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Canada’s cannabis retail association changes name for new legal landscape: ACCRES Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers

The Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries (CAMCD), founded in 2011, has changed its name as it transitions into the new regulatory framework for cannabis in Canada.

With its new name, the Association of Canadian Cannabis Retailers (ACCRES) will be working with their existing members, as well as new and aspiring retailers, to navigate compliance with provincial and municipal licensing regulations.

“We are very pleased that private retailers have been included in the federal regulations and have been embraced by many provinces across Canada. It is also fantastic that many provinces are providing an opportunity for pre-existing dispensaries to participate in the new legal market” said Rielle Capler, ACCRES co-founder and Interim Executive Director.

A priority for ACCRES is supporting the transition of existing dispensaries, many of which are locally-approved and compliant with municipal by-laws, into the new legal framework. “By supporting existing local storefront private retailers to become provincially licensed, ACCRES will help retail customers enjoy a more seamless transition”, said ACCRES president, Jeremy Jacob.

The main focus for ACCRES moving forward will be building a favourable regulated environment for private retailers by working with government and provincial cannabis distributors. “ACCRES wants to ensure that the cost of cannabis, including taxes and the price-point, as well as the quality and variety of products available, encourage consumer use of the regulated market,” noted Jacob.

Although the new retail regulations are for non-medical cannabis, many patients have been accessing their cannabis from dispensaries, which have historically filled the gap in the federal medical cannabis program. “Compassion and access remain important values of ACCRES, along with compliance” noted Capler.

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