

1 S.269

2 Introduced by Senator Carris

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Regulated drugs; marijuana; taxation; study

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to create a study committee to
7 investigate the legalization of growing limited amounts of marijuana for sale
8 within the state and subjecting the sales of marijuana to the state's sales and
9 use tax.

10 An act relating to studying the legalization and taxation of marijuana sales
11 and use

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

13 Sec. 1. MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION AND TAXATION STUDY

14 COMMITTEE

15 (a) There is created a committee to explore the legalization and taxation of
16 marijuana in Vermont.

17 (b) The committee shall be made up of the following persons:

18 (1) The commissioner of taxes or his or her designee;

19 (2) The commissioner of health or his or her designee;

20 (3) The commissioner of liquor control or his or her designee;

1 (4) The secretary of the agency of agriculture, food and markets or his
2 or her designee;

3 (5) A member of the house committee on ways and means, appointed by
4 the speaker of the house;

5 (6) A member of the house committee on government operations,
6 appointed by the speaker of the house;

7 (7) a member of the senate committee on finance, appointed by the
8 committee on committees; and

9 (8) a member of the senate committee on government operations,
10 appointed by the committee on committees.

11 (c) The committee shall appoint a chair and vice chair from among its
12 members.

13 (d) The commissioner of taxes shall call the first meeting of the committee
14 on or before July 15, 2010.

15 (e) The committee shall make a recommendation to the general assembly
16 on the advisability and feasibility of implementing a plan to legalize and tax
17 the production, sale, and use of marijuana, and, if the committee recommends
18 to go ahead with such plan, the committee shall create draft legislation under
19 which the state would carry out the plan. The committee shall report to the
20 general assembly with its recommendation by January 15, 2011.

1 (f) In any draft legislation the committee presents, the committee shall
2 provide specific recommendations with respect to the following:

3 (1) Age requirements for the possession and use of marijuana.

4 (2) Penalties for the sale to or possession by minors.

5 (3) Regulation of the cultivation, wholesale distribution, and retail sale
6 of marijuana.

7 (4) Licensure requirements for growers, wholesalers, and retailers.

8 (5) Fees for permits.

9 (6) Bonding of trustees.

10 (7) Punishment for violations of the rules adopted pursuant to this act.

11 (g) Nonlegislative members of the commission shall be entitled to
12 compensation as provided under 32 V.S.A. § 1010. Legislative members of
13 the commission shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and
14 reimbursement of necessary expenses for attendance at a meeting when the
15 general assembly is not in session as provided to members of standing
16 committees under 2 V.S.A. § 406.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect upon passage.