

SB 2293 Testimony 2025/written only

Thank you for allowing my testimony in favor of SB 2293. I am Gail Pederson, Special Practice RN in Holistic Nursing, Board Certified Holistic Nurse and a member of the American Cannabis Nurses Assn. I currently sit on their Government Policy and Advocacy Committee. Did you know that Cannabis Nursing is now a recognized Specialty within the American Nurses Association? My SPRN scope of practice includes cannabis education and consultation. Physicians in my community are referring people to me to help fill out the application, for which I do not charge.

Barriers continue to be many for our medical cannabis patients. As a patient advocate and moderator for a patient social media page, I have seen and heard them. Inability to find a provider, cost and quality of products are among the most frequent complaints. The changes that are made with this bill are good and I support Senate Bill 2293. One change addressed that is very important:

Section 2. C.(3)

Changing the need to have that approved ND ID and allowing other means of ID is personal. My long time friend moved her mother with dementia into her home to care for her about 4 years ago. She has become increasingly violent. My friend is very leery about the black box medications that are usually prescribed with increased behaviors and agitation. There is good research using cannabis for dementia to help with this advancing disease. She tried it with her Mom and it worked!

She attempted to acquire a cannabis card for her mom. NOPE! CAN'T! She is not allowed a card under our law right now.....her mom hasn't had an official ND ID for at least five years. There is no way to get her into a car, much less acquire one! Their provider says "Yes", but our MM department says no! Our law has again caused reason for the illicit market. This Amendment is an adequate solution. Thank you for supporting this change.

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