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(In effective dates section, this section shall take effect on passage)

Sec. ____. USE OF U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED DRUGS CONTAINING ~~CANNABIDIOL~~ONE OR MORE CANNABINOIDS

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

(1) the clinically appropriate prescription for a patient of a prescription drug containing ~~cannabidiol~~one or more cannabinoids by a health care provider licensed to prescribe medications in this State and acting within his or her authorized scope of practice;

(2) the dispensing, pursuant to a valid prescription, of a prescription drug containing ~~cannabidiol~~one or more cannabinoids to a patient or a patient's authorized representative by a pharmacist or by another health care provider licensed to dispense medications in this State and acting within his or her authorized scope of practice;

(3) the possession and transportation of a prescription drug containing ~~cannabidiol~~one or more cannabinoids by a patient to whom a valid prescription was issued, or by the patient's authorized representative; and

(4) the use of a prescription drug containing ~~cannabidiol~~one or more cannabinoids by a patient to whom a valid prescription was issued, provided the patient uses the drug only for legitimate medical purposes in conformity with instructions from the prescriber and dispenser.

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