VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted in 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1290.610, I hereby grant medical cannabis agents, agents-in-charge, and principal officers licensed pursuant to Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act (hereinafter “Act”), a variance from 68 Illinois Administrative Code § Section 1290.210(j) and 1290.200(g), which state, in part, that the agent’s registration shall be renewed annually.

This variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued on March 9, 2020.

I find that (1) license renewal dates are set forth in current administrative rules; (2) adherence to the current license renewal dates, for the reasons described in the Disaster Proclamation, be unreasonable and unnecessarily burdensome; and (3) currently-licensed individuals cannot be held to current renewal deadlines, and that renewal applicants for such licenses similarly cannot be expected to comply with these requirements in a state of public emergency.

WHEREFORE, a Variance for all current licensees under the Act that have license renewal deadlines, on March 1, 2026, through and including, July 31, 2020, is hereby granted and these licensees shall have up to, and including, September 30, 2020, to complete their annual renewals of said licenses.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned rules, this variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation under the Act. Said licensees shall be subject to comply with all additional rules and regulations contained in the Act and applicable administrative rules.

I have determined that the provisions from which this variance is granted are not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this variance; and the rules from which this variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.


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