

1 H.207

2 Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Carr of Brandon, and

3 Troiano of Stannard

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Health; therapeutic use of cannabis; post-traumatic stress disorder

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow people
8 who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder to use marijuana for therapeutic
9 purposes to relieve symptoms of the disorder and to allow a psychologist to
10 sign the medical verification form for a registry applicant.

11 An act relating to therapeutic use of marijuana for relieving symptoms of
12 post-traumatic stress disorder

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4472 is amended to read:

15 § 4472. DEFINITIONS

16 As used in this subchapter:

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18 (4) "Debilitating medical condition," provided that, in the context of the
19 specific disease or condition described in subdivision (A) or (B) of this

1 subdivision (4), reasonable medical efforts have been made over a reasonable
2 amount of time to relieve the symptoms, means:

3 (A) cancer, multiple sclerosis, positive status for human
4 immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, glaucoma,
5 post-traumatic stress disorder, or the treatment of these conditions, if the
6 disease or the treatment results in severe, persistent, and intractable
7 symptoms; or

8 (B) a disease, medical condition, or its treatment that is chronic,
9 debilitating, and produces one or more of the following intractable symptoms:
10 cachexia or wasting syndrome; chronic pain; severe nausea; or seizures.

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12 (6)(A) “Health care professional” means an individual licensed to
13 practice medicine under 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33, an individual licensed as a
14 naturopathic physician under 26 V.S.A. chapter 81, an individual certified as a
15 physician assistant under 26 V.S.A. chapter 31, or an individual licensed as an
16 advanced practice registered nurse under 26 V.S.A. chapter 28. For the
17 purposes of diagnosing post-traumatic stress disorder, “health care
18 professional” shall include a psychologist as defined in 26 V.S.A. chapter 55.

