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## **SENATE BILL No. 140**

February 18, 2015, Introduced by Senators SHIRKEY, HORN, KNEZEK, YOUNG and ANANICH and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 2008 IL 1, entitled
"Michigan medical marihuana act,"
by amending sections 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 (MCL 333.26423, 333.26424,
333.26426, 333.26427, and 333.26428), sections 3, 4, and 8 as
amended by 2012 PA 512 and section 6 as amended by 2012 PA 514, and
by adding section 4a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. As used in this act:
- (a) "Bona fide physician-patient relationship" means a treatment or counseling relationship between a physician and patient in which all of the following are present:
- (1) The physician has reviewed the patient's relevant medical records and completed a full assessment of the patient's medical

- 1 history and current medical condition, including a relevant, in-
- 2 person, medical evaluation of the patient.
- 3 (2) The physician has created and maintained records of the
- 4 patient's condition in accord with medically accepted standards.
- 5 (3) The physician has a reasonable expectation that he or she
- 6 will provide follow-up care to the patient to monitor the efficacy
- 7 of the use of medical marihuana as a treatment of the patient's
- 8 debilitating medical condition.
- 9 (4) If the patient has given permission, the physician has
- 10 notified the patient's primary care physician of the patient's
- 11 debilitating medical condition and certification for the MEDICAL
- 12 use of medical marihuana to treat that condition.
- 13 (b) "Debilitating medical condition" means 1 or more of the
- 14 following:
- 15 (1) Cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human
- 16 immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome,
- 17 hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Crohn's disease,
- 18 agitation of Alzheimer's disease, nail patella, or the treatment of
- 19 these conditions.
- 20 (2) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or
- 21 its treatment that produces 1 or more of the following: cachexia or
- 22 wasting syndrome; severe and chronic pain; severe nausea; seizures,
- 23 including but not limited to those characteristic of epilepsy; or
- 24 severe and persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to
- 25 those characteristic of multiple sclerosis.
- 26 (3) Any other medical condition or its treatment approved by
- 27 the department, as provided for in section 6(k).

- (c) "Department" means the department of licensing and
   regulatory affairs.
- 3 (d) "Enclosed, locked facility" means a closet, room, or other
- 4 comparable, stationary, and fully enclosed area equipped with
- 5 secured locks or other functioning security devices that permit
- 6 access only by a registered primary caregiver or registered
- 7 qualifying patient. Marihuana plants grown outdoors are considered
- 8 to be in an enclosed, locked facility if they are not visible to
- 9 the unaided eye from an adjacent property when viewed by an
- 10 individual at ground level or from a permanent structure and are
- 11 grown within a stationary structure that is enclosed on all sides,
- 12 except for the base, by chain-link fencing, wooden slats, or a
- 13 similar material that prevents access by the general public and
- 14 that is anchored, attached, or affixed to the ground; located on
- 15 land that is owned, leased, or rented by either the registered
- 16 qualifying patient or a person designated through the departmental
- 17 registration process as the primary caregiver for the registered
- 18 qualifying patient or patients for whom the marihuana plants are
- 19 grown; and equipped with functioning locks or other security
- 20 devices that restrict access to only the registered qualifying
- 21 patient or the registered primary caregiver who owns, leases, or
- 22 rents the property on which the structure is located. Enclosed,
- 23 locked facility includes a motor vehicle if both of the following
- 24 conditions are met:
- 25 (1) The vehicle is being used temporarily to transport living
- 26 marihuana plants from 1 location to another with the intent to
- 27 permanently retain those plants at the second location.

