

Sec. 5. CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD REPORT TO THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY; PROPOSAL FOR POSITIONS, FEES, AND  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

(a) On or before January 15, 2020, the Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Board, after consultation with the Secretary of Natural Resource, the Chair of the Natural Resources Board, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, shall recommend to the General Assembly land use or environmental regulatory requirements or standards applicable to cannabis establishments. The Executive Director may provide the recommendations based on the tier or category of cannabis establishment. The recommendations shall address:

(1) the State and local land use requirements for cannabis establishments, including if and how cannabis establishments shall be regulated under 10 V.S.A. chapter 151;

(2) whether certain cannabis establishments should be regulated by the Secretary of Agriculture as farming;

(3) the water quality requirements for cannabis establishments, including whether cannabis establishment shall be required to obtain, where applicable, direct discharge permits, indirect discharge permits, stormwater permits, groundwater withdrawal permits, or other relevant water quality permits;

(4) the solid waste and hazardous waste handling requirements for cannabis establishments, including any requirements for the management or reporting of the use of toxic substances; and

(5) any additional permitting or licensing recommendations.

(b) On or before January 15, 2020, the Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Board, after consultation with the Commissioner of Public Service and the Chair of the Public Utility Commission, shall recommend to the General Assembly energy or efficiency requirements or standards for the operation of cannabis establishments in the State. The recommendations shall include:

(1) recommended building energy standards for cannabis establishment if different from existing commercial building standards;

(2) recommended energy audits for cannabis establishments, including the recommended frequency of audits and who should perform the audits; and

(3) energy efficiency and conservation measures applicable to cannabis establishments.

(c) In making the recommendations required under subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Board, shall recommend the permits, licenses, or standards that a licensed cannabis cultivator or cannabis product manufacturer shall demonstrate, as a condition of licensure, or as a condition for licensure renewal if such standards are not established prior to initial licensure.