**Compliance Guide for New Regulations for Small Businesses**

* *What does this regulation do?*

The purpose of this emergency action is to amend COMAR 10.10.09.03 to add State licensed forensic laboratories as permitted employers of certified analysts in an effort to allow these analysts to provide CDS testing for Maryland law enforcement agencies.

* *Who is Subject to the new regulation?*

Forensic analysts employed by private forensic laboratories.

* *Why were the new regulations adopted?*

The proposed action will enable Maryland law enforcement agencies (particularly the Maryland State Police) to use analysts employed by private forensic laboratories to provide CDS testing on alleged cannabis seized by State law enforcement officers.

* *When are the regulations effective?*

September 13th, 2019 .

* *Is funding available to implement new requirements established by the regulation?*

Funding is not required to implement the proposed amendments to COMAR 10.10.09.03.

* *Are there other resources available for implementing the requirements of the regulation?*

Not applicable.

* *Is there assistance available to help understand the requirements of the regulation?*

Yes, available assistance shall be offered through the Maryland Public Health Laboratory and the Maryland State Police (MSP). The MSP shall provide information on the requirement for private forensic laboratories to have a contract with the MSP prior to submitting applications for State certification of forensic analysts. The Maryland Public Health Laboratory shall thereafter provide information to forensic analysts on the State certification process.

*Key Terms and Definitions*

Not applicable.