

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare recommends to the Committee on  
3 Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs that House Bill No. 270  
4 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the adult-use and  
5 medical cannabis programs” be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 13, 7 V.S.A. chapter 35, in section 954, in subsection (b), by  
7 striking out the last sentence and adding subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 (e) Medicaid funds shall not be used to support a caregiver in the  
9 cultivation or distribution of cannabis on behalf of a patient.

10 Second: In Sec. 13, 7 V.S.A. § 955, subsection (a) by striking “five” and  
11 inserting in lieu thereof “three”

12 Third: By adding Secs. 14a–14d to read as follows:

13 Sec. 14a. 33 V.S.A. § 4919 is amended to read:

14 § 4919. DISCLOSURE OF REGISTRY RECORDS

15 (a) The Commissioner may disclose a Registry record only as follows:

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17 (11) To the Cannabis Control Board, in accordance with the provisions  
18 of 7 V.S.A. § 954.

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20 Sec. 14b. 33 V.S.A. § 6911 is amended to read:

21 § 6911. RECORDS OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION

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2 (c) The Commissioner or designee may disclose Registry information only  
3 to:

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5 (12) The Cannabis Control Board for the purpose of evaluating an  
6 individual's suitability to be a registered caregiver under 7 V.S.A. § 954.

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8 Sec. 14c. 7 V.S.A. § 974 is amended to read:

9 § 974. RULEMAKING

10 (a)(1) The Board shall adopt rules to implement and administer this  
11 chapter. In adoption of rules, the Board shall strive for consistency with rules  
12 adopted for cannabis establishments pursuant to chapter 33 of this title where  
13 appropriate. ~~No rule shall be more restrictive than any rule adopted by the~~  
14 ~~Department of Public Safety pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 86.~~

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16 Sec. 13d. CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD REPORTING; MEDICAL  
17 CANNABIS REGISTRY

18 (a) The Cannabis Control Board shall work with the Vermont Academic  
19 Detailing Program, Registry patients and caregivers, licensed medical cannabis  
20 dispensaries, and medical professional stakeholders to review the Medical  
21 Cannabis Registry. The review shall include:

- 1           (1) an assessment of the illnesses or symptoms most appropriately  
2           treated by cannabis;
- 3           (2) the strains of cannabis recommended for such treatment;  
4           (3) the doses of active chemicals recommended for treatment;  
5           (4) appropriate treatment protocols for patients, including whether  
6           ongoing medical oversight such as counseling or other services is needed for  
7           each condition being treated;
- 8           (5) how the use of cannabis is communicated to patients and patients’  
9           providers; and
- 10           (6) any other issues that will improve the Registry.

11           (b) The Board shall convene the working group not less than four times to  
12           complete its work.

13           (c) The Board shall provide recommendations for improvement to the  
14           Medical Cannabis Registry to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare  
15           and the House Committees on Human Services and on Health Care on or  
16           before January 15, 2024.

17           Fourth: By striking out Sec. 15, effective date, in its entirety and inserting  
18           in lieu thereof the following:

19           Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATES

- 20           (a) This section and Secs. 13 and 14d shall take effect on passage.  
21           (b) Secs. 1–12 and 14 -14c shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE COMMITTEE