- 1 (2) An individual is not inside the vehicle unless he or she
- 2 is either the registered qualifying patient to whom the living
- 3 marihuana plants belong or the individual designated through the
- 4 departmental registration process as the primary caregiver for the
- 5 registered qualifying patient.
- 6 (e) "Marihuana" means that term as defined in section 7106 of
- 7 the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7106.
- 8 (F) "MARIHUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT" MEANS A TOPICAL FORMULATION,
- 9 TINCTURE, BEVERAGE, EDIBLE SUBSTANCE, OR SIMILAR PRODUCT CONTAINING
- 10 ANY USABLE MARIHUANA THAT IS INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION IN A
- 11 MANNER OTHER THAN SMOKE INHALATION. MARIHUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT SHALL
- 12 NOT BE CONSIDERED A FOOD FOR PURPOSES OF THE FOOD LAW, 2000 PA 92,
- 13 MCL 289.1101 TO 289.8111.
- 14 (G) (f) "Medical use OF MARIHUANA" means the acquisition,
- 15 possession, cultivation, manufacture, EXTRACTION, use, internal
- 16 possession, delivery, transfer, or transportation of marihuana,
- 17 USABLE MARIHUANA, or paraphernalia relating to the administration
- 18 of USABLE marihuana to treat or alleviate a registered qualifying
- 19 patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated
- 20 with the debilitating medical condition.
- 21 (H) (g)—"Physician" means an individual licensed as a
- 22 physician under Part 170 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,
- 23 MCL 333.17001 to 333.17084, or an osteopathic physician under Part
- 24 175 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17501 to
- **25** 333.17556.
- 26 (I) (h)—"Primary caregiver" or "caregiver" means a person who
- 27 is at least 21 years old and who has agreed to assist with a

- 1 patient's medical use of marihuana and who has not been convicted
- 2 of any felony within the past 10 years and has never been convicted
- 3 of a felony involving illegal drugs or a felony that is an
- 4 assaultive crime as defined in section 9a of chapter X of the code
- 5 of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 770.9a.
- 6 (J) (i) "Qualifying patient" or "patient" means a person who
- 7 has been diagnosed by a physician as having a debilitating medical
- 8 condition.
- 9 (K) (j) "Registry identification card" means a document issued
- 10 by the department that identifies a person as a registered
- 11 qualifying patient or registered primary caregiver.
- 12 (l) (k) "Usable marihuana" means the dried leaves, and flowers,
- 13 PLANT RESIN, OR EXTRACT of the marihuana plant, and any mixture or
- 14 preparation thereof, but does not include the seeds, stalks, and
- 15 roots of the plant.
- 16 (M) "USABLE MARIHUANA EQUIVALENT" MEANS THE AMOUNT OF USABLE
- 17 MARIHUANA IN A MARIHUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT THAT IS CALCULATED AS
- 18 PROVIDED IN SECTION 4(C).
- 19 (N)  $\frac{(l)}{(l)}$  "Visiting qualifying patient" means a patient who is
- 20 not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this
- 21 state for less than 30 days.
- 22 (O) (m) "Written certification" means a document signed by a
- 23 physician, stating all of the following:
- 24 (1) The patient's debilitating medical condition.
- 25 (2) The physician has completed a full assessment of the
- 26 patient's medical history and current medical condition, including
- 27 a relevant, in-person, medical evaluation.

- 1 (3) In the physician's professional opinion, the patient is
- 2 likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the
- 3 medical use of marihuana to treat or alleviate the patient's
- 4 debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the
- 5 debilitating medical condition.
- 6 4. Protections for the Medical Use of Marihuana.
- 7 Sec. 4. (a) A qualifying patient who has been issued and
- 8 possesses a registry identification card shall IS not be subject to
- 9 arrest, prosecution, or penalty in any manner, or denied any right
- 10 or privilege, including but not limited to civil penalty or
- 11 disciplinary action by a business or occupational or professional
- 12 licensing board or bureau, for the medical use of marihuana in
- 13 accordance with this act, provided that the qualifying patient
- 14 possesses an amount of marihuana that does not exceed A TOTAL OF
- 15 2.5 ounces of BOTH usable marihuana AND USABLE MARIHUANA
- 16 EQUIVALENTS, and, if the qualifying patient has not specified that
- 17 a primary caregiver will be allowed under state law to cultivate
- 18 marihuana for the qualifying patient, 12 marihuana plants kept in
- 19 an enclosed, locked facility. Any incidental amount of seeds,
- 20 stalks, and unusable roots shall also be allowed under state law
- 21 and shall not be included in this amount. The privilege from arrest
- 22 under this subsection applies only if the qualifying patient
- 23 presents both his or her registry identification card and a valid
- 24 driver license or government-issued identification card that bears
- 25 a photographic image of the qualifying patient.
- 26 (b) A primary caregiver who has been issued and possesses a
- 27 registry identification card shall—IS not be—subject to arrest,

