

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 923

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “registration and regulation” and substitute “approval”; in the same line, after “physicians” insert “, the publishing and dissemination of certain information, and the research of certain issues; requiring the Commission to develop certain identification cards; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations”; in line 9, strike “registered” and substitute “approved”; in line 11, after “applications;” insert “prohibiting a certifying physician and certain family members of a certifying physician from being employed by, receiving any compensation or gifts from, or having any financial interest in a medical marijuana grower or a medical marijuana treatment center; providing that a qualifying patient may be a patient of the certifying physician or referred to the certifying physician; requiring a certifying physician to provide each written certification to the Commission; requiring the Commission to issue certain identification cards under certain circumstances; authorizing a certifying physician to discuss medical marijuana with certain patients; providing that certain qualifying patients and caregivers may obtain medical marijuana only from a medical treatment center licensed by the Commission; providing that certain qualifying patients may obtain medical marijuana only through the patient’s caregiver;”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 15 down through “actions;” in line 16; in line 19, after “license;” insert “altering the entities to which a licensed medical marijuana grower may provide marijuana; providing for the term of an initial and a renewal medical marijuana grower license; providing for the form of an application to operate as a medical marijuana grower; requiring the Commission to set certain standards for licensure; requiring each medical marijuana grower agent to obtain a criminal history records check;”; in line 20, after the second “marijuana” insert “and prepare medical marijuana in a range of routes of administration; requiring the Commission to actively seek to achieve racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity and to encourage certain applicants when licensing medical marijuana growers; requiring certain growers to

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submit a certain annual report to the Commission beginning on a certain date; requiring an entity seeking licensure as a medical marijuana grower to meet local zoning and planning requirements; prohibiting a medical marijuana grower agent and certain family members of a medical marijuana grower agent from being employed by, receiving any compensation or gifts from, or having any financial interest in a certifying physician or a medical marijuana treatment center”; in line 22, strike “to certain patients or certain caregivers” and substitute “only to certain programs and certain licensed medical marijuana treatment centers; requiring an entity licensed to grow marijuana under certain provisions of law to ensure that certain safety precautions are followed by certain facilities; requiring a medical marijuana treatment center to be licensed by the Commission; requiring an applicant to be licensed as a medical marijuana treatment center to submit to the Commission a certain application fee and a certain application; authorizing the Commission, during a certain time period, to issue a certain number of licenses; authorizing the Commission, under certain circumstances, to increase the number of licensed medical marijuana treatment centers; prohibiting a medical marijuana treatment center agent and certain family members of a medical marijuana treatment center agent from being employed by, receiving any compensation or gifts from, or having any financial interest in a certifying physician or a medical marijuana grower; prohibiting certain entities and agents from being arrested or penalized for certain actions; requiring that medical marijuana treatment center agents meet certain qualifications; requiring medical marijuana treatment centers to apply to the Commission for registration cards for certain agents by submitting certain information; requiring, under certain circumstances, medical marijuana treatment centers to notify the Commission and return registration cards of certain agents to the Commission within a certain time period; requiring the Commission, on receipt of a certain notice, to immediately revoke certain registrations and, under certain circumstances, notify the Department of State Police that certain registration cards have not been returned; prohibiting the Commission from registering certain persons as medical marijuana treatment center agents; requiring an applicant for certain criminal history records checks to submit to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services certain sets of fingerprints and certain fees;

requiring the Central Repository to forward to the Commission and the applicant certain information; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Commission to accept an alternate method of criminal history records checks as permitted by certain individuals; providing that certain information obtained from the Central Repository is confidential, may not be redisseminated, and may be used only for a certain purpose; authorizing the subject of a certain criminal history records check to contest the contents of a certain statement"; in line 26, after "patient;" insert "providing that this Act may not be construed to require a hospital or hospice program to report certain information to the Commission;"; and in line 27, after "regulations" insert "on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year on incidents of marijuana use by minors; requiring the Commission to study and report its recommendations to the General Assembly on how to provide access to medical marijuana for certain veterans".

