A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that thirty-three states,
plus the District of Columbia, allow medical cannabis for its
residents. Ten states, plus the District of Columbia, have also
legalized cannabis for recreational use.

5 The legislature further finds that Hawaii's medical 6 cannabis law was passed in 2000, followed by the approval of medical cannabis dispensaries by the legislature in 2015, and 7 8 the first operations of in-state dispensaries commencing in 9 2017. As Hawaii expands its medical cannabis program through 10 the use of these highly regulated and monitored dispensaries, 11 more patients are expected to consider medical cannabis as a 12 viable treatment, knowing that the medicine will be regulated 13 and tested.

14 The purpose of this Act is to expand the debilitating 15 medical conditions for which medical cannabis may be certified 16 for use to include generalized anxiety disorder and socialized 17 anxiety disorder.



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1	SECT	ION 2. Section 329-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended b	y amending the definition of "debilitating medical
3	condition" to read as follows:	
4	" "De	bilitating medical condition" means:
5	(1)	Cancer, glaucoma, lupus, epilepsy; multiple sclerosis,
6		rheumatoid arthritis, positive status for human
7		immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency
8		syndrome, or the treatment of these conditions;
9	(2)	A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition
10		or its treatment that produces one or more of the
11		following:
12		(A) Cachexia or wasting syndrome;
13		(B) Severe pain;
14		(C) Severe nausea;
15		(D) Seizures, including those characteristic of
16		epilepsy;
17		(E) Severe and persistent muscle spasms, including
18		those characteristic of multiple sclerosis or
19		Crohn's disease; [or]
20		(F) Post-traumatic stress disorder; [or]
21		(G) Generalized anxiety disorder; or

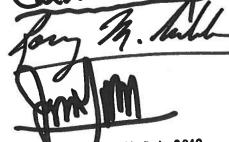


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1 Socialized anxiety disorder; or (H) 2 (3) Any other medical condition approved by the department 3 of health pursuant to administrative rules in response to a request from a physician or advanced practice 4 registered nurse or potentially qualifying patient." 5 6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 9

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Report Title: Medical Cannabis; Debilitating Medical Condition

Description:

Includes generalized anxiety disorder and socialized anxiety disorder as a debilitating medical condition for which medical cannabis may be certified for use.

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