

March 21, 2019

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1283

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the Senate as printed on pages 1001 and 1002 of the Senate Journal, Engrossed House Bill No. 1283 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact section 19-24.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to access to medical marijuana;"

Page 1, line 2, replace "and" with "subdivision a of subsection 5 of section 19-24.1-05, subsection 7 of section 19-24.1-10,"

Page 1, line 2, after "19-24.1-11" insert ", and subsection 10 of section 19-24.1-32"

Page 8, after line 17, insert:

**"SECTION 3.** Section 19-24.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**19-24.1-03.1. Qualifying patients - Veterans.**

In lieu of the written certification required under section 19-24.1-03, a veteran receiving treatment from a federal veterans' affairs entity may submit to the department a copy of the veterans' affairs medical records identifying a diagnosis of a debilitating medical condition and a copy of military discharge documents. The department may use the medical records and discharge documents in place of a written certification to approve or deny the application under section 19-24.1-05. The department shall issue a registry identification card within thirty calendar days of approving an application under this section.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 5 of section 19-24.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. The department receives documentation the minor's health care provider has explained to the parent or legal guardian with responsibility for health care decisions for the minor the potential risks ~~and benefits of the use of pediatric medical marijuana to treat or alleviate the debilitating medical condition;~~ and

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 19-24.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. A registered qualifying patient's certifying health care provider ~~shall~~may notify the department in writing if the health care provider's registered qualifying patient no longer has a debilitating medical condition ~~or if the~~. The health care provider no longer believes the patient will receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the medical use of marijuana~~may~~notify the department if a bona fide provider-patient relationship ceases to exist. The qualifying patient's registry identification card becomes void immediately upon the health care provider's notification of the department and the registered qualifying patient shall dispose of any usable marijuana in the cardholder's possession within fifteen calendar days, in accordance with rules adopted under this chapter."

Page 8, after line 22, insert:

**"SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 10 of section 19-24.1-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10. A health care provider is not subject to arrest or prosecution or the denial of any right or privilege, including a civil penalty or disciplinary action by a court or occupational or professional regulating entity, solely for providing a written certification or for otherwise stating in the health care provider's professional opinion a patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the medical use of usable marijuana to treat or alleviate the patient's debilitating medical condition or for refusing to provide written certification or a statement. This chapter does not release a health care provider from the duty to exercise a professional standard of care for evaluating or treating a patient's medical condition."

Renumber accordingly