
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that thirty-three states,
2 plus the District of Columbia, allow medical cannabis for its
3 residents. Ten states, plus the District of Columbia, have also
4 legalized cannabis for recreational use.

5 The legislature further finds that Hawaii's medical
6 cannabis law was passed in 2000, followed by the approval of
7 medical cannabis dispensaries by the legislature in 2015, and
8 the first operations of in-state dispensaries commencing in
9 2017. As Hawaii expands its medical cannabis program through
10 the use of these highly regulated and monitored dispensaries,
11 more patients are expected to consider medical cannabis as a
12 viable treatment, knowing that the medicine will be regulated
13 and tested.

14 The purpose of this Act is to expand the debilitating
15 medical conditions for which medical cannabis may be certified
16 for use to include generalized anxiety disorder and socialized
17 anxiety disorder.



1 SECTION 2. Section 329-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "debilitating medical
3 condition" to read as follows:

4 "Debilitating medical condition" means:

- 5 (1) Cancer, glaucoma, lupus, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis,
6 rheumatoid arthritis, positive status for human
7 immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency
8 syndrome, or the treatment of these conditions;
- 9 (2) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition
10 or its treatment that produces one or more of the
11 following:
- 12 (A) Cachexia or wasting syndrome;
 - 13 (B) Severe pain;
 - 14 (C) Severe nausea;
 - 15 (D) Seizures, including those characteristic of
16 epilepsy;
 - 17 (E) Severe and persistent muscle spasms, including
18 those characteristic of multiple sclerosis or
19 Crohn's disease; [øx]
 - 20 (F) Post-traumatic stress disorder; [øx]
 - 21 (G) Generalized anxiety disorder; or



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- 1 (H) Socialized anxiety disorder; or
- 2 (3) Any other medical condition approved by the department
- 3 of health pursuant to administrative rules in response
- 4 to a request from a physician or advanced practice
- 5 registered nurse or potentially qualifying patient."

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Medical Cannabis; Debilitating Medical Condition

Description:

Includes generalized anxiety disorder and socialized anxiety disorder as a debilitating medical condition for which medical cannabis may be certified for use.

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