

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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## **House Bill 2255**

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[Introduced January 11, 2023; Referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §16A-7-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to providing for no more than two licensed laboratories for medical cannabis testing in this  
 3 state.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 7. MEDICAL CANNABIS CONTROLS.**

**§16A-7-4. Laboratories.**

1 (a) A grower and processor shall contract with an independent laboratory to test the  
 2 medical cannabis produced by the grower or processor. The bureau shall approve the laboratory  
 3 and require that the laboratory report testing results in a manner as the bureau shall determine,  
 4 including requiring a test at harvest and a test at final processing. The possession by a laboratory  
 5 of medical cannabis shall be a lawful use.

6 (b) All medical cannabis produced pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to testing as  
 7 directed by the bureau.

8 (c) The bureau shall ensure that there is sufficient testing capacity to meet patient demand.

9 (d) All laboratories providing testing pursuant to this section shall be certified to do so by  
 10 the Office of Laboratory Services: Provided, That no more than two laboratories in this state may  
 11 be certified pursuant to this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit no more than two licensed laboratories to perform testing under the West Virginia Medical Cannabis Act.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.