



Joint Commission to Oversee the Transition of the Commonwealth into a Cannabis Retail Market

December 2, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

House Room C, Room 206

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The Joint Commission to Oversee the Transition of the Commonwealth into a Cannabis Retail Market (the Joint Commission) met on December 2, 2025 with Delegate Paul E. Krizek, chair, presiding.¹ The meeting began with opening remarks from the chair and vice-chair, Senator Lashrecse D. Aird, followed by a presentation and discussion. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [*Joint Commission's meetings webpage*](#).

Presentation: Proposed Legislative Amendment for the 2026 Cannabis Retail Market Bill

Taylor Mey, Senior Attorney; Stephen Kindermann, Lead Senior Attorney; Troy Hatcher, Staff Attorney, Division of Legislative Services

The Division of Legislative Services staff compiled a matrix that consisted of 53 items that would be updated or affected in the 2026 bill to establish a Cannabis Retail Market in the Commonwealth. Ms. Mey presented on each topic, explaining Code sections that would be affected, what the proposed change would be, and how the change differed from the 2025 bill. Members of the Commission asked for clarification on some items and also voiced concern or opposition to some of the proposed changes.

Public Comment

Members of the public were given a chance to speak regarding the information presented at the meeting.

Next Meeting

No date was set for the next meeting of the Joint Commission.

¹ **Members Present:** Delegate Paul E. Krizek (chair), Senator Lashrecse D. Aird (vice-chair), Senator Adam P. Ebbin, Delegate Katrina E. Callsen, Delegate Rae C. Cousins, Delegate Hyland F. (Buddy) Fowler, Jr., Delegate James W. (Will) Morefield [virtual], Delegate Marcia "Cia" S. Price

Members Absent: Senator Christie New Craig, Senator Saddam Azlan Salim

For more information, see the [*Joint Commission's website*](#) or contact the Division of Legislative Services staff:

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