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Governor Wolf, Families, Advocates Celebrate One-Year Anniversary of Legalizing Medical Marijuana

Harrisburg, PA – Today, Governor Wolf was joined by families, advocates, members of his administration, and a group of lawmakers to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the signing of Senate Bill 3, legalizing medical marijuana in Pennsylvania.

“I am proud to be here to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the passage of a piece of legislation that has brought real change to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” Governor Wolf said. “Exactly one year ago today, we all stood in this building and celebrated as I had the privilege to sign legislation that legalized medical marijuana in Pennsylvania.”

Joining the governor were families positively affected by the new law, and representatives of advocacy groups instrumental in assisting in the passage of the legislation, including Campaign4Compassion, Keystone Cannabis Coalition, Pennsylvanians for Safe Access, the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia chapters of NORML, the PA Chapter of MAMMA (Mothers Advocating for Medical Marijuana for Autism), Pennsylvania Medical Cannabis Society, Clergy4Compassion, and Pennsylvania Medical Cannabis Patient & Caregivers Union.

Also joining the governor were legislators instrumental in the passage of the legislation, including Senator Mike Folmer.

“Given the great progress that’s been made to bring medical cannabis to patients in Pennsylvania, it’s hard to believe it’s been a year since this much needed measure was signed into law,”

said Senator Folmer. “I look forward to its full implementation in the weeks and months ahead.”

Since passage of the legislation, the Department of Health has worked on the 18- to 24-month program implementation.

To date, the Department of Health has:

- Completed the Safe Harbor temporary guidelines and Safe Harbor Letter application process, as well as approved 226 applications;
 - Completed temporary regulations for growers/processors, dispensaries and laboratories, which have appeared in the Pennsylvania Bulletin;
 - Released Phase 1 permit applications for grower/processors and dispensaries;
 - Developed the Medical Marijuana Physician Workgroup;
 - Released a Request for Quotations for Electronic Tracking IT solutions for the tracking of medical marijuana;
 - Drafted temporary regulations for practitioners to participate in the program.
- The department is on track for completed implementation in early 2018.

The governor also unveiled a video produced for the one-year anniversary that features families positively affected by legalization of medical marijuana. To view the video, [click here](#).

For more information on medical marijuana in Pennsylvania, [visit health.pa.gov](http://health.pa.gov).

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