

**2025 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES**

**SB 2293**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2293  
1/29/2025  
9:07 a.m.

Relating to medical marijuana container sizes, caregivers, and documentation.
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9:07 a.m. Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

### Discussion Topics:

- Medical Marijuana committee
- Designated caregivers age limit

9:07 a.m. Senator Roers introduced the bill.

9:09 a.m. Jason Wahl, Director of the Medical Marijuana Program with Department of Health and Human Services, testified in favor and submitted testimony #32483.

9:12 a.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

*Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk*

**Testimony**  
**Senate Bill No. 2293**  
**Senate Human Services Committee**  
**Senator Judy Lee, Chairwoman**  
January 29, 2025

Chairwoman Lee, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Jason Wahl, Director of the Medical Marijuana Program with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of Senate Bill No. 2293.

Section 1 of the bill modifies two definitions in North Dakota Century Code Section 19-24.1.01:

- Cannabinoid concentrate: types of concentrates include vape cartridges, waxes, shatter, and other dabble forms. While maximum amounts or limits exist for the four types of medical cannabinoid products, no maximum exists for concentrates. For example, state law identifies a maximum packaging size for a cannabinoid solution is 30 milliliters. Since a concentrate is an extract and nothing can be added to a concentrate, placing a packaging limit on concentrates would be a reasonable route to pursue. Currently, concentrates are packaged in half gram and one gram amounts. The Department supports a maximum one gram packaging size for concentrates.
- Designated caregiver: prior to the 2019 Legislative Session, state law clearly identified a designated caregiver had to be 21 years of age or older. A change to language related to designated caregivers inadvertently removed the 21 years of age minimum requirement. The Department supports adding this requirement back into state law.

Section 2 proposes adding language to state law to allow the Department to accept other documentation for a qualifying patient application. There may be instances when an individual is unable to obtain a current or valid identification. For example, an individual who may be bedridden or unable to leave their residency is going to have a difficult, if not impossible, time getting to a proper location to get a renewal of their driver's license or to obtain a non-driver photo identification. The Department supports adding language to state law to provide flexibility on the documentation that may be submitted for certain qualifying patients.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer questions you may have.

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2:41 p.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

### Discussion Topics:

- Challenges in obtaining ID

2:45 p.m. Senator Roers moved a Do Pass.

2:45 p.m. Senator Hogan seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Roers will carry the bill.

2:46 p.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

*Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**SB 2293 ([25.1235.01000](#))**

**Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2293 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**2025 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES**

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# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2293  
3/11/2025

Relating to medical marijuana container sizes, caregivers, and documentation.
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2:52 p.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr

Members Absent: Representatives Bolinske, Davis

### **Discussion Topics:**

- Flexibility for the Health and Human Services Department

2:52 p.m. Senator Roers, District 27, introduced the bill.

2:55 p.m. Jason Wahl, Medical Marijuana Director of the ND Department of Health and Human Services, testified in favor and submitted testimony, #40413.

### **Additional written testimony:**

Gail Pederson, private citizen, submitted testimony in favor, #40549.

3:01 p.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the hearing.

*Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk*



**Testimony**  
**Senate Bill No. 2293**  
**House Human Services Committee**  
**Representative Matt Ruby, Chairman**  
March 11, 2025

Chairman Ruby, and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Jason Wahl, Director of the Medical Marijuana Program with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of Senate Bill No. 2293.

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## 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.

Gail Pederson, SPRN, HN-BC  
Be Well Healing Arts  
District 24

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## Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

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3/19/2025

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10:45 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rohr

Members Absent: Representatives Davis, Rios

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

10:47 a.m. Representative Beltz moved a Do Pass.

10:47 a.m. Representative Dobervich seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	N
Representative Karen Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	AB
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Cleyton Fegley	N
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Nico Rios	AB
Representative Karen Rohr	N

10:48 a.m. Motion passed 8-3-2.

Representative Dobervich will carry the bill.

10:48 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the meeting.

*Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**SB 2293 ([25.1235.01000](#))**

**Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2293 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.