

Session 117 - (2007-2008)

S 0220 General Bill, By Mescher

Summary: Marijuana

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HEALTH, BY ADDING CHAPTER 135, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN QUALIFYING PATIENTS MAY ENGAGE IN THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA, TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA A QUALIFYING PATIENT OR CAREGIVER MAY POSSESS, TO REQUIRE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A REGISTRATION PROGRAM AND THE ISSUANCE OF REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS, TO ESTABLISH THE QUALIFICATIONS A PATIENT OR CAREGIVER MUST POSSESS TO OBTAIN A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, TO PROVIDE A TIME LIMIT FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN IDENTIFICATION CARD AND ITS ISSUANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE INFORMATION ON THE IDENTIFICATION CARD MUST BE CURRENT, TO REQUIRE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MAINTAIN A CONFIDENTIAL LIST OF THE REGISTRANTS, TO PROVIDE THAT QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ACT MAY NOT BE ARRESTED, PROSECUTED, OR PENALIZED IN ANY MANNER BASED UPON THE QUALIFYING PATIENT'S USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN MAY NOT BE ARRESTED, PROSECUTED, OR PENALIZED IN ANY MANNER, OR HAVE A PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST HIM SOLELY FOR PROVIDING A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION, TO PROTECT FROM FORFEITURE AN INDIVIDUAL'S INTEREST IN OR RIGHT TO PROPERTY THAT IS POSSESSED, OWNED, OR USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA, TO PROVIDE THAT POSSESSION OF OR AN APPLICATION FOR A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD DOES NOT ALONE CONSTITUTE PROBABLE CAUSE TO SEARCH THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OF THE PERSON POSSESSING OR APPLYING FOR THE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER, SCHOOL, OR LANDLORD MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A PERSON SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS STATUS AS A REGISTERED QUALIFYING PATIENT OR REGISTERED CAREGIVER, TO PLACE LIMITATIONS ON THE PLACES WHERE A QUALIFIED PATIENT MAY USE MEDICAL MARIJUANA, TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OR PRIVATE HEALTH INSURERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE OR COVER THE COSTS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA, TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER IS NOT REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA IN THE WORKPLACE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY OR PURPOSELY FABRICATE OR MISREPRESENT A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE CERTAIN REGULATIONS, AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFLECTING THE STATUS OF THE REGISTRY.

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