- 1 prosecution, or penalty in any manner, or denied any right or
- 2 privilege, including but not limited to civil penalty or
- 3 disciplinary action by a business or occupational or professional
- 4 licensing board or bureau, for assisting a qualifying patient to
- 5 whom he or she is connected through the department's registration
- 6 process with the medical use of marihuana in accordance with this
- 7 act. The privilege from arrest under this subsection applies only
- 8 if the primary caregiver presents both his or her registry
- 9 identification card and a valid driver license or government-issued
- 10 identification card that bears a photographic image of the primary
- 11 caregiver. This subsection applies only if the primary caregiver
- 12 possesses an—A TOTAL amount of USABLE marihuana AND USABLE
- 13 MARIHUANA EQUIVALENTS that does not exceed ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 14 (1) 2.5 ounces of usable marihuana for each qualifying patient
- 15 to whom he or she is connected through the department's
- 16 registration process. ; and
- 17 (2) for FOR each registered qualifying patient who has
- 18 specified that the primary caregiver will be allowed under state
- 19 law to cultivate marihuana for the qualifying patient, 12 marihuana
- 20 plants kept in an enclosed, locked facility. ; and
- 21 (3) any ANY incidental amount of seeds, stalks, and unusable
- 22 roots.
- 23 (C) FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING USABLE MARIHUANA EQUIVALENCY,
- 24 1 OUNCE OF USABLE MARIHUANA SHALL BE CONSIDERED EQUIVALENT TO THE
- 25 FOLLOWING:
- 26 (1) 16 OUNCES OF MARIHUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT IF IN A SOLID FORM.
- 27 (2) 7 GRAMS OF MARIHUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT IF IN A GASEOUS FORM.

- 1 (3) 72 FLUID OUNCES OF MARIHUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT IF IN A
- 2 LIQUID FORM.
- 3 (D) (c) A person shall not be denied custody or visitation of
- 4 a minor for acting in accordance with this act, unless the person's
- 5 behavior is such that it creates an unreasonable danger to the
- 6 minor that can be clearly articulated and substantiated.
- 7 (E) (d) There shall be IS a presumption that a qualifying
- 8 patient or primary caregiver is engaged in the medical use of
- 9 marihuana in accordance with this act if the qualifying patient or
- 10 primary caregiver COMPLIES WITH BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 11 (1) is IS in possession of a registry identification card. 7
- 12 and
- 13 (2) is—IS in possession of an amount of marihuana OR USABLE
- 14 MARIHUANA AND USABLE MARIHUANA EQUIVALENTS that does not exceed the
- 15 amount allowed under this act. The presumption may be rebutted by
- 16 evidence that conduct related to marihuana OR USABLE MARIHUANA was
- 17 not for the purpose of alleviating the qualifying patient's
- 18 debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the
- 19 debilitating medical condition, in accordance with this act.
- 20 (F) (e)—A registered primary caregiver may receive
- 21 compensation for costs associated with assisting a registered
- 22 qualifying patient in the medical use of marihuana. Any such
- 23 compensation shall DOES not constitute the sale of controlled
- 24 substances.
- 25 (G) (f)—A physician shall not be subject to arrest,
- 26 prosecution, or penalty in any manner, or denied any right or
- 27 privilege, including but not limited to civil penalty or

- 1 disciplinary action by the Michigan board of medicine, the Michigan
- 2 board of osteopathic medicine and surgery, or any other business or
- 3 occupational or professional licensing board or bureau, solely for
- 4 providing written certifications, in the course of a bona fide
- 5 physician-patient relationship and after the physician has
- 6 completed a full assessment of the qualifying patient's medical
- 7 history, or for otherwise stating that, in the physician's
- 8 professional opinion, a patient is likely to receive therapeutic or
- 9 palliative benefit from the medical use of marihuana to treat or
- 10 alleviate the patient's serious or debilitating medical condition
- 11 or symptoms associated with the serious or debilitating medical
- 12 condition, provided that nothing shall prevent a professional
- 13 licensing board from sanctioning a physician for failing to
- 14 properly evaluate a patient's medical condition or otherwise
- 15 violating the standard of care for evaluating medical conditions.
- 16 (H) (g) A person shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution,
- 17 or penalty in any manner, or denied any right or privilege,
- 18 including but not limited to civil penalty or disciplinary action
- 19 by a business or occupational or professional licensing board or
- 20 bureau, for providing a registered qualifying patient or a
- 21 registered primary caregiver with marihuana paraphernalia for
- 22 purposes of a qualifying patient's medical use of marihuana.
- 23 (I) (h)—Any marihuana, USABLE MARIHUANA, marihuana
- 24 paraphernalia, or licit property that is possessed, owned, or used
- 25 in connection with the medical use of marihuana, as allowed under
- 26 this act, or acts incidental to such use, shall not be seized or
- 27 forfeited.

