

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 437 adds 100% disabled veterans to the list of persons who qualify for the \$20.00 medical marijuana patient license. The measure prohibits 2 recommending physicians from being located at the same physical address and requires 1 of the physicians recommending the use of medical marijuana for a minor to have provided routine care to the minor for not less than 1 year or not less than 5 years if the minor patient has only been seen by the physician through telemedicine. The measure also requires the Executive Director to consult with appropriate medical licensure boards or organizations representing healthcare providers that oversee the care of pediatric patients to specify qualifying medical conditions for a medical marijuana patient under 18 years of age.

The measure establishes a temporary medical marijuana transporter license for qualified dispensaries as well as a temporary medical marijuana business license. Persons or entities seeking a business license must first obtain a temporary license. The measure establishes a nonrefundable fee of \$1,000.00 for the license and a recurring \$1,000.00 fee every 90 days. Currently licensed businesses shall be required to submit business-formation documents, financial information, and insurance information pertaining to the operations of the medical marijuana business to the Authority.

The Authority is directed to establish a registry of recommending physicians. Beginning January 1, 2025, to be eligible to provide a medical marijuana recommendation to a licensed patient, a physician shall be registered with the Authority. To qualify, a physician registering with the Authority must comply with the medical education and continuing medical education requirements outlined in the measure.

CCR Changes

The Conference Committee Report for SB 437 completely replaces engrossed language with the language described above.

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