

General Assembly Proposed Bill No. ____

January Session, 2027 LCO No. ____

Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATING CAREGIVER LICENSE.

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

1 That chapter 420f of the general statutes be amended to, for purposes of the state's palliative use
2 cannabis market, (1) define “propagule”, “immature cannabis plant”, “mature cannabis plant”, “first
3 responder” and “direct care health care worker”, and provide that propagules constitute incidental
4 cannabis material; (2) increase the number of cannabis plants a qualifying patient may cultivate and
5 provide that cultivation in the patient's primary residence includes cultivation in a secured, enclosed area
6 on the grounds of such residence; (3) establish a cultivating caregiver license authorizing the cultivation,
7 manufacture and distribution of cannabis for medical purposes on behalf of not more than five
8 designated qualifying patients, and amend section 21a-408b to permit a licensee to serve such patients
9 notwithstanding the one-patient limit in said section, to add cultivation to the acts for which a caregiver
10 is protected from arrest, and to state that a caregiver may assist a qualifying patient with cultivation; (4)
11 establish annual license fees, require that fee revenue be divided between departmental administration,
12 subject to a cost recovery limit, and the Connecticut Compassionate Care Fund, and prohibit the use of
13 such fees for enforcement; (5) establish the Connecticut Compassionate Care Fund to assist qualifying
14 patients and caregivers who demonstrate financial need, with priority for veterans, first responders and
15 direct care health care workers; (6) establish a voluntary laboratory testing program for personally
16 cultivated cannabis, with a limitation on the evidentiary use of results; (7) limit the authority of the
17 Department of Consumer Protection to prohibit or condition cultivation on the ground that it occurs
18 outside the walls of a dwelling unit or that plants are visible from public view; (8) extend the
19 anti-discrimination protections of section 21a-408p to cultivating caregivers and add protections
20 concerning child custody proceedings and state and municipal licensing; (9) limit entry by the
21 department onto residential property without a warrant or written consent; and (10) permit dispensary
22 facilities, hybrid retailers, retailers, cultivators, micro-cultivators and producers to sell cannabis seeds,
23 seedlings and immature plants to qualifying patients and caregivers, who are presently excluded by
24 subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 21a-420p; and (11) establish penalties and reporting
25 requirements.

Statement of Purpose:

To, for purposes of the state's palliative use cannabis market, (1) define certain terms concerning cannabis plants and eligible service populations, (2) increase patient cultivation limits and permit secured outdoor cultivation at a patient's primary residence, (3) establish a cultivating caregiver license, (4) establish license fees, direct their disposition and prohibit their use for enforcement, (5) establish the Connecticut Compassionate Care Fund, (6) establish a voluntary laboratory testing program, (7) limit departmental authority over the location of cannabis plants, (8) provide anti-discrimination protections, (9) limit entry onto residential property, and (10) establish penalties and reporting requirements.

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