- 1 (J) (i) A person shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution,
- 2 or penalty in any manner, or denied any right or privilege,
- 3 including but not limited to civil penalty or disciplinary action
- 4 by a business or occupational or professional licensing board or
- 5 bureau, solely for being in the presence or vicinity of the medical
- 6 use of marihuana in accordance with this act, or for assisting a
- 7 registered qualifying patient with using or administering marihuana
- 8 OR USABLE MARIHUANA.
- 9 (K) (j) A registry identification card, or its equivalent,
- 10 that is issued under the laws of another state, district,
- 11 territory, commonwealth, or insular possession of the United States
- 12 that allows the medical use of marihuana by a visiting qualifying
- 13 patient, or to allow a person to assist with a visiting qualifying
- 14 patient's medical use of marihuana, shall have the same force and
- 15 effect as a registry identification card issued by the department.
- 16 (l) (k) Any registered qualifying patient or registered primary
- 17 caregiver who sells marihuana OR USABLE MARIHUANA to someone who is
- 18 not allowed to use marihuana for medical purposes MEDICAL USE OF
- 19 MARIHUANA under this act shall have his or her registry
- 20 identification card revoked and is guilty of a felony punishable by
- 21 imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine of not more than
- \$2,000.00, or both, in addition to any other penalties for the
- 23 distribution of marihuana.
- 24 (M) A PERSON IS NOT SUBJECT TO ARREST, PROSECUTION, OR PENALTY
- 25 IN ANY MANNER, AND SHALL NOT BE DENIED ANY RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE,
- 26 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CIVIL PENALTY OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION
- 27 BY A BUSINESS OR OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD OR

- 1 BUREAU, FOR MANUFACTURING MARIHUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT IF THE PERSON
- 2 IS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 3 (1) A REGISTERED PATIENT, MANUFACTURING FOR HIS OR HER OWN
- 4 PERSONAL USE.
- 5 (2) A PRIMARY CAREGIVER, MANUFACTURING FOR THE USE OF A
- 6 PATIENT TO WHOM HE OR SHE IS CONNECTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S
- 7 REGISTRATION PROCESS.
- 8 (3) A MEDICAL MARIHUANA PROVISIONING CENTER.
- 9 (N) A QUALIFYING PATIENT SHALL NOT TRANSFER A MARIHUANA-
- 10 INFUSED PRODUCT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL.
- 11 (O) A REGISTERED CAREGIVER SHALL NOT TRANSFER A MARIHUANA-
- 12 INFUSED PRODUCT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A QUALIFYING PATIENT
- 13 TO WHOM HE OR SHE IS CONNECTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S
- 14 REGISTRATION PROCESS.
- 15 (P) A MEDICAL MARIHUANA PROVISIONING CENTER SHALL NOT TRANSFER
- 16 A MARIHUANA-INFUSED PRODUCT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A
- 17 QUALIFYING PATIENT OR REGISTERED CAREGIVER, OR PROVISIONING CENTER
- 18 AGENT.
- 19 SEC. 4A. (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY UNLESS THE MEDICAL
- 20 MARIHUANA PROVISIONING CENTER REGULATION ACT IS ENACTED INTO LAW.
- 21 (2) A PERSON IS NOT SUBJECT TO ARREST, PROSECUTION, OR
- 22 CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR A TRANSFER OR USE OF MARIHUANA OR USABLE
- 23 MARIHUANA EQUIVALENTS FROM OR TO A PROVISIONING CENTER IN AN AMOUNT
- 24 AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND IN CONFORMITY WITH ANY RESTRICTIONS IN THIS
- 25 ACT OR THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA PROVISIONING CENTER REGULATION ACT.
- 26 HOWEVER, A QUALIFYING PATIENT OR REGISTERED CAREGIVER SHALL NOT
- 27 TRANSFER MORE THAN 50 OUNCES OF USABLE MARIHUANA TO A MEDICAL

