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4 * Section 1. AS 11.71 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

5 **Sec. 11.71.090. Affirmative defense to a prosecution under AS 11.71.030 -**

6 **11.71.060; medical use of marijuana.** (a) In a prosecution under AS 11.71.030 -

7 11.71.060 charging the manufacture, delivery, possession, possession with intent to

8 manufacture or deliver, use, or display of a schedule VIA controlled substance, it is

9 an affirmative defense that the defendant is a patient, or the primary caregiver or

10 alternate caregiver for a patient, and

11 (1) at the time of the manufacture, delivery, possession, possession

12 with intent to manufacture or deliver, use, or display, the patient was registered under

13 AS 17.37;

14 (2) the manufacture, delivery, possession, possession with intent to

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1 manufacture, deliver, use, or display complied with the requirements of AS 17.37; and

2 (3) if the defendant is the

3 (A) primary caregiver of the patient, the defendant was in
4 physical possession of the caregiver registry identification card at the time of
5 the manufacture, delivery, possession, possession with intent to manufacture or
6 deliver, use, or display; or

7 (B) alternate caregiver of the patient, the defendant was in
8 physical possession of the caregiver registry identification card at the time of
9 the manufacture, delivery, possession, possession with intent to manufacture or
10 deliver, use, or display.

11 (b) In this section,

12 (1) "alternate caregiver" has the meaning given in AS 17.37.070;

13 (2) "patient" has the meaning given in AS 17.37.070;

14 (3) "primary caregiver" has the meaning given in AS 17.37.070.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 11.71.190(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) Marijuana is a schedule VIA controlled substance [EXCEPT FOR
17 MARIJUANA POSSESSED FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES UNDER AS 17.37].

18 * Sec. 3. AS 17.37.010 is amended to read:

19 **Sec. 17.37.010. Registry of patients and listing of caregivers [PATIENTS].**

20 (a) The department shall create and maintain a confidential registry of patients who
21 have applied for and are entitled to receive a registry identification card according to
22 the criteria set out [FORTH] in this chapter. **The registry must also contain the**
23 **name of the primary caregiver and the name of the alternate caregiver of a**
24 **patient, if either is designated by the patient. Only one primary caregiver and**
25 **one alternate caregiver may be listed in the registry for a patient. The registry**
26 **and the information contained within it are not a public record under**
27 **AS 09.25.100 - 09.25.220. Peace officers and** authorized employees of state or
28 **municipal** [LOCAL] law enforcement agencies shall be granted access to the
29 information contained within the department's confidential registry only

30 (1) for the purpose of verifying that an individual who [THAT] has
31 presented a registry identification card to a state or **municipal** [LOCAL] law

1 enforcement official is lawfully in possession of such card; or

2 (2) for the purpose of determining that an individual who claims
3 to be lawfully engaged in the medical use of marijuana is registered or listed with
4 the department or is considered to be registered or listed under (g) of this section.

5 (b) Except as provided in (a) of this section, a [NO] person, other than
6 authorized employees of the department in the course of their official duties, may
7 not [SHALL] be permitted to gain access to names of patients, physicians, primary or
8 alternate caregivers, [CARE-GIVERS] or any information related to such persons
9 maintained in connection with the department's confidential registry [, EXCEPT FOR
10 AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COURSE OF
11 THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AND AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES OF STATE OR
12 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHO HAVE STOPPED OR
13 ARRESTED A PERSON WHO CLAIMS TO BE ENGAGED IN THE MEDICAL
14 USE OF MARIJUANA AND IN THE POSSESSION OF A REGISTRY
15 IDENTIFICATION CARD OR ITS FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT PURSUANT TO
16 (e) OF THIS SECTION].

17 (c) In order to be placed on the state's confidential registry for the medical use
18 [USES] of marijuana, an adult [A] patient or a parent or guardian of a minor
19 patient shall provide to the department

20 (1) a statement signed by the patient's physician

21 (A) stating that the physician personally examined the
22 patient and that the examination took place in the context of a bona fide
23 physician-patient relationship and setting out the date the examination
24 occurred;

25 (B) [THE ORIGINAL OR A COPY OF WRITTEN
26 DOCUMENTATION] stating that the patient has been diagnosed with a
27 debilitating medical condition; and

28 (C) stating that the physician has considered other approved
29 medications and treatments that might provide relief; [AND THE
30 PHYSICIAN'S CONCLUSION] that are reasonably available to the patient,
31 and that can be tolerated by the patient, and that the physician has

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1 concluded that the patient might benefit from the medical use of marijuana;

2 (2) a sworn application on a form provided by the department
3 containing the following information:

4 (A) the name, address, date of birth, and Alaska driver's
5 license or identification card [SOCIAL SECURITY] number of the patient;

6 (B) [(3)] the name, address, and telephone number of the
7 patient's physician; and

8 (C) [(4)] the name, [AND] address, date of birth, and Alaska
9 driver's license or identification card number of the patient's primary
10 caregiver and alternate caregiver [CARE-GIVER,] if either [ONE] is
11 designated at the time of application, along with the statements required
12 under (d) of this section; and

13 (3) if the patient is a minor, a statement by the minor's parent or
14 guardian that the patient's physician has explained the possible risks and benefits
15 of medical use of marijuana and that the parent or guardian consents to serve as
16 the primary caregiver for the patient and to control the acquisition, possession,
17 dosage, and frequency of use of marijuana by the patient.

