Questions Concerning Access to Marijuana for Medical Use

Discussion for Justice Oversight

1. Should the list of qualifying medical conditions be expanded, and if so, how? Should there continue to be a list of conditions or should it be up to individual health care professionals on a case-by-case basis? If it is listed conditions, which should be included? Recent proposals have included: PTSD; epilepsy; intractable skeletal muscular spasticity; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; Crohn’s disease; inflammatory bowel disease.

2. Should registered patients be allowed to purchase more than two ounces every 30 days.

3. Should dispensaries be permitted to transition from non-profit to for-profit?

4. Should dispensaries be permitted to advertise, and if so, under what conditions?

5. Should dispensaries be permitted to cultivate outdoors provided that appropriate security measures are undertaken? Current statutory language reads: All cultivation of marijuana shall take place in an enclosed, locked facility which is either indoors or otherwise not visible to the public and which can only be accessed by principal officers and employees of the dispensary who have valid registry identification cards. 18 V.S.A. § 4474e(d)(1).

6. Should registered patients be permitted to cultivate their own marijuana without forfeiting their ability to obtain marijuana from a dispensary?

7. Should the statutory cap of four dispensaries be raised or eliminated? Under what conditions or trigger?