## 1 MARIHUANA PROVISIONING CENTER DURING A 30-DAY CALENDAR PERIOD.

- 2 6. Administering the Department's Rules.
- 3 Sec. 6. (a) The department shall issue registry identification
- 4 cards to qualifying patients who submit the following, in
- 5 accordance with the department's rules:
- 6 (1) A written certification;
- 7 (2) Application or renewal fee;
- 8 (3) Name, address, and date of birth of the qualifying
- 9 patient, except that if the applicant is homeless, no address is
- 10 required;
- 11 (4) Name, address, and telephone number of the qualifying
- 12 patient's physician;
- 13 (5) Name, address, and date of birth of the qualifying
- 14 patient's primary caregiver, if any;
- 15 (6) Proof of Michigan residency. For the purposes of this
- 16 subdivision, a person shall be considered to have proved legal
- 17 residency in this state if any of the following apply:
- 18 (i) The person provides a copy of a valid, lawfully obtained
- 19 Michigan driver license issued under the Michigan vehicle code,
- 20 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or an official state personal
- 21 identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.
- 22 (ii) The person provides a copy of a valid Michigan voter
- 23 registration.
- 24 (7) If the qualifying patient designates a primary caregiver,
- 25 a designation as to whether the qualifying patient or primary
- 26 caregiver will be allowed under state law to possess marihuana
- 27 plants for the qualifying patient's medical use.

- 1 (b) The department shall not issue a registry identification2 card to a qualifying patient who is under the age of 18 unless:
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- 3 (1) The qualifying patient's physician has explained the
- 4 potential risks and benefits of the medical use of marihuana to the
- 5 qualifying patient and to his or her parent or legal guardian;
- 6 (2) The qualifying patient's parent or legal guardian submits
- 7 a written certification from 2 physicians; and
- 8 (3) The qualifying patient's parent or legal guardian consents
- 9 in writing to:
- 10 (A) Allow the qualifying patient's medical use of marihuana;
- 11 (B) Serve as the qualifying patient's primary caregiver; and
- 12 (C) Control the acquisition of the marihuana, the dosage, and
- 13 the frequency of the medical use of marihuana by the qualifying
- 14 patient.
- 15 (c) The department shall verify the information contained in
- 16 an application or renewal submitted pursuant to this section, and
- 17 shall approve or deny an application or renewal within 15 business
- 18 days of receiving it. The department may deny an application or
- 19 renewal only if the applicant did not provide the information
- 20 required pursuant to this section, or if the department determines
- 21 that the information provided was falsified. Rejection of an
- 22 application or renewal is considered a final department action,
- 23 subject to judicial review. Jurisdiction and venue for judicial
- 24 review are vested in the circuit court for the county of Ingham.
- 25 (d) The department shall issue a registry identification card
- 26 to the primary caregiver, if any, who is named in a qualifying
- 27 patient's approved application; provided that each qualifying

- 1 patient can have no more than 1 primary caregiver, and a primary
- 2 caregiver may assist no more than 5 qualifying patients with their
- 3 medical use of marihuana.
- 4 (e) The department shall issue registry identification cards
- 5 within 5 business days of approving an application or renewal,
- 6 which shall expire 2 years after the date of issuance. Registry
- 7 identification cards shall contain all of the following:
- 8 (1) Name, address, and date of birth of the qualifying
- 9 patient.
- 10 (2) Name, address, and date of birth of the primary caregiver,
- 11 if any, of the qualifying patient.
- 12 (3) The date of issuance and expiration date of the registry
- 13 identification card.
- 14 (4) A random identification number.
- 15 (5) A photograph, if the department requires one by rule.
- 16 (6) A clear designation showing whether the primary caregiver
- 17 or the qualifying patient will be allowed under state law to
- 18 possess the marihuana plants for the qualifying patient's medical
- 19 use, which shall be determined based solely on the qualifying
- 20 patient's preference.
- (f) If a registered qualifying patient's certifying physician
- 22 notifies the department in writing that the patient has ceased to
- 23 suffer from a debilitating medical condition, the card shall become
- 24 null and void upon notification by the department to the patient.
- 25 (g) Possession of, or application for, a registry
- 26 identification card shall not constitute probable cause or
- 27 reasonable suspicion, nor shall it be used to support the search of

