

1 H.353

2 Introduced by Representative Malcolm of Pawlet

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; therapeutic use of cannabis

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require a statement from the
7 physician of a medical marijuana patient as to whether the patient will recover
8 from the patient's specific disease or condition; to require registered medical
9 marijuana patients to fill out a renewal form instead of a complete new
10 application each year.

11 An act relating to renewal of medical marijuana registration cards

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4473(b)(2)(B)(iii) is amended to read:

14 (iii) A statement that the patient has a debilitating medical
15 condition as defined in subdivision 4472(2) of this title, including the specific
16 disease or condition which the patient has and whether the patient meets the
17 criteria under subdivision 4472(2)(A) or (B). A statement that the patient may
18 recover in.....years, or that the patient's specific disease or condition is
19 permanent, and whether the patient's health status should be reviewed at the
20 time of any renewal of the registration card.

1 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 4474a is amended to read:

2 § 4474a. REGISTRATION; FEES

3 (a) The department shall collect a fee of \$50.00 for the application
4 authorized by sections 4473 and 4474 of this title. The fees received by the
5 department shall be deposited into a registration fee fund and used to offset the
6 costs of processing applications under this subchapter.

7 (b) A registration card shall expire one year after the date of issue, with the
8 option of renewal, provided the patient ~~submits a new application which is~~
9 ~~approved by the department of public safety, pursuant to section 4473 or 4474~~
10 ~~of this title, and~~ pays the fee required under subsection (a) of this section. The
11 renewal form shall not require a medical verification unless a patient's
12 physician has noted on the initial medical verification that the patient may
13 recover from his or her specific disease or condition, and that the patient's
14 health status should be reviewed at the time of renewal of the registration card.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.