

Amendment to HB 160

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT relative to use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Qualifying Conditions. RSA 126-X:1, IX(a) is
8 repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

9 IX.(a)(1) "Qualifying medical condition" means the presence of:

10 (A) Cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus,
11 acquired immune deficiency syndrome, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, muscular
12 dystrophy, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, chronic pancreatitis, spinal cord injury or disease,
13 traumatic brain injury, epilepsy, lupus, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, ulcerative colitis,
14 Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, or one or more injuries or conditions that has resulted in one or more
15 qualifying symptoms under subparagraph (B); and

16 (B) A severely debilitating or terminal medical condition or its treatment that
17 has produced at least one of the following: elevated intraocular pressure, cachexia, chemotherapy-
18 induced anorexia, wasting syndrome, agitation of Alzheimer's disease, severe pain that has not
19 responded to previously prescribed medication or surgical measures or for which other treatment
20 options produced serious side effects, constant or severe nausea, moderate to severe vomiting,
21 seizures, or severe, persistent muscle spasms; or

22 (2) "Qualifying medical condition" also means:

23 (A) Moderate to severe chronic pain.

24 (B) Severe pain that has not responded to previously prescribed medication or
25 surgical measures or for which other treatment options produced serious side effects.

26 (C) Moderate or severe post-traumatic stress disorder.

27 2 Departmental Administration: Registry Identification Cards. Amend RSA 126-X:4, VI to
28 read as follows:

29 VI. The department shall provide each ***applicant and each*** approved qualifying patient
30 and designated caregiver a statement with the registry identification card explaining ***current***
31 federal law on the possession of cannabis [~~and~~], that possession of a state registry identification card
32 does not protect a person from federal criminal penalties, ***and that by using cannabis the***
33 ***qualifying patient may be subject to the denial of rights and privileges by federal agencies***

1 *including, but not limited to, the loss of rights related to employment such as driving a*
2 *commercial vehicle, the inability to pass a security clearance, and the right to own,*
3 *possess, or purchase a firearm and/or ammunition. The statement shall be updated based*
4 *on any relevant changes in federal law.*

5 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Adds certain conditions to the definition of "qualifying medical condition" for the purposes of the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes law.
- II. Deletes the requirement that a medical provider document how the injury affects activities of daily living.
- III. Clarifies the statements signed by applicants for a registry identification card.