- 1 the person or property of the person possessing or applying for the
- 2 registry identification card, or otherwise subject the person or
- 3 property of the person to inspection by any local, county or state
- 4 governmental agency.
- 5 (h) The following confidentiality rules shall apply:
- 6 (1) Subject to subdivisions (3) and (4), applications and
- 7 supporting information submitted by qualifying patients, including
- 8 information regarding their primary caregivers and physicians, are
- 9 confidential.
- 10 (2) The department shall maintain a confidential list of the
- 11 persons to whom the department has issued registry identification
- 12 cards. Except as provided in subdivisions (3) and (4), individual
- 13 names and other identifying information on the list are
- 14 confidential and are exempt from disclosure under the freedom of
- 15 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 16 (3) The department shall verify to law enforcement personnel
- 17 whether a registry identification card is valid, without disclosing
- 18 more information than is reasonably necessary to verify the
- 19 authenticity of the registry identification card.
- 20 (4) A person, including an employee, contractor, or official
- 21 of the department or another state agency or local unit of
- 22 government, who discloses confidential information in violation of
- 23 this act is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for
- 24 not more than 6 months, or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or
- 25 both. Notwithstanding this provision, department employees may
- 26 notify law enforcement about falsified or fraudulent information
- 27 submitted to the department.

- 1 (i) The department shall submit to the legislature an annual
- 2 report that does not disclose any identifying information about
- 3 qualifying patients, primary caregivers, or physicians, but does
- 4 contain, at a minimum, all of the following information:
- 5 (1) The number of applications filed for registry
- 6 identification cards.
- 7 (2) The number of qualifying patients and primary caregivers
- 8 approved in each county.
- 9 (3) The nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the
- 10 qualifying patients.
- 11 (4) The number of registry identification cards revoked.
- 12 (5) The number of physicians providing written certifications
- 13 for qualifying patients.
- 14 (j) The department may enter into a contract with a private
- 15 contractor to assist the department in performing its duties under
- 16 this section. The contract may provide for assistance in processing
- 17 and issuing registry identification cards, but the department shall
- 18 retain the authority to make the final determination as to issuing
- 19 the registry identification card. Any contract shall include a
- 20 provision requiring the contractor to preserve the confidentiality
- 21 of information in conformity with subsection (h).
- 22 (k) Not later than 6 months after the effective date of the
- 23 amendatory act that added this subsection, the department shall
- 24 appoint a panel to review petitions to approve medical conditions
- 25 or treatments for addition to the list of debilitating medical
- 26 conditions under the administrative rules. The panel shall meet at
- 27 least twice each year and shall review and make a recommendation to

- 1 the department concerning any petitions that have been submitted
- 2 that are completed and include any documentation required by
- 3 administrative rule.
- 4 (1) A majority of the panel members shall be licensed
- 5 physicians, and the panel shall provide recommendations to the
- 6 department regarding whether the petitions should be approved or
- 7 denied.
- 8 (2) All meetings of the panel are subject to the open meetings
- 9 act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.
- (l) The Michigan medical marihuana fund is created within the
- 11 state treasury. All fees collected under this act shall be
- 12 deposited into the fund. The state treasurer may receive money or
- 13 other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state
- 14 treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state
- 15 treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund
- 16 investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year
- 17 shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.
- 18 The department of licensing and regulatory affairs shall be the
- 19 administrator of the fund for auditing purposes. The department of
- 20 licensing and regulatory affairs shall expend money from the fund,
- 21 upon appropriation, for the operation and oversight of the Michigan
- 22 medical marihuana program AND FOR THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
- 23 THE STATEWIDE DATABASE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE MEDICAL
- 24 MARIHUANA PROVISIONING CENTER REGULATION ACT.
- 7. Scope of Act.
- Sec. 7. (a) The medical use of marihuana is allowed under
- 27 state law to the extent that it is carried out in accordance with

- 1 the provisions of this act.
- 2 (b) This act shall DOES not permit any person to do any of the
- 3 following:
- 4 (1) Undertake any task under the influence of marihuana, when
- 5 doing so would constitute negligence or professional malpractice.
- 6 (2) Possess marihuana OR USABLE MARIHUANA, or otherwise engage
- 7 in the medical use of marihuana AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:
- 8 (A) in IN a school bus. ÷
- 9 (B) on ON the grounds of any preschool or primary or secondary
- 10 school. ; or
- 11 (C) in IN any correctional facility.
- 12 (3) Smoke marihuana AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:
- 13 (A) on ON any form of public transportation. ; or
- 14 (B) in—IN any public place.
- 15 (4) Operate, navigate, or be in actual physical control of any
- 16 motor vehicle, aircraft, or motorboat while under the influence of
- 17 marihuana.
- 18 (5) Use marihuana OR USABLE MARIHUANA if that person does not
- 19 have a serious or debilitating medical condition.
- (c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to require ANY OF
- 21 THE FOLLOWING:
- 22 (1) A government medical assistance program or commercial or
- 23 non-profit health insurer to reimburse a person for costs
- 24 associated with the medical use of marihuana.
- 25 (2) An employer to accommodate the ingestion of marihuana OR
- 26 USABLE MARIHUANA in any workplace or any employee working while
- 27 under the influence of marihuana OR USABLE MARIHUANA.

