

Department of Consumer Protection Responses to Follow-up Questions:

- **Questions:**

- Exact number of authorized positions, filled positions, # of vacancies, and # of positions in the process of being filled.

DCP has 222 authorized General Fund full-time positions. As of the end of January, 173 full-time positions are filled and 49 are vacant (it is important to note that not all vacancies are funded).

In terms of the number of filled positions and vacancies, these numbers are fluid numbers which change as employees leave the agency and vacant positions are filled.

Currently DCP has 11 funded vacancies in the General Fund:

- Four vacancies have been identified to be eliminated in the Governor's proposed budget.
- Four vacancies have Position Authorization Requests at OPM for approval.
- Two vacancies have no actions initiated to refill.
- One vacancy is a part-time appointed position.

Recreational Marijuana Questions:

- Can you provide a breakdown of why 64 positions are necessary for recreational marijuana?

Please see the attached.

- What is the headcount in Mass. for recreational marijuana? How is CT compared to Mass.?

Mass has 97 actual positions approved and funded. Note that three are HR related. Numerically, Connecticut has fewer proposed positions.

Additionally, NY is proposing 216 positions in its budget bill. Some of these positions do contemplate HR, internal audit and procurement. Generally speaking, on average the majority of other adult use states have upwards of 90 plus employees in their regulatory agencies with the larger more mature markets having well over 100 employees.

- How did Mass handle the social equity piece?
 - 1) The Governor's social equity group spoke with one of the regulators in Mass (Shaleen Title, former Commissioner on the Cannabis Control Commission);
 - 2) Mass' program has a fairly broad definition of social equity applicant that includes women and veterans of all races;
 - 3) They currently have only 9 functioning social equity applicants several years after initial licenses were awarded (Only a few of which were minority applicants);
 - 4) The prior failures of the Mass social equity program are a prime example of why a social equity program that focusses solely on licensing tends to leave large portions of the community behind.
- How many people are on staff regulating tobacco? Can you redeploy some of this staff to DCP?

DCP does not regulate tobacco.
- What is the actual application process for someone to get their license?

In the Governor's bill, there would be a lottery process.

- What have other states allocated in terms of resources and employees in personal/home grow?

In terms of staffing numbers of states specifically for home-grow, the data does not show that states break down or allocate positions by a specific topic area such as home-grow, but rather by core functions, such as licensing, enforcement etc.

How many positions does DCP currently have for medical marijuana?

There are staff in the Commissioner's Office, the Legal Division and the Licensing Division who work with other divisions, but also support the Medical Marijuana Program (MMP). Additionally, the Drug Control Director oversees the entire division, which includes the MMP. In terms of staff that work primarily or exclusively for the MMP, there are 9. There are also others within DCP who support the program, but to a lesser extent, for example, the business office and IT.