcement is part of that overall plan.

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*For more information on the three state cannabis licensing authorities, visit the Cannabis Portal: [www.cannabis.ca.gov](http://www.cannabis.ca.gov). To subscribe to email alerts from the three licensing authorities, visit the following links: [BCC](#), [CDFA](#), [CDPH](#).*