



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 3

HOUSE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

*Introduced by: **Senators** Tobin, Reed, and Schoenfish and **Representatives** Deutsch, Healy, and Rehfeldt at the request of the Study Committee on Juvenile Justice*

1 **An Act to prohibit the issuance of a written certification to a pregnant woman or**
2 **breastfeeding mother for purposes of medical cannabis use.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 34-20G-1 be AMENDED:**

5 **34-20G-1.** Terms used in this chapter mean:

6 (1) "Allowable amount of cannabis,":

7 (a) Three ounces of cannabis or less;

8 (b) The quantity of cannabis products as established by rules promulgated by
9 the department under § 34-20G-72;

10 (c) If the cardholder has a registry identification card allowing cultivation, two
11 flowering cannabis plants and two cannabis plants that are not flowering;
12 and

13 (d) If the cardholder has a registry identification card allowing cultivation, the
14 amount of cannabis and cannabis products that were produced from the
15 cardholder's allowable plants, if the cannabis and cannabis products are
16 possessed at the same property where the plants were cultivated;

17 (2) "Bona fide practitioner-patient relationship," a treatment or consulting relationship
18 between a practitioner and patient, during which:

19 (a) The practitioner completes, at the initial visit, an assessment of the patient's
20 medical history and current medical condition, including an appropriate in-
21 person physical examination;

22 (b) The patient is under the practitioner's care for the debilitating medical
23 condition that qualifies the patient for the medical use of cannabis or has
24 been referred by the practitioner caring for the patient's debilitating medical
25 condition that qualifies the patient for the medical use of cannabis to
26 another practitioner;

- 1 (c) The patient has a reasonable expectation that the practitioner providing the
2 written certification will continue to provide follow-up care to the patient to
3 monitor the medical use of cannabis; and
- 4 (d) The relationship is not for the sole purpose of providing a written
5 certification for the medical use of cannabis unless the patient has been
6 referred by a practitioner providing care for the debilitating medical
7 condition that qualifies the patient for the medical use of cannabis;
- 8 (3) "Cannabis products," any concentrated cannabis, cannabis extracts, and products
9 that are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof, and are intended for use or
10 consumption by humans. The term includes edible cannabis products, beverages,
11 topical products, ointments, oils, and tinctures;
- 12 (4) "Cannabis product manufacturing facility," an entity registered with the
13 department pursuant to this chapter that acquires, possesses, manufactures,
14 delivers, transfers, transports, supplies, or sells cannabis products to a medical
15 cannabis dispensary;
- 16 (5) "Cannabis testing facility" or "testing facility," an independent entity registered
17 with the department pursuant to this chapter to analyze the safety and potency of
18 cannabis;
- 19 (6) "Cardholder," a qualifying patient or a designated caregiver who has been issued
20 and possesses a valid registry identification card;
- 21 (7) "Cultivation facility," an entity registered with the department pursuant to this
22 chapter that acquires, possesses, cultivates, delivers, transfers, transports,
23 supplies, or sells cannabis and related supplies to a medical cannabis
24 establishment;
- 25 (8) "Debilitating medical condition,":
- 26 (a) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that
27 produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome;
28 severe, debilitating pain; severe nausea, except nausea associated with
29 pregnancy; seizures; or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including
30 those characteristic of multiple sclerosis; or
- 31 (b) Any other medical condition or its treatment added by the department, as
32 provided for in § 34-20G-26;
- 33 (9) "Department," the Department of Health;
- 34 (10) "Designated caregiver," an individual who:
- 35 (a) Is at least twenty-one years of age;

