
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the term "marijuana"
2 originated as a slang term to describe the genus of plants that
3 is scientifically known as cannabis. "Marijuana" has no
4 scientific basis but carries prejudicial implications rooted in
5 racial stereotypes from the early twentieth century era when
6 cannabis use was first criminalized in the United States. The
7 term "cannabis" carries no such negative connotations and is a
8 more accurate and appropriate term to describe a plant that has
9 been legalized for medicinal use in Hawaii, twenty-seven other
10 states, the District of Columbia, and the United States
11 territories of Guam and Puerto Rico.

12 The legislature further finds that all references to
13 "medical marijuana" and "medical use of marijuana" contained in
14 the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules
15 should be amended to instead refer to "medical cannabis."

16 SECTION 2. All references to "medical marijuana," "medical
17 use of marijuana," "manufactured marijuana products" and like
18 terms, as the case may be, in chapter 329D, part IX of chapter



1 329, and sections 46-4, 201-13.9, 209E-2, 235-2.4, 237-24.3,
2 304A-1865, 321-30.1, 329-43.5, 421J-16, 453-1.3, 514A-88.5,
3 514B-113, 521-39, and 846-2.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
4 amended to "medical cannabis," "medical use of cannabis,"
5 "manufactured cannabis products" or like terms, as the case may
6 be, as the context requires.

7 SECTION 3. By operation of law, title 11 of the Hawaii
8 Administrative Rules shall be construed as having been amended
9 in conformance with section 2 of this Act; provided that if and
10 when the department of health amends chapter 11-160 or chapter
11 11-850, Hawaii Administrative Rules, it shall conform the
12 wording in those chapters to section 2 of this Act at the time
13 of the amendment.

14 SECTION 4. The department of health shall revise all
15 documents, letterhead, websites, and other necessary items to
16 conform with section 2 of this Act as the documents, letterhead,
17 websites, and other necessary items otherwise require revision,
18 replacement, or reprinting; provided that all conforming
19 revisions shall be completed by December 31, 2019.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Medical Marijuana; Medical Cannabis; Change of Terminology

Description:

Amends Hawaii Revised Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules to substitute references to "medical marijuana" and like terms with "medical cannabis" and like terms. Requires the Department of Health to make all conforming revisions to Administrative Rules upon their next amendment and to other documents and items by December 31, 2019. (CD1)

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