On page 2, in line 8, strike "and 13-3313" and substitute ". 13-3310, 13-3311, 13-3312, and 13-3316".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 24, insert:

"(C) "CAREGIVER" MEANS:

(1) A PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO ASSIST WITH A QUALIFYING PATIENT'S MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA; AND

(2) FOR A QUALIFYING PATIENT UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.";

in line 25, strike "(C)" and substitute "(D)"; in line 27, after the semicolon insert "AND"; strike beginning with "ON" in line 28 down through "WITH" in line 30 and

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substitute "APPROVED BY"; and in line 31, after "USE" insert "IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION".

On page 3, in lines 1, 3, 5, 8, and 17, strike "(D)", "(E)", "(F)", "(G)", and "(H)", respectively, and substitute "E", "F", "J", "K", and "L", respectively; after line 4, insert:

"(G) "MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER AGENT" MEANS AN OWNER, AN EMPLOYEE, A VOLUNTEER, AN OFFICER, OR A DIRECTOR OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

"(H) "MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER" MEANS AN ENTITY LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THAT ACQUIRES, POSSESSES, PROCESSES, TRANSFERS, TRANSPORTS, SELLS, DISTRIBUTES, DISPENSES, OR ADMINISTERS MARIJUANA, PRODUCTS CONTAINING MARIJUANA, RELATED SUPPLIES, RELATED PRODUCTS INCLUDING FOOD, TINCTURES, AEROSOLS, OILS, OR OINTMENTS, OR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE BY A QUALIFYING PATIENT OR A CAREGIVER.

"(I) "MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT" MEANS AN OWNER, AN EMPLOYEE, A VOLUNTEER, AN OFFICER, OR A DIRECTOR OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER."

strike beginning with "IS" in line 9 down through "(2)" in line 12; and in line 16, after "CENTER" insert "; AND

(2) IF UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, HAS A CAREGIVER".

On pages 3 and 4, strike beginning with the colon in line 28 on page 3 down through "THE" in line 1 on page 4 and substitute "THE".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 14, strike “AND”; in line 15, strike “REGISTER AND REGULATE” and substitute “APPROVE”; and in the same line, after “PHYSICIANS” insert “;

(6) PUBLISH AND DISSEMINATE ANY INFORMATION THAT RELATES TO THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA AND RELATED RESEARCH; AND

(7) RESEARCH ISSUES RELATED TO THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA.

(D) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS.

(2) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION CARDS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION.

(II) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE:

1. THE INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED ON AN IDENTIFICATION CARD;

2. THE METHOD THROUGH WHICH THE COMMISSION WILL DISTRIBUTE IDENTIFICATION CARDS; AND

3. THE METHOD THROUGH WHICH THE COMMISSION WILL TRACK IDENTIFICATION CARDS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 10, in line 1, strike “REGISTERED” and substitute “APPROVED”; in line 14, after “APPROVE” insert “PHYSICIAN”; in line 23, strike “OR CHRONIC”; in lines 28 and 29, strike “RESISTANT TO CONVENTIONAL MEDICINE” and substitute “FOR WHICH OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENTS HAVE BEEN INEFFECTIVE”; and after line 30, insert:

“(E) A CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN OR A SPOUSE, PARENT, OR CHILD OF A CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED BY, RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION OR GIFTS FROM, OR HAVE ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER OR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER.

“(F) (1) A QUALIFYING PATIENT MAY BE A PATIENT OF THE CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN OR MAY BE REFERRED TO THE CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN.

“(2) A CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN SHALL PROVIDE EACH WRITTEN CERTIFICATION TO THE COMMISSION.

“(3) ON RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE AN IDENTIFICATION CARD TO EACH QUALIFYING PATIENT OR CAREGIVER NAMED IN THE WRITTEN CERTIFICATION.

“(4) A CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN MAY DISCUSS MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITH A QUALIFYING PATIENT.

“(5) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A QUALIFYING PATIENT OR CAREGIVER MAY OBTAIN MEDICAL

MARIJUANA ONLY FROM A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER  
LICENSED BY THE COMMISSION.

(II) A QUALIFYING PATIENT UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS  
MAY OBTAIN MEDICAL MARIJUANA ONLY THROUGH THE QUALIFYING PATIENT'S  
CAREGIVER.".

