Chapter 1. ALL BUREAU LICENSEES

Article 4. Posting and Advertising

§ 5039. License Posting Requirement.

(a) Upon issuance of any license, the licensee shall prominently display the license on the licensed premises where it can be viewed by state and local agencies. If the licensed premises is open to the public, the license shall be displayed in an area that is within plain sight of the public.

(b) Upon issuance of any license, a retailer, whose licensed premises is open to the public, shall prominently display the Quick Response Code (QR Code) certificate issued by the Bureau so that it can be viewed and scanned from outside of the licensed premises.

(c) The QR Code certificate displayed by a licensee as required by subsection (b) shall be posted in the front window of the licensed premises within three (3) feet of any public entrance to the licensed premises, or in a locked display case mounted on the outside wall of the licensed premises within three (3) feet of any public entrance to the licensed premises. The QR Code certificate shall be posted in a manner that is clearly visible from outside of the licensed premises to the public and all persons entering the premises.

(d) The QR Code certificate displayed by the licensee as required by subsection (b) shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) The QR Code certificate shall be printed on paper, glass, metal, or other material not less than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches.

(2) The QR Code on the certificate posted as required by this section shall not be less than 3.75 inches by 3.75 inches.

(3) The QR Code on the certificate shall be of sufficient clarity that the code can be read by a smartphone or device capable of reading QR Codes from a distance of at least three (3) feet.

Chapter 2. DISTRIBUTORS

§ 5311. Requirements for the Transportation of Cannabis Goods.

The following requirements apply when transporting cannabis goods between licensees or licensed premises:

(a) Transportation shall only be conducted by persons holding a distributor license under the Act, or employees of those persons. All vehicles and trailers used for transportation shall be owned or leased, in accordance with the Vehicle Code, by the licensee.

(b) Prior to transporting any cannabis goods, the licensed distributor shall have a completed sales invoice or receipt that meets the requirements of Business and Professions Code section 26161. The licensed distributor shall only transport cannabis goods listed on the sales invoice or receipt. The sales invoice or receipt may not be altered or changed once transport begins.

(c) A licensed distributor employee shall always carry a copy of the distributor’s license and a copy of the QR Code certificate issued by the Bureau while engaging in the transportation of cannabis goods. The QR Code certificate shall comply with the requirements of section 5039, subsection (d) of this division.

(d) All vehicles transporting cannabis goods for hire shall be required to have a motor carrier permit pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 34620) of Division 14.85 of the Vehicle Code.

(e) Transportation by means of aircraft, watercraft, drone, rail, human powered vehicle, or unmanned vehicle is prohibited.

(f) Cannabis goods shall only be transported inside of a vehicle or trailer and shall not be visible or identifiable from outside of the vehicle or trailer.

(g) Cannabis goods shall be locked in a fully enclosed box, container, or cage that is secured to the inside of the vehicle or trailer. No portion of the enclosed box, container, or cage shall be comprised of any part of the body of the vehicle or trailer. For the purposes of this section, the inside of the vehicle includes the trunk.

(h) While left unattended, vehicles and trailers shall be locked and secured.

(i) A licensed distributor shall not leave a vehicle or trailer containing cannabis goods unattended in a residential area or parked overnight in a residential area.

(j) At a minimum, a licensed distributor shall have a vehicle alarm system on all transport vehicles and trailers. Motion detectors, pressure switches, duress, panic, and hold-up alarms may also be used.

(k) Packages or containers holding cannabis goods shall not be tampered with, or opened, during transport.
(l) A licensed distributor transporting cannabis goods shall only travel between licensees shipping or receiving cannabis goods and its own licensed premises when engaged in the transportation of cannabis goods. The licensed distributor may transport multiple shipments of cannabis goods at once in accordance with applicable laws. A licensed distributor shall not deviate from the travel requirements described in this section, except for necessary rest, fuel, or vehicle repair stops.

(m) Under no circumstances may non-cannabis goods, except for cannabis accessories and licensees’ branded merchandise or promotional materials, be transported with cannabis goods.

(n) Vehicles and trailers transporting cannabis goods are subject to inspection by the Bureau at any licensed premises or during transport at any time.

(o) Notwithstanding subsections (e)—(g) of this section, if it is not operationally feasible to transport cannabis goods inside of a vehicle or trailer because the licensed premises that the cannabis goods will be transported from and the licensed premises that will be receiving the cannabis goods are located within the same building or on the same parcel of land, the cannabis goods may be transported by foot, hand truck, fork lift, or other similar means. A shipping manifest that complies with this division is required when transporting cannabis goods pursuant to this subsection.

(p) Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this section, transportation of cannabis goods may be conducted via waterway to licensees located on Catalina Island. The provisions of this section and other sections regarding vehicle requirements also apply to vessels used to transport cannabis goods via waterway pursuant to this section.

Authority: Section 26013, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 26070, Business and Professions Code.

Chapter 3. RETAILERS

§ 5415. Delivery Employees.

(a) All deliveries of cannabis goods shall be performed by a delivery employee who is directly employed by a licensed retailer.

(b) Each delivery employee of a licensed retailer shall be at least 21 years of age.

(c) All deliveries of cannabis goods shall be made in person. A delivery of cannabis goods shall not be made through the use of an unmanned vehicle.

(d) The process of delivery begins when the delivery employee leaves the retailer’s licensed premises with the cannabis goods for delivery. The process of delivering ends when the delivery employee returns to the retailer’s licensed premises after delivering the cannabis goods, or attempting to deliver cannabis goods, to the customer(s). During the process of delivery, the licensed retailer’s delivery employee may not engage in any activities except for cannabis goods delivery and necessary rest, fuel, or vehicle repair stops.
(e) A delivery employee of a licensed retailer shall, during deliveries, carry a copy of the retailer’s current license, a copy of the QR Code certificate issued by the Bureau which complies with section 5039, subsection (d) of this division, the employee’s government-issued identification, and an identification badge provided by the employer pursuant to section 5043 of this division. A delivery employee shall provide a copy of the retail license, a copy of the QR Code certificate, and their employee identification badge to a delivery customer upon request.

(f) Prior to providing cannabis goods to a delivery customer, a delivery employee shall confirm the identity and age of the delivery customer as required by section 5404 of this division and ensure that all cannabis goods sold comply with requirements of section 5413 of this division.

(g) A licensed retailer shall maintain an accurate list of the retailer’s delivery employees and shall provide the list to the Bureau upon request.