

Subject Medical cannabis program

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Overview

This bill modifies provisions governing the medical cannabis program. It allows patients to administer medical cannabis by vaporizing raw cannabis (dried leaves, flower, or plant form); makes any patient with cancer or a terminal illness eligible to participate in the program; and allows medical cannabis manufacturers to deliver medical cannabis to patients and to operate mobile distribution units.

Summary

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1	Delivery vehicle.
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Adds subd. 2a to § 152.22. Defines delivery vehicle for the medical cannabis program, as a motor vehicle that: (1) is designed and manufactured to operate on streets and highways; and (2) contains an enclosed cabin and an enclosed cargo-carrying area.

2	Medical cannabis.
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Amends § 152.22, subd. 6. Amends the definition of medical cannabis for the medical cannabis program, to allow patients to administer medical cannabis by vaporizing raw cannabis. (Under current law raw cannabis—the dried leaves, flower, or plant form—is not an allowable form of medical cannabis; and a patient is only authorized to vaporize medical cannabis using liquid or oil.)

3	Mobile distribution unit.
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Adds subd. 8a to § 152.22. Defines mobile distribution unit for the medical cannabis program, as a motor vehicle that: (1) is designed and manufactured to operate on streets and highways; (2) contains an enclosed cabin and enclosed cargo-carrying area; (3) is readily movable between locations; and (4) is used by a medical cannabis manufacturer to distribute medical cannabis and medical cannabis products.

4	Qualifying medical condition.
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Amends § 152.22, subd. 14. Only patients with a qualifying medical condition may enroll in the medical cannabis program. This section modifies the definition of

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qualifying medical condition to allow any patient with cancer or a terminal illness with a probable life expectancy of under one year to enroll in the program. (Under current law a patient with cancer or a terminal illness may enroll in the program only if the cancer, terminal illness, or treatment causes severe or chronic pain, nausea or severe vomiting, or cachexia or severe wasting.)

5 Transportation of medical cannabis; staffing.

Amends § 152.29, subd. 3a. Allows a manufacturer to staff a motor vehicle with one employee if the manufacturer is delivering medical cannabis to patients, registered designated caregivers, and other caregivers.

6 Manufacturer; mobile distribution units.

Adds § 152.292. Authorizes medical cannabis manufacturers to operate mobile distribution units in the geographic service areas served by the manufacturer.

Subd. 1. Operation of mobile distribution units authorized. Allows manufacturers to operate mobile distribution units in the geographic service areas served by the manufacturer, in which the manufacturer drives a mobile distribution unit to a specific location according to a predetermined schedule and distributes medical cannabis to patients, registered designated caregivers, and other caregivers.

Subd. 2. Locations for operation. Before a mobile distribution unit begins operations at a location, requires the manufacturer to obtain permission from the location's owner. Prohibits a mobile distribution unit from operating within 1,000 feet of a school.

Subd. 3. Staffing. Requires a mobile distribution unit to be staffed with at least two employees, at least one of whom must be a pharmacist.

Subd. 4. Notice of schedule. Specifies how a manufacturer may provide notice of the schedule of its mobile distribution unit.

Subd. 5. Deviation from schedule. Prohibits a mobile distribution unit from deviating from its schedule except as necessary for rest, fuel, or vehicle repairs, or due to road conditions.

Subd. 6. Security requirements. Prohibits a mobile distribution unit from carrying medical cannabis and medical cannabis products above a certain value, and requires a manufacturer to establish security requirements to deter or prevent theft or unauthorized access.

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7	<p data-bbox="318 264 781 296">Manufacturer; delivery to patients.</p> <p data-bbox="318 310 1425 422">Adds § 152.294. Allows manufacturers to deliver medical cannabis and medical cannabis products from the manufacturer’s distribution facility to patients, registered designated caregivers, and other caregivers.</p> <p data-bbox="367 457 1390 569">Subd. 1. Delivery of medical cannabis authorized. Allows a manufacturer to deliver medical cannabis and medical cannabis products to patients, registered designated caregivers, and other caregivers.</p> <p data-bbox="367 604 1390 716">Subd. 2. Delivery request. Allows a patient, registered designated caregiver, or other caregiver to request delivery of up to a 90-day supply of the patient’s medical cannabis.</p> <p data-bbox="367 751 1417 1094">Subd. 3. Delivery requirements. Requires all deliveries to be made in person and directly to a patient, registered designated caregiver, or other caregiver. When a delivery employee arrives at an address, requires the employee to check the identification of the person accepting delivery and confirm that the person is a patient, registered designated caregiver, or other caregiver. Also requires issuance of a receipt and use of a delivery ledger, and requires undelivered medical cannabis and medical cannabis products to be returned to the distribution facility’s inventory when the employee returns to the distribution facility.</p> <p data-bbox="367 1129 1422 1325">Subd. 4. Deviation from schedule. Requires a delivery employee to only travel from the distribution facility to a delivery address; between delivery addresses; and from a delivery address back to the distribution facility. Allows deviations from the delivery path only if necessary for rest, fuel, or vehicle repairs, or due to road conditions.</p> <p data-bbox="367 1360 1417 1556">Subd. 5. Delivery limitations; security requirements. Requires deliveries only to specific physical addresses, and prohibits deliveries to schools or child care programs. Requires manufacturers to establish security requirements to deter or prevent theft, and prohibits a delivery vehicle from carrying medical cannabis and medical cannabis products above a certain value.</p> <p data-bbox="367 1591 1344 1654">Subd. 6. Staffing. Allows a manufacturer to staff a delivery vehicle with one employee.</p>



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