On page 11, in lines 1 and 12, strike "(E)" and "(F)", respectively, and substitute "(G)" and "(H)", respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 17 through 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 12, in line 1, after "growers" insert "THAT MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS  
ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION"; in line 2, strike "programs" and substitute ":

(I) PROGRAMS";

in line 3, after "subtitle" insert "; AND

(II) MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS LICENSED  
BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE";

strike beginning with "may" in line 4 down through the second bracket in line 5 and substitute "SHALL ISSUE THE NUMBER OF LICENSES NECESSARY TO MEET THE  
DEMAND FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA BY QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS  
ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IN AN AFFORDABLE,  
ACCESSIBLE, SECURE, AND EFFICIENT MANNER";

after line 5, insert:

“(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL SET STANDARDS FOR LICENSURE AS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SAFE ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA, WHICH MAY INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT FOR THE POSTING OF SECURITY.

(4) EACH MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER AGENT SHALL OBTAIN A STATE AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-3312 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(5) (I) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER LICENSE IS VALID FOR 2 YEARS ON INITIAL LICENSURE.

(II) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER LICENSE IS VALID FOR 2 YEARS ON RENEWAL.

(6) AN APPLICATION TO OPERATE AS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER MAY BE SUBMITTED IN PAPER OR ELECTRONIC FORM.”;

in line 6, strike “(3)” and substitute “(7) (I)”; in line 7, after the second “MARIJUANA” insert “, INCLUDING STRAINS WITH HIGH CANNABIDIOL CONTENT,”; after line 9, insert:

“(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL ENCOURAGE LICENSING MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWERS THAT PREPARE MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN A RANGE OF ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION.

(8) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

1. ACTIVELY SEEK TO ACHIEVE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY WHEN LICENSING MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWERS; AND

2. ENCOURAGE APPLICANTS WHO QUALIFY AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, AS DEFINED IN § 14-301 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(II) BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2016, A GROWER LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO OPERATE AS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSION ON THE MINORITY OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GROWER.

(9) AN ENTITY SEEKING LICENSURE AS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER SHALL MEET LOCAL ZONING AND PLANNING REQUIREMENTS.

(10) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER AGENT OR A SPOUSE, PARENT, OR CHILD OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER AGENT MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED BY, RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION OR GIFTS FROM, OR HAVE ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN OR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER.”;

strike in their entirety lines 10 through 15, inclusive, and substitute:

“(B) AN ENTITY LICENSED TO GROW MEDICAL MARIJUANA UNDER THIS SECTION MAY PROVIDE MARIJUANA ONLY TO:

(1) PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR OPERATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

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**(2) MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS LICENSED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

**(C) AN ENTITY LICENSED TO GROW MEDICAL MARIJUANA UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL ENSURE THAT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION ARE FOLLOWED BY ANY FACILITY OPERATED BY THE GROWER.”;**

and in lines 16, 19, and 21, strike “(c)”, “(d)”, and “(e)”, respectively, and substitute “**(D)**”, “**(E)**”, and “**(F)**”, respectively.

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 12, after line 22, insert:

**“13-3310.**

**(A) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE COMMISSION.**

**(B) TO BE LICENSED AS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER, AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION:**

**(1) AN APPLICATION FEE IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

**(2) AN APPLICATION THAT INCLUDES:**

**(I) THE LEGAL NAME AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER;**

(II) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF EACH PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND EACH DIRECTOR, NONE OF WHOM MAY HAVE SERVED AS A PRINCIPAL OFFICER OR DIRECTOR FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER THAT HAS HAD ITS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REVOKED; AND

(III) OPERATING PROCEDURES THAT THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER WILL USE, CONSISTENT WITH COMMISSION REGULATIONS FOR OVERSIGHT, INCLUDING STORAGE OF MARIJUANA ONLY IN ENCLOSED AND LOCKED FACILITIES.

(C) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT OR A SPOUSE, PARENT, OR CHILD OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED BY, RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION OR GIFTS FROM, OR HAVE ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN OR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER.

(D) (1) IN THE FIRST YEAR AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2014, THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE LICENSES FOR NO MORE THAN TWO MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS PER LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, EXCEPT THAT THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE ADDITIONAL LICENSES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS AT LEAST ONE MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER IN EACH COUNTY.

(2) IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2016, THAT THE NUMBER OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF QUALIFYING PATIENTS, THE COMMISSION MAY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS.

