

**Comparison of Senate and House Versions of S.16**  
**May 2, 2017**

<p><u>Sec. 1 – Definitions (18 V.S.A. § 4472)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waives the three-month patient-health care professional relationship requirement when the patient is referred to a specialist who completes a full examination and signs the medical verification form</li> <li>• Expands the list of qualifying medical conditions to include Crohn’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and post-traumatic stress disorder</li> <li>• Adds definition of ounce</li> </ul>	<p><u>Sec. 1 – Definitions (18 V.S.A. § 4472)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantively the same, but language tweaked. Also, technical amendment to move recent or sudden onset exemption to this section</li> <li>• Same, except PTSD qualifies only if the Department confirms the applicant is undergoing psychotherapy or counseling with a licensed mental health care provider</li> <li>• Same</li> <li>• Adds definitions of mental health care provider (related to PTSD provision), and financier, principal, and owner (related to conversion to for-profit)</li> <li>• Amends definition of “dispensary” to allow serving patients and caregivers at three locations (currently only one). DPS will approve the locations based on current criteria for dispensary applicants</li> </ul>
<p><u>Sec. 2 – Patients (18 V.S.A. § 4473)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires a statement on forms that the medical verification form is not considered a prescription and the only purpose of the form is to confirm the applicant patient has a debilitating medical condition</li> <li>• Eliminates requirement that patient application be notarized</li> </ul>	<p><u>Sec. 2 – Patients (18 V.S.A. § 4473)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same</li> <li>• Same</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor technical amendments</li> </ul>
<u>Sec. 3 – Caregivers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows a registered patient to serve as a registered caregiver for one other patient</li> </ul>	<u>Sec. 3 – Caregivers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same</li> </ul>
	<u>Sec. 4 – Law enforcement verification</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical amendments relating to for-profit conversion</li> </ul>
<u>Sec. 4 – Dispensaries (18 V.S.A. § 4474e)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows dispensaries to advertise</li> <li>• Clarifies that a dispensary may cultivate marijuana outdoors provided the marijuana is in <i>an enclosed</i>, locked facility shielded from public view</li> <li>• Allows a patient to possess up to three ounces of marijuana</li> </ul>	<u>Sec. 5 – Dispensaries (18 V.S.A. § 4474e)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not address advertising</li> <li>• Clarifies that a dispensary may cultivate marijuana outdoors provided the marijuana is in <i>a secure</i>, locked facility shielded from public view and states that <i>an outdoor enclosure does not need a roof</i></li> </ul>
<u>Sec. 5 – Dispensary app. (18 V.S.A. § 4474f)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands number of dispensaries from four to eight</li> </ul>	<u>Sec. 6 – Dispensary app. (18 V.S.A. § 4474f)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not expand number of dispensaries</li> <li>• Technical amendments relating to for-profit conversion</li> </ul>
<u>Sec. 5a. – DPS (session law)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires DPS to start taking applications for new dispensaries by July 1, 2017</li> </ul>	

	<p><u>Sec. 7 – ID Cards (18 V.S.A. § 4474g)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical amendments relating to for-profit conversion</li> </ul>
<p><u>Sec. 6 – Patient designation of dispensary (18 V.S.A. § 4474h)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows a patient or caregiver to cultivate marijuana even if the patient has designated a dispensary</li> </ul>	<p><u>Sec. 8 – Patient designation of dispensary (18 V.S.A. § 4474h)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same</li> </ul>
<p><u>Sec. 7 – Testing; Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Agency periodically to test marijuana-infused products sold by a dispensary to ensure proper labeling</li> </ul>	<p><u>Sec. 10 – Testing; Agency</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Agency and the Department, in consultation with registered dispensaries, to report recommendations to the Joint Committee on Justice Oversight and the General Assembly on or before October 15, 2017 on a number of issues related to testing marijuana and marijuana-infused products</li> </ul>
<p><u>Sec. 8 – Testing laboratory (6 V.S.A. ch. 5)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gives Agency authority to possess marijuana and hemp</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Sec. 9 – Dispensary conversion to for-profit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates process for a nonprofit dispensary organized as a nonprofit corporation under Title 11B to convert to a for-profit business corporation governed by Title 11A</li> </ul>	<p><u>Sec. 9 – Dispensary conversion to for-profit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same, but with technical updates</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Sec. 11 – Registry web page</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Department and the Agency</li> </ul>

	<p>of Digital Services to develop an independent web page for the Medical Marijuana Registry, separate from any other registry or program administered by the Department, that is up-to-date and user-friendly on or before September 30, 2017, and shall report to the General Assembly on activation of the web page at such time</p>
<p><u>Sec. 10 – Effective date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes effect on July 1, 2017, except Sec. 9 takes effect on passage</li> </ul>	<p><u>Sec. 12 – Effective date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes effect on July 1, 2017</li> </ul>