Changes Proposed to Cannabis Oversight



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Senate Bill No. 4779, introduced in the New Jersey State Senate on October 27, 2025, would reorganize New Jersey's cannabis oversight by abolishing the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) and transferring all regulatory powers to a new Division of State Cannabis Oversight, Regulation, and Enforcement (SCORE) within the Department of Law and Public Safety, while preserving existing licenses and regulations until replaced. The Bill would change cannabis regulatory enforcement in three ways: (1) CRC enforcement responsibility would be transferred to the SCORE Division, (2) the SCORE Division would be permitted to bring enforcement actions against unlicensed cannabis businesses; and (3) the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Bureau (ABC) in the Division of State Police would be expanded to include cannabis regulatory enforcement, and would be renamed the Bureau of Alcohol and Cannabis Enforcement (BACE).

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