18 (d) A person may be listed under this section as the primary caregiver or
19 alternate caregiver for a patient if the person submits a sworn statement on a
20 form provided by the department that the person

21 (1) is at least 21 years of age;

22 (2) has never been convicted of a felony offense under AS 11.71 or
23 AS 11.73 or a law or ordinance of another jurisdiction with elements similar to
24 an offense under AS 11.71 or AS 11.73; and

25 (3) is not currently on probation or parole from this or another
26 jurisdiction.

27 (e) A person may be a primary caregiver or alternate caregiver for only
28 one patient at a time unless the primary caregiver or alternate caregiver is
29 simultaneously caring for two or more patients who are related to the caregiver
30 by at least the fourth degree of kinship by blood or marriage.

31 (f) The department shall review the application and [VERIFY] all

1 information submitted under (c) and (d) of this section within 30 days of receiving it.
2 The department shall notify the patient [APPLICANT] that the patient's [HIS OR
3 HER] application for a registry identification card has been denied if the department's
4 [ITS] review of the information that [WHICH] the patient has provided discloses that
5 the information required under [PURSUANT TO] (c) of this section has not been
6 provided or has been falsified or that the patient is not otherwise qualified to be
7 registered. If the department determines that the primary caregiver or alternate
8 caregiver is not qualified under this section to be a primary caregiver or alternate
9 caregiver, or if the information required under this section has not been provided
10 or has been falsified, the department shall notify the patient of that determination
11 and shall proceed to review the patient's application as if a primary caregiver or
12 alternate caregiver was not designated. The patient may amend the application
13 and designate a new primary caregiver or alternate caregiver at any time. The
14 department may not list a newly designated primary caregiver or alternate
15 caregiver until it determines that the newly designated primary caregiver or
16 alternate caregiver is qualified under this section and that the information
17 required under this section has been provided. Otherwise, not more than five days
18 after verifying the [SUCH] information, the department shall issue a [SERIALLY
19 NUMBERED] registry identification card to the patient, and, if a primary caregiver
20 for a patient has been listed in the registry, the department shall issue to the
21 patient a duplicate of the patient's card clearly identified as the caregiver registry
22 identification card, stating

23 (1) the patient's name, address, date of birth, and Alaska driver's
24 license or identification card [SOCIAL SECURITY] number;

25 (2) that the patient is registered with the department [PATIENT'S
26 NAME HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO THE STATE HEALTH AGENCY] as a person
27 who has a debilitating medical condition that [WHICH] the patient may address with
28 the medical use of marijuana;

29 (3) the dates of issuance and expiration of the registry identification
30 card; and

31 (4) the name, [AND] address, date of birth, and Alaska driver's

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1 license or identification card number of the patient's primary caregiver and
2 alternate caregiver [CARE-GIVER], if either [ANY] is designated [AT THE TIME
3 OF APPLICATION].

4 (g) [(e)] If the department fails to deny the application and issue a registry
5 identification card within 35 days of receipt of an application, the patient's application
6 for the [SUCH] card is considered [WILL BE DEEMED] to have been approved.
7 Receipt of an application shall be considered [DEEMED] to have occurred upon
8 delivery to the department [OR DEPOSIT IN THE UNITED STATES MAIL].
9 Notwithstanding this subsection, an [THE FOREGOING, NO] application may not
10 [SHALL] be considered to have been [DEEMED] received before [PRIOR TO]
11 June 1, 1999. If the department subsequently registers a patient or lists a primary
12 caregiver or alternate caregiver, if either is designated, or denies the application
13 or listing, that registration or listing or denial revokes the approval that is
14 considered to have occurred under this subsection.

15 (h) A patient or a primary caregiver who is questioned by a [ANY] state or
16 municipal [LOCAL] law enforcement official about the patient's or primary
17 caregiver's [HIS OR HER] medical use of marijuana shall immediately show proper
18 identification to the official and inform the official that the person is a registered
19 patient or listed primary caregiver for a registered patient and either show the
20 official (1) the person's registry identification card, or (2) [PROVIDE] a copy of
21 an application that has been pending without registration or denial for over 35
22 days since received by [THE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED TO] the
23 department and proof of the date of [MAILING OR OTHER TRANSMISSION OF
24 THE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION FOR] delivery to the department, which shall
25 be accorded the same legal effect as a registry identification card [,] until the patient
26 receives actual notice that the application has been denied.

