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House Bill 4627

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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 and any limitation relating to the number of certified
12 laboratories shall terminate on January 1, 2025.

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.