



CS/HB 7117 Medical Use of Marijuana

- **CS/HB 7117** takes necessary action to ensure orderly and safe administration of medical marijuana.
- The bill requires Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MMTC) to meet the Tetrahydrocannabinol (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.
- The bill sets 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.
- The bill requires 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.
- The bill authorizes 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.
- The bill prohibits 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.
- The bill prohibits 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.
- The bill waives 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.