- 1 (b) Has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis;
- 2 (c) Has not been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense; and
- 3 (d) Assists no more than five qualifying patients with the medical use of
- 4 cannabis, unless the designated caregiver's qualifying patients each reside
- 5 in or are admitted to a health care facility, as defined in § 34-12-1.1, an
- 6 accredited prevention or treatment facility, as defined in § 34-20A-2, a
- 7 mental health center, as defined in § 27A-1-1, a child welfare agency, as
- 8 defined in § 26-6-1, or a community support provider or community
- 9 services provider, as defined in § 27B-1-17, where the designated caregiver
- 10 is employed;
- 11 (11) "Disqualifying felony offense," a violent crime that was classified as a felony in the
- 12 jurisdiction where the person was convicted;
- 13 (12) "Edible cannabis products," any product that:
- 14 (a) Contains or is infused with cannabis or an extract thereof;
- 15 (b) Is intended for human consumption by oral ingestion; and
- 16 (c) Is presented in the form of foodstuffs, beverages, extracts, oils, tinctures,
- 17 or other similar products;
- 18 (13) "Enclosed, locked facility," any closet, room, greenhouse, building, or other
- 19 enclosed area that is equipped with locks or other security devices that permit
- 20 access only by a cardholder or a person allowed to cultivate the plants. Two or
- 21 more cardholders who reside in the same dwelling may share one enclosed, locked
- 22 facility for cultivation;
- 23 (14) "Flowering cannabis plant," the reproductive state of the cannabis plant in which
- 24 the plant shows physical signs of flower budding out of the nodes of the stem;
- 25 (15) "Medical cannabis" or "cannabis," marijuana as defined in § 22-42-1;
- 26 (16) "Medical cannabis dispensary" or "dispensary," an entity registered with the
- 27 department pursuant to this chapter that acquires, possesses, stores, delivers,
- 28 transfers, transports, sells, supplies, or dispenses cannabis, cannabis products,
- 29 paraphernalia, or related supplies and educational materials to cardholders;
- 30 (17) "Medical cannabis establishment," a cultivation facility, a cannabis testing facility,
- 31 a cannabis product manufacturing facility, or a dispensary;
- 32 (18) "Medical cannabis establishment agent," an owner, officer, board member,
- 33 employee, or volunteer at a medical cannabis establishment;
- 34 (19) "Medical use," includes the acquisition, administration, cultivation, manufacture,
- 35 delivery, harvest, possession, preparation, transfer, transportation, or use of

- 1 cannabis or paraphernalia relating to the administration of cannabis to treat or
2 alleviate a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptom
3 associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition. The term does not
4 include:
- 5 (a) The cultivation of cannabis by a nonresident cardholder;
 - 6 (b) The cultivation of cannabis by a cardholder who is not designated as being
7 allowed to cultivate on the cardholder's registry identification card; or
 - 8 (c) The extraction of resin from cannabis by solvent extraction unless the
9 extraction is done by a cannabis product manufacturing facility;
- 10 (20) "Nonresident cardholder," a person who:
- 11 (a) Has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition, or is the parent,
12 guardian, conservator, or other person with authority to consent to the
13 medical treatment of a person who has been diagnosed with a debilitating
14 medical condition;
 - 15 (b) Is not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this state for
16 fewer than forty-five days;
 - 17 (c) Was issued a currently valid registry identification card or its equivalent by
18 another state, district, territory, commonwealth, insular possession of the
19 United States, or country recognized by the United States that allows the
20 person to use cannabis for medical purposes in the jurisdiction of issuance;
21 and
 - 22 (d) Has submitted any documentation required by the department, and has
23 received confirmation of registration;
- 24 (21) "Practitioner," a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered
25 nurse, who is licensed with authority to prescribe drugs to humans. In relation to
26 a nonresident cardholder, the term means a person who is licensed with authority
27 to prescribe drugs to humans in the state of the patient's residence;
- 28 (22) "Qualifying patient," a person who has been diagnosed by a practitioner as having
29 a debilitating medical condition;
- 30 (23) "Registry identification card," a document issued by the department that identifies
31 a person as a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver, or
32 documentation that is deemed a registry identification card pursuant to §§ 34-20G-
33 29 to 34-20G-42, inclusive;
- 34 (24) "Safety-sensitive job," any position with tasks or duties that an employer
35 reasonably believes could:

- 1 (a) Cause the illness, injury, or death of an individual; or
2 (b) Result in serious property damage;
- 3 (25) "Under the influence of cannabis," any abnormal mental or physical condition that
4 tends to deprive a person of clearness of intellect and control that the person would
5 otherwise possess, as the result of consuming any degree of cannabis or cannabis
6 products; and
- 7 (26) "Written certification," a document dated and signed by a practitioner:
- 8 (a) Stating that the patient has a qualifying debilitating medical condition or
9 symptom associated with the debilitating medical condition;
- 10 (b) Affirming that the document is made in the course of a bona fide
11 practitioner-patient relationship;
- 12 (c) Specifying the qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition; and
13 (d) Specifying the expiration date of the qualifying patient's written
14 certification, pursuant to § 34-20G-43.

15 **Section 2. That chapter 34-20G be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

16 Nothing in this chapter authorizes a practitioner to provide a written certification
17 to a patient who is pregnant or breastfeeding.