

HB1400 Medical Cannabis Amendments

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HB 1400 makes a few changes to the medical cannabis laws.

1. The change where all people have the option of submitting medical records to qualify for the program. Like VA patients can today.

It seems it is not only the VA where medical providers are not or do not feel free to make medical marijuana recommendations.

Has been a very common complaint that people cannot find a provider willing to work with them, or the provider is far away or, it is very expensive to have another relationship with another provider just to qualify for the program.

The number one complaint I have heard the last couple of years. It is improving but being able to qualify even when suffering from a qualifying condition has been difficult for many.

At the same time.

2. Practitioners would not be limited to the list. There are many rare conditions, and no list will ever contain all the conditions that might be helped by medical cannabis. Often there are few options for sufferers of very rare conditions.
3. Out of state visitors. I think of it as reciprocity but it doesn't depend on how the other state treats our residents. If a person is qualified in another state they can submit documentation for a two month temporary permit. May be renewed once. Don't visualize that as having to be consecutive. It's for tourism, or is someone moves here. Want to avoid the headline of a medical cannabis patient from another state being arrested.
4. The unannounced inspection/secret shopper program.