

VERMONT MARIJUANA DISPENSARY PROGRAM

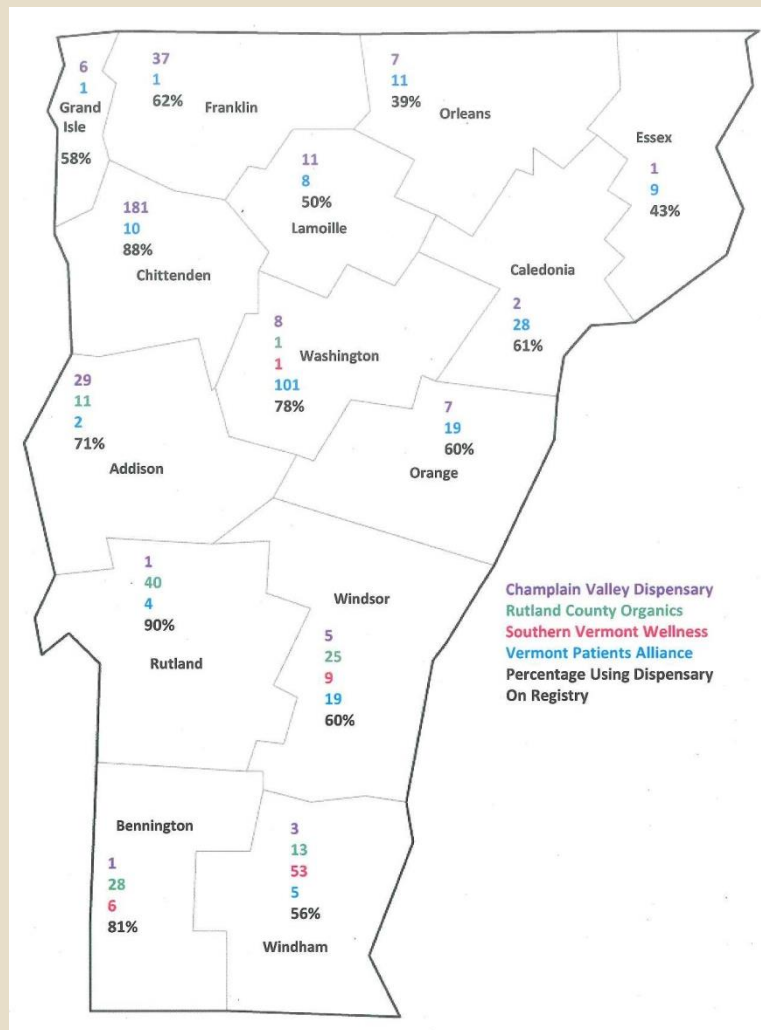


Commissioner
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Public Safety

DISPENSARY OPENING DATES

- Vermont Patients Alliance: June 18, 2013
- Champlain Valley Dispensary: June 24, 2013
- Rutland County Organics: October 8, 2013
- Southern Vermont Wellness: February 18, 2014

DISPENSARY PATIENTS



ELIMINATING THE CAP ON THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS

- Currently there are 1061 total registered patients
- 705 use the dispensaries

INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DISPENSARIES



REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A NOTARY

- **18 VSA § 4473. Registered patients; qualification standards and procedures**

(a) To become a registered patient, a person must be diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition by a health care professional in the course of a bona fide health care professional-patient relationship.

(b) The department of public safety shall review applications to become a registered patient using the following procedures:

(1) A patient with a debilitating medical condition shall submit, *under oath*, a signed application for registration to the department...
(emphasis added)

REMOVING SIX MONTH PHYSICIAN REQUIREMENT FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

- **18 VSA § 4472. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Bona fide health care professional-patient relationship" means a treating or consulting relationship of ***not less than six months' duration*** (emphasis added), in the course of which a health care professional has completed a full assessment of the registered patient's medical history and current medical condition, including a personal physical examination.

DISPENSARY DELIVERY SERVICE

- Delivery ticket system
- Rules to be established by the Department to include quarterly reporting.

ELIMINATING CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS OF CAREGIVERS BAR AND REPLACING WITH RULE MAKING

18 VSA § 4474. Registered caregivers; qualification standards and procedures

(a) A person may submit a signed application to the department of public safety to become a registered patient's registered caregiver. The department shall approve or deny the application in writing within 30 days. The department shall approve a registered caregiver's application and issue the person an authorization card, including the caregiver's name, photograph, and a unique identifier, after verifying:

- (1) the person will serve as the registered caregiver for one registered patient only; and
- (2) the person has never been convicted of a drug-related crime.

EXPANDING NUMBER OF CAREGIVERS FOR REGISTERED PATIENT UNDER THE AGE OF 18

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(c) A registered caregiver may serve only one registered patient at a time, and a registered patient may have only one registered caregiver at a time.

INCREASING QUANTITY OF PRODUCT PERMITTED IN DISPENSARIES

- **S.247 increases possession limits from 2oz. to 4 oz. for dispensaries.**
 - Reason is to allow dispensaries to possess more product in case of crop failure.
 - Public Safety agreed with the compromise which originally called for 6 oz.
 - Public Safety agrees with the additional product for contingency purposes

ADDITION OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

- Currently Naturopaths do not have the same prescription authority as other health care providers that are required to complete the medical verification form.
- Per 24 VSA 4125(d) Naturopaths who obtain a special license endorsement from the Commissioner of Health may prescribe, dispense, and administer prescription medicines

DISPENSARY CULTIVATING CAPACITY

- Dispensaries are currently cultivating under the allowed possession limits.
- On average, dispensaries are cultivating 12% of their allowed limit of immature plants and 23% of their allowed limit of mature plants.
- The current cultivating limits are sufficient for dispensaries to explore breeding cannabis strains with a variety of Cannabinoids in hope of relieving patients'

HEMP VS CHARLOTTE'S WEB

HEMP - 6 V.S.A § 562

- "Hemp" means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

What is Charlotte's Web?

- Charlotte's Web is a hybrid cannabis strain. Charlotte's Web does qualify as hemp with .3% THC or less.

TITLE 6: AGRICULTURE CHAPTER 34: HEMP

6 VSA § 562. Definitions

- As used in this chapter:
- (1) [Repealed.]
- (2) "Hemp products" means all products made from hemp, including cloth, cordage, fiber, food, fuel, paint, paper, construction materials, plastics, seed, seed meal, seed oil, and certified seed for cultivation.
- (3) "Hemp" means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.
- (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets. (Added 2007, No. 212 (Adj. Sess.), § 2; amended 2013, No. 84, § 1.)

HEMP REGISTRATION PROGRAM

- The Vermont Hemp Registry is now accepting registration applications and fees for the 2014 growing season on a rolling basis. The [registration form](#) is available online at the Agency website for downloading and printing, or if you are not able to download and print, hard copies may be obtained by contacting the plant industry section directly (below).
- If you are interested in registering for the 2014 growing season, please contact Tim Schmalz (tim.schmalz@state.vt.us), (802) 828-1317 at the Agency of Agriculture, Plant Industry Section for details on the program and how it will be implemented in 2014.
- ["Frequently Asked Questions" page is available.](#)
- Other inquiries about hemp and the program should be directed to Tim as well.