

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bill No. 117
3 entitled “An act relating to the therapeutic use of cannabis” respectfully reports
4 that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by
5 adding new Secs. 8 and 9 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 8. 18 V.S.A. § 4474n is added to read:

7 § 4474n. USE OF U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-
8 APPROVED DRUGS CONTAINING ONE OR MORE CANNABINOIDS

9 (a) Upon approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of
10 one or more prescription drugs containing one or more cannabinoids, the
11 following activities shall be lawful in Vermont:

12 (1) the clinically appropriate prescription for a patient of an FDA-
13 approved prescription drug containing one or more cannabinoids by a health
14 care provider licensed to prescribe medications in this State and acting within
15 his or her authorized scope of practice;

16 (2) the dispensing, pursuant to a valid prescription, of an FDA-approved
17 prescription drug containing one or more cannabinoids to a patient or a
18 patient’s authorized representative by a pharmacist or by another health care
19 provider licensed to dispense medications in this State and acting within his or
20 her authorized scope of practice;

1 (3) the possession and transportation of an FDA-approved prescription
2 drug containing one or more cannabinoids by a patient to whom a valid
3 prescription was issued or by the patient’s authorized representative;

4 (4) the possession and transportation of an FDA-approved prescription
5 drug containing one or more cannabinoids by a licensed pharmacy or
6 wholesaler in order to facilitate the appropriate dispensing and use of the drug;
7 and

8 (5) the use of an FDA-approved prescription drug containing one or
9 more cannabinoids by a patient to whom a valid prescription was issued,
10 provided the patient uses the drug only for legitimate medical purposes in
11 conformity with instructions from the prescriber and dispenser.

12 (b) Upon approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of one or
13 more prescription drugs containing one or more cannabinoids, the Department
14 of Health shall amend its rules to conform to the provisions of subsection (a) of
15 this section.

16 Sec. 9. REPEAL

17 2017 Act and Resolves No. 62, Sec. 8 (use of U.S. Food and Drug
18 Administration-approved drugs containing cannabidiol) is repealed.
19 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE