



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jeremy Cooney

## Sen. Cooney Introduces Provisional Cannabis License Bill

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**(Albany, NY) - Senator Jeremy Cooney (D-Rochester)** introduced a bill that would establish an adult-use cultivator provisional license for cannabis growers. The bill would allow farmers to plant, harvest, and sell cannabis to retailers in New York State until the Office of Cannabis Management is fully operational. The bill sets up the provisional infrastructure to enable cannabis growers to begin planting seeds during the next growing season, so that the 2022 season's economic benefits are not delayed.

Senator Cooney is co-chair of the Black Puerto Rican Hispanic and Asian (BPHA) Legislative Caucus' Marijuana Task Force and is the chair of the Cities II committee in the New York State Senate.

### **Senator Jeremy Cooney, bill sponsor**

"This legislation enables New York cannabis farmers to put seeds in the ground, so that the economic benefits of legalizing marijuana are not delayed for another growing season. We passed adult-use recreational marijuana with the promise of investing in communities most negatively impacted by the failed War on Drugs. This bill allows us to start fulfilling that promise by creating a supply chain of products for retailers in this new economy."

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
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- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes an adult-use cultivator provisional license

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In Senate Committee **Finance**

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Do you support this bill?

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