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2	Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Berry of Manchester,
3	Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Evans of Essex,
4	McCullough of Williston, Olsen of Londonderry, Russell of
5	Rutland City, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington,
6	Troiano of Stannard, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Zagar of
7	Barnard
8	Referred to Committee on
9	Date:
10	Subject: Health; therapeutic use of cannabis; post-traumatic stress disorder
11	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow people
12	who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder to use marijuana for therapeutic
13	purposes to relieve symptoms of the disorder.
14 15	An act relating to therapeutic use of marijuana for relieving symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder
16	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
17	Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4472 is amended to read:
18	§ 4472. DEFINITIONS
19	As used in this subchapter:
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1	(4) "Debilitating medical condition," provided that, in the context of the
2	specific disease or condition described in subdivision (A) or (B) of this
3	subdivision (4), reasonable medical efforts have been made over a reasonable
4	amount of time without success to relieve the symptoms, means:
5	(A) cancer, multiple sclerosis, positive status for human
6	immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome,
7	post-traumatic stress disorder, or the treatment of these conditions, if the
8	disease or the treatment results in severe, persistent, and intractable
9	symptoms; or
10	(B) a disease, medical condition, or its treatment that is chronic,
11	debilitating, and produces severe, persistent, and one or more of the following
12	intractable symptoms: cachexia or wasting syndrome; severe pain; severe
13	nausea; or seizures.
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15	(6)(A) "Health care professional" means an individual licensed to
16	practice medicine under 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33, an individual licensed as a
17	naturopathic physician under 26 V.S.A. chapter 81 who has a special license
18	endorsement authorizing the individual to prescribe, dispense, and administer
19	prescription medicines to the extent that a diagnosis provided by a naturopath
20	under this chapter is within the scope of his or her practice, an individual
21	certified as a physician assistant under 26 V.S.A. chapter 31, or an individual

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1	licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse under 26 V.S.A. chapter 28.
2	For the purposes of diagnosing post-traumatic stress disorder, "health care
3	professional" shall include a psychologist as defined in 26 V.S.A. chapter 55.
4	(B) Except for naturopaths, this definition includes individuals who
5	are professionally licensed under substantially equivalent provisions in New
6	Hampshire, Massachusetts, or New York.
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8	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
9	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.