

H.511 Differences Between the Senate Proposal of Amendment and the House Proposal  
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The House is proposing two changes to the version the Senate passed on June 21st. 2017:

The first relates to the creation of a committee to examine the issue of marijuana taxation and regulation.

The House proposal strikes the Marijuana Regulatory Commission because the Governor created a similar one via executive order.

The House proposal also adds the italicized, bolded language below to the Senate language:

(6) By adopting a comprehensive regulatory structure for legalizing and licensing the marijuana market, Vermont can revise drug laws that have a disparate impact on racial minorities, help prevent access to marijuana by youths, better control the safety and quality of marijuana being consumed by Vermonters, substantially reduce the illegal marijuana market, and use revenues to support substance use prevention and education and enforcement of impaired driving laws. *The Governor's Marijuana Advisory Commission, as provided in Executive Order No. 15-17, has been directed to report on such a system on or before December 15, 2018.*

The second proposed change relates to personal cultivation of marijuana plants by a person 21 years of age or older.

The Senate proposal requires that the plants be cultivated “on property lawfully in possession of the cultivator or with the consent of the person in lawful possession of the property.” The House proposal requires “written” consent, so the language would read “on property lawfully in possession of the cultivator or with the *written* consent of the person in lawful possession of the property.”