

PUBLIC ACTS, 1981 SESSION

NO. 49. AN ACT TO ADD 18 V.S.A. CHAPTER 86 RELATING TO THE THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS.

(H.130)

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. chapter 86 is added to read:

CHAPTER 86. THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS

§ 4471. CANNABIS THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT; PARTICIPATION

(a) There is established in the department of health the cannabis therapeutic research program. The program shall be administered by the commissioner of health who shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enable physicians entitled to prescribe regulated drugs under chapter 84 of this title to prescribe cannabis. In promulgating such rules and regulations, the department shall take into consideration those pertinent rules and regulations promulgated by the federal drug enforcement agency, the federal food and drug administration, and the national institute on drug abuse.

(b) The program shall be used only for treating cancer patients and for such other medical uses as are prescribed by the commissioner by rule.

(c) The commissioner of health shall have the authority to obtain and shall be the sole distributor for Vermont physicians of cannabis administered under this program. Distribution directly to a patient may take place only pursuant to the instructions of a physician.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect from passage.

Approved: April 27, 1981