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H.115

Introduced by Representative Rachelson of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; medical marijuana; dispensaries; marijuana measurement

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to define one ounce of marijuana as 28.3 grams for the purpose of therapeutic use.

An act relating to defining an ounce of marijuana for the purpose of therapeutic use

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

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

(a) The standard practice in the medical marijuana industry is to measure weights in accordance with the avoirdupois ounce. The avoirdupois ounce is defined as one-sixteenth of a pound. The weight of an avoirdupois ounce is defined as 28.349523125 grams.

(b) The Generally Assembly finds that each ounce of marijuana should be deemed the equivalent of 28.3 grams. This amount represents the practical limitations of weighing this organic, irregular, and unstable product.

(c) Adoption of an interpretation of an ounce as 28 grams rather than 28.3 grams per ounce would result in the unregulated loss of 7,200 grams each

1 year per 100 medical marijuana dispensary patients. Further, the lack of
2 precision in adopting the true measure of an ounce would result in depriving
3 patients of using their maximum allotment of 7.2 grams of marijuana to which
4 they are entitled and have paid for each year.

5 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 4472 is amended to read:

6 § 4472. DEFINITIONS

7 As used in this subchapter:

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9 (17) "Ounce" means 28.3 grams.

10 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.