

General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. _____

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LCO No. _____

Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL CANNABIS CAREGIVER
CULTIVATION, THE LOCATION OF CANNABIS PLANTS CULTIVATED
AT A PERSON'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND LABORATORY
TESTING ACCESS FOR QUALIFYING PATIENTS.**

1 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**

2 That title 21a of the general statutes be amended to (1) provide that cultivation authorized at a
3 person's primary residence under sections 21a-278c and 21a-408d of the general statutes may occur in
4 a secured, screened area on the grounds of such residence, (2) provide that no regulation, policy or
5 procedure of the Department of Consumer Protection may prohibit such cultivation solely because it
6 occurs outside the walls of a dwelling unit, (3) establish a cultivating caregiver registration
7 authorizing a registered caregiver to cultivate cannabis on behalf of not more than five qualifying
8 patients who have designated such caregiver in writing, subject to plant, canopy, security and site
9 requirements, (4) establish a schedule of annual cultivating caregiver registration fees, (5) define
10 "plant canopy", "incidental cannabis material" and "cultivating caregiver", (6) establish a voluntary
11 subsidized laboratory testing program for personally cultivated cannabis, (7) provide
12 anti-discrimination protections to qualifying patients and caregivers, (8) establish graduated civil
13 penalties for noncompliance, and (9) require the commissioner to adopt implementing regulations and
14 prepare the small business impact and regulatory flexibility analysis required by section 4-168a of the
15 general statutes, and (10) authorize dispensary facilities, hybrid retailers, retailers, cultivators,
16 micro-cultivators and producers to sell tested and tracked cannabis seeds, cannabis seedlings and
17 immature cannabis plants to consumers, qualifying patients, caregivers and cultivating caregivers, and
18 to remove the statutory exclusion barring qualifying patients and caregivers from purchasing cannabis
19 seedlings.

Statement of Purpose:

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To authorize registered caregivers to cultivate cannabis for a limited number of designated qualifying patients; to clarify by statute that home cultivation already permitted by law may occur in a secured, screened area on the grounds of the cultivator's primary residence; to establish subsidized voluntary laboratory testing for personally cultivated cannabis; and to make conforming changes.