(E) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER LICENSED UNDER THIS SECTION OR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT REGISTERED UNDER § 13-3311 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE PENALIZED OR ARRESTED UNDER STATE LAW FOR ACQUIRING, POSSESSING, PROCESSING, TRANSFERRING, TRANSPORTING, SELLING, DISTRIBUTING, OR DISPENSING MARIJUANA, PRODUCTS CONTAINING MARIJUANA, RELATED SUPPLIES, OR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE BY A QUALIFYING PATIENT OR A CAREGIVER.

13-3311.

(A) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT SHALL:

(1) BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD;

(2) BE REGISTERED WITH THE COMMISSION BEFORE THE AGENT MAY VOLUNTEER OR WORK AT A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER; AND

(3) OBTAIN A STATE AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-3312 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER SHALL APPLY TO THE COMMISSION FOR A REGISTRATION CARD FOR EACH MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT BY SUBMITTING THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THE AGENT.

(C) (1) WITHIN 1 BUSINESS DAY AFTER A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT CEASES TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A MEDICAL

MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER, THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER SHALL:

(I) NOTIFY THE COMMISSION; AND

(II) RETURN THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT'S REGISTRATION CARD TO THE COMMISSION.

(2) ON RECEIPT OF A NOTICE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(I) IMMEDIATELY REVOKE THE REGISTRATION CARD OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT; AND

(II) IF THE REGISTRATION CARD WAS NOT RETURNED TO THE COMMISSION, NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.

(D) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT REGISTER A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY DRUG OFFENSE AS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT.

13-3312.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "CENTRAL REPOSITORY" MEANS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

(B) AS PART OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR A STATE AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK, AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY:

(1) TWO COMPLETE SETS OF LEGIBLE FINGERPRINTS TAKEN ON FORMS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION;

(2) THE FEE AUTHORIZED UNDER § 10-221(B)(7) OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE FOR ACCESS TO STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS; AND

(3) THE PROCESSING FEE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.

(C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 10-201 THROUGH 10-228 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE, THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY SHALL FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE APPLICANT THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT.

(D) IF AN APPLICANT HAS MADE TWO OR MORE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS AT SECURING LEGIBLE FINGERPRINTS, THE COMMISSION MAY ACCEPT AN ALTERNATE METHOD OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK AS PERMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

(E) INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

(1) CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY NOT BE REDISSEMINATED; AND

(2) USED ONLY FOR THE REGISTRATION PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

(F) THE SUBJECT OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CONTEST THE CONTENTS OF THE PRINTED STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY, AS PROVIDED IN § 10-223 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.;

and in line 23, strike “**13-3310.**” and substitute “**13-3313.**”.

On page 13, in line 21, strike “**13-3311.**” and substitute “**13-3314.**”.

On page 14, in lines 14 and 23, strike “**13-3312.**” and “**13-3313.**”, respectively, and substitute “**13-3315.**” and “**13-3316.**”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 13, strike beginning with “**AUTHORIZED**” in line 2 down through “**SUBTITLE**” in line 3 and substitute “**DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION TO CONSTITUTE A 30-DAY SUPPLY**”; in line 10, strike “**OR**”; and in line 11, after “**PHYSICIAN**” insert “**;**”

(5) A CAREGIVER;

(6) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER LICENSED UNDER § 13-3310 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER AGENT REGISTERED UNDER § 13-3311 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

**(7) A HOSPITAL OR HOSPICE PROGRAM WHERE A QUALIFYING PATIENT IS RECEIVING TREATMENT**".

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 14, after line 13, insert:

**“(C) THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A HOSPITAL OR HOSPICE PROGRAM TO REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE HOSPITAL OR HOSPICE PROGRAM AGAINST A CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN, INCLUDING THE REVOCATION OF PRIVILEGES, AFTER THE REGISTRATION OF THE CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN WITH THE COMMISSION.”**

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 14, in line 24, strike **“THE”** and substitute **“ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2014, THE”**; after line 25, insert:

**“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1 of each year, the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on incidents of marijuana use by minors in Maryland, including an examination of whether any increase in marijuana use by minors may be attributed to this Act.**

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission shall study and report its recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on how to provide access to medical marijuana for veterans who are receiving treatment at a medical facility operating under the auspices of the United States Veterans Health Administration, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the**

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Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, or any other facility in the State certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.”;

in line 26, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in line 27, strike “July” and substitute “June”.