- 1 (d) Fraudulent representation to a law enforcement official of
- 2 any fact or circumstance relating to the medical use of marihuana
- 3 to avoid arrest or prosecution shall be IS punishable by a fine of
- 4 \$500.00, which shall be IS in addition to any other penalties that
- 5 may apply for making a false statement or for the use of marihuana
- 6 OR USABLE MARIHUANA other than use undertaken pursuant to this act.
- 7 (e) All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this
- 8 act do not apply to the medical use of marihuana as provided for by
- 9 this act.
- 10 8. Affirmative Defense and Dismissal for Medical Marihuana.
- Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in section 7(b), a patient and
- 12 a patient's primary caregiver, if any, may assert the medical
- 13 purpose for using marihuana OR USABLE MARIHUANA as a defense to any
- 14 prosecution involving marihuana OR USABLE MARIHUANA, and this
- 15 defense shall be presumed valid where the evidence shows that:
- 16 (1) A physician has stated that, in the physician's
- 17 professional opinion, after having completed a full assessment of
- 18 the patient's medical history and current medical condition made in
- 19 the course of a bona fide physician-patient relationship, the
- 20 patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from
- 21 the medical use of marihuana to treat or alleviate the patient's
- 22 serious or debilitating medical condition or symptoms of the
- 23 patient's serious or debilitating medical condition;
- 24 (2) The patient and the patient's primary caregiver, if any,
- 25 were collectively in possession of a quantity of marihuana OR
- 26 USABLE MARIHUANA that was not more than was reasonably necessary to
- 27 ensure the uninterrupted availability of marihuana OR USABLE

- 1 MARIHUANA for the purpose of treating or alleviating the patient's
- 2 serious or debilitating medical condition or symptoms of the
- 3 patient's serious or debilitating medical condition; and
- 4 (3) The patient and the patient's primary caregiver, if any,
- 5 were engaged in the acquisition, possession, cultivation,
- 6 manufacture, use, delivery, transfer, or transportation of
- 7 marihuana, USABLE MARIHUANA, or paraphernalia, relating to the use
- 8 of marihuana to treat or alleviate the patient's serious or
- 9 debilitating medical condition or symptoms of the patient's serious
- 10 or debilitating medical condition.
- 11 (b) A person may assert the medical purpose for using
- 12 marihuana OR USABLE MARIHUANA in a motion to dismiss, and the
- 13 charges shall be dismissed following an evidentiary hearing where
- 14 the person shows the elements listed in subsection (a).
- 15 (c) If a patient or a patient's primary caregiver demonstrates
- 16 the patient's medical purpose for using marihuana OR USABLE
- 17 MARIHUANA pursuant to this section, the patient and the patient's
- 18 primary caregiver shall—ARE not be—subject to ANY OF the following
- 19 for the patient's medical use of marihuana:
- 20 (1) disciplinary DISCIPLINARY action by a business or
- 21 occupational or professional licensing board or bureau. ; or
- 22 (2) forfeiture FORFEITURE of any interest in or right to
- 23 property.
- 24 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect July 1,
- **25** 2015.
- 26 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act clarifies ambiguities
- 27 in the law in accordance with the original intent of the people, as

- 1 expressed in section 2(b) of the Michigan medical marihuana act,
- 2 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26422:
- 3 "(b) Data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform
- 4 Crime Reports and the Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics show
- 5 that approximately 99 out of every 100 marihuana arrests in the
- 6 United States are made under state law, rather than under federal
- 7 law. Consequently, changing state law will have the practical
- 8 effect of protecting from arrest the vast majority of seriously ill
- 9 people who have a medical need to use marihuana.". [Emphasis
- 10 added.
- 11 This amendatory act is curative and applies retroactively as
- 12 to the following: clarifying the quantities and forms of marihuana
- 13 for which a person is protected from arrest, precluding an
- 14 interpretation of "weight" as aggregate weight, and excluding an
- 15 added inactive substrate component of a preparation in determining
- 16 the amount of marihuana, medical marihuana, or usable marihuana
- 17 that constitutes an offense.

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