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2 The Senate Committee on Health and Welfare recommends to the Senate
3 Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs that the
4 bill be amended as follows:

5 First: In Sec. 4, 7 V.S.A. § 881, in subdivision (a)(5), by striking out
6 subdivision (G) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision
7 (G) to read as follows:

8 (G) requirements for a medical-use endorsement, including rules
9 regarding:

10 (i) protection of patient privacy and confidential records;

11 (ii) enhanced training and educational requirements for employees
12 who interact with patients;

13 (iii) segregation of cannabis products that are otherwise prohibited
14 for sale to nonmedical customers pursuant to subdivisions 868(a)(1) and (b)(1)
15 of this title;

16 (iv) record-keeping;

17 (v) delivery;

18 (vi) access for patients under 21 years of age; and

19 (vii) health and safety requirements.

20 Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 7a to read as follows:

21 Sec. 7a. 7 V.S.A. § 952(e) is added to read:

1 (e)(1) A person who is 21 years of age or older who applies to be a
2 registered patient shall provide the Board with a Health Care Professional
3 Verification Form as required pursuant to rules adopted by the Board.

4 (2) A person who is under 21 years of age who applies to be a registered
5 patient shall provide the Board with a Health Care Professional Verification
6 Form from a health care professional who has a treating or consulting
7 relationship of not less than three months' duration with the applicant, in the
8 course of which the health care professional has completed a full assessment of
9 the applicant's medical history and current medical condition, including a
10 personal physical examination. The three-month requirement shall not apply
11 if:

12 (A) an applicant has been diagnosed with:

13 (i) a terminal illness;

14 (ii) cancer; or

15 (iii) acquired immune deficiency syndrome;

16 (B) an applicant is currently under hospice care;

17 (C) an applicant had been diagnosed with a debilitating medical
18 condition by a health care professional in another jurisdiction in which the
19 applicant had been formerly a resident and the patient, now a resident of
20 Vermont, has the diagnosis confirmed by a health care professional in this
21 State or a neighboring state as permitted by subdivision 951(5)(B) of this title,

1 and the new health care professional has completed a full assessment of the
2 patient’s medical history and current medical condition, including a personal
3 physical examination;

4 (D) a patient who is already on the Registry changes health care
5 professionals three months or less prior to the renewal of the patient’s
6 registration, provided the patient’s new health care professional has completed
7 a full assessment of the patient’s medical history and current medical
8 condition, including a personal physical examination;

9 (E) an applicant is referred by the patient’s health care professional to
10 another health care professional who has completed advanced education and
11 clinical training in specific debilitating medical conditions, and that health care
12 professional conducts a full assessment of the applicant’s medical history and
13 current medical condition, including a personal physical examination; or

14 (F) an applicant’s debilitating medical condition is of recent or
15 sudden onset.

16 Third: By adding a new section to be Sec. 11a to read as follows:

17 Sec. 11a. CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD REPORTING; MEDICAL
18 CANNABIS REGISTRY

19 (a) The Cannabis Control Board shall work in consultation with the
20 Vermont Department of Health, the Vermont Medical Society, and other
21 interested parties to assess the efficacy of the Medical Cannabis Program in

1 servicing registered and prospective patients. The assessment shall include
2 recommendations regarding:

3 (1) improvements to the process of evaluating and approving new
4 qualifying conditions;

5 (2) improvements to how the use of cannabis is communicated to
6 patients and patients’ providers; and

7 (3) appropriate regulations regarding electronic or battery-powered
8 devices that contain or are designed to deliver cannabis into the body through
9 the inhalation of vapor.

10 (b) The Board shall provide recommendations regarding the Medical
11 Cannabis Registry to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the
12 House Committee on Human Services on or before November 15, 2024.