



Bill Snapshot

CS/HB: 7117- Medical Use of Marijuana

CS/HB 7117 takes necessary action to ensure orderly and safe administration of medical marijuana. The bill limits the amount of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) that a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MMTC) may dispense for dried leaves and flowers of marijuana to 10% THC and sets a THC supply limit for edibles. The bill also includes emergency rule making authority to encourage DOH to implement outstanding licenses required by law since 2017.

CS/HB 7117 creates potency and supply limits by:

- Requiring MMTCs to meet the THC requirement for dried leaves and flowers of marijuana by January 1, 2020. The bill also limits the amount of THC in a 35-day supply of edibles to 7000 mg. The bill allows a qualified physician to certify a patient for six 35-day supply limits of edibles.
- Setting the daily dose limit amount for marijuana in a form for smoking at 0.08 ounces and for edibles at 200 mg of THC, based on the 35-day supply limits. The Department of Health (DOH) still must to set a daily dose limit amount and calculate a 70-day supply limit for all other marijuana forms.
- Requiring MMTCs to test all forms of its marijuana, not only processed marijuana, to ensure that it meets safety and potency requirements before it is dispensed.
- Authorizing DOH to possess and test samples of all forms of marijuana, not only edibles, available from the cultivation facilities, processing facilities, and dispensing facilities of MMTCs in order to determine that the marijuana meets safety and potency requirements.
- Prohibiting a certified medical marijuana testing laboratory and its officers, directors, and employees, from having a direct or economic interest in, or a financial relationship with, a MMTC.

HB 7117 creates limits for children and support for veterans by:

- Prohibiting qualified physicians from certifying qualified patients under the age of 18 for marijuana other than low-THC cannabis. A qualified physician may certify a patient under the age of 18 for marijuana other than low-THC cannabis if the qualified physician determines that it is the most effective treatment for the patient, and a second physician who is a board-certified pediatrician concurs with such determination.
- Waiving the identification card fee for a qualified patient who can demonstrate his or her veteran status to DOH through a copy of three allowed types of documentation.

LAST SEEN:

HB 7117 was reported favorably out of Appropriations Committee

Sponsor:
Chair. Rodrigues, R.

CURRENT STATUS:

CS/HB 7117 passed Appropriations Committee with Committee Substitute

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The Floor