

**ACT 170**

S.B. NO. 786

A Bill for an Act Relating to Medical Marijuana.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the term “marijuana” originated as a slang term to describe the genus of plants that is scientifically known as cannabis. “Marijuana” has no scientific basis but carries prejudicial implications rooted in racial stereotypes from the early twentieth century era when cannabis use was first criminalized in the United States. The term “cannabis” carries no such negative connotations and is a more accurate and appropriate term to de-

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scribe a plant that has been legalized for medicinal use in Hawaii, twenty-seven other states, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories of Guam and Puerto Rico.

The legislature further finds that all references to “medical marijuana” and “medical use of marijuana” contained in the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules should be amended to instead refer to “medical cannabis.”

**SECTION 2.** All references to “medical marijuana,” “medical use of marijuana,” “manufactured marijuana products” and like terms, as the case may be, in chapter 329D, part IX of chapter 329, and sections 46-4, 201-13.9, 209E-2, 235-2.4, 237-24.3, 304A-1865, 321-30.1, 329-43.5, 421J-16, 453-1.3, 514A-88.5, 514B-113, 521-39, and 846-2.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be amended to “medical cannabis,” “medical use of cannabis,” “manufactured cannabis products” or like terms, as the case may be, as the context requires.

**SECTION 3.** By operation of law, title 11 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules shall be construed as having been amended in conformance with section 2 of this Act; provided that if and when the department of health amends chapter 11-160 or chapter 11-850, Hawaii Administrative Rules, it shall conform the wording in those chapters to section 2 of this Act at the time of the amendment.

**SECTION 4.** The department of health shall revise all documents, letterhead, websites, and other necessary items to conform with section 2 of this Act as the documents, letterhead, websites, and other necessary items otherwise require revision, replacement, or reprinting; provided that all conforming revisions shall be completed by December 31, 2019.

**SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 11, 2017.)