27 (i) A [NO] person may not [SHALL] apply for a registry identification card
28 more than once every six months.

29 (j) [(f)] The denial or revocation of a registry identification card or the
30 removal of a patient from the registry or the listing of a caregiver shall be
31 considered a final agency action subject to judicial review. Only the patient, or the

1 parent or guardian of a patient who is a minor, has [WHOSE APPLICATION HAS
2 BEEN DENIED SHALL HAVE] standing to contest the final agency action.

3 (k) [(g)] When there has been a change in the name, address, or physician [,
4 OR PRIMARY CARE-GIVER] of a patient who has qualified for a registry
5 identification card, or a change in the name or address of the patient's primary
6 caregiver or alternate caregiver, that patient must notify the department [STATE
7 HEALTH AGENCY] of the [ANY SUCH] change within 10 days. To maintain an
8 effective registry identification card, a patient must annually resubmit updated written
9 documentation, including a statement signed by the patient's physician containing
10 the information required to be submitted under (c)(1) of this section, to the
11 department [STATE HEALTH AGENCY], as well as the name and address of the
12 patient's primary caregiver or alternate caregiver [CARE-GIVER], if any.

13 (l) [(h)] A patient who no longer has a debilitating medical condition and the
14 patient's primary caregiver, if any, shall return all [HIS OR HER] registry
15 identification cards [CARD] to the department within 24 hours of receiving the
16 [SUCH] diagnosis by the patient's [HIS OR HER] physician.

17 (m) A copy of a registry identification card is not valid. A registry
18 identification card is not valid if the card has been altered, mutilated in a way
19 that impairs its legibility, or laminated.

20 (n) The department may revoke a patient's registration if the department
21 determines that the patient has violated a provision of this chapter or AS 11.71.

22 (o) The department may remove a primary caregiver or alternate
23 caregiver from the registry if the department determines that the primary
24 caregiver or alternate caregiver is not qualified to be listed or has violated a
25 provision of this chapter or AS 11.71.

26 (p) [(i)] The department may determine and levy reasonable fees to pay for
27 any administrative costs associated with its [THEIR] role in administering this
28 chapter [THIS PROGRAM].

29 (q) A primary caregiver may only act as the primary caregiver for the
30 patient when the primary caregiver is in physical possession of the caregiver
31 registry identification card. An alternate caregiver may only act as the primary

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1 caregiver for the patient when the alternate caregiver is in physical possession of
2 the caregiver registry identification card.

3 (r) The department may not register a patient under this section unless
4 the statement of the patient's physician discloses that the patient was personally
5 examined by the physician within the 16-month period immediately preceding the
6 patient's application. The department shall cancel, suspend, revoke, or not renew
7 the registration of a patient whose annual resubmission of updated written
8 documentation to the department under (k) of this section does not disclose that
9 the patient was personally examined by the patient's physician within the 16-
10 month period immediately preceding the date by which the patient is required to
11 annually resubmit written documentation.

12 * Sec. 4. AS 17.37.030 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 17.37.030. Privileged medical use of marijuana. (a) A patient,
14 primary caregiver, or alternate caregiver registered with the department under
15 this chapter has an affirmative defense to a criminal prosecution related to
16 marijuana to the extent provided in AS 11.71.090 [EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE
17 PROVIDED IN AS 17.37.040, NO PATIENT OR PRIMARY CARE-GIVER MAY
18 BE FOUND GUILTY OF, OR PENALIZED IN ANY MANNER FOR, A
19 VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF LAW RELATED TO THE MEDICAL USE
20 OF MARIJUANA, WHERE IT IS PROVED BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE
21 EVIDENCE THAT

22 (1) THE PATIENT WAS DIAGNOSED BY A PHYSICIAN
23 AS HAVING A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION;

24 (2) THE PATIENT WAS ADVISED BY HIS OR HER PHYSICIAN,
25 IN THE CONTEXT OF A BONA FIDE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP,
26 THAT THE PATIENT MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THE MEDICAL USE OF
27 MARIJUANA IN CONNECTION WITH A DEBILITATING MEDICAL
28 CONDITION; AND

29 (3) THE PATIENT AND HIS OR HER PRIMARY CARE-GIVER
30 WERE COLLECTIVELY IN POSSESSION OF AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA ONLY
31 AS PERMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION].

1 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, a person is not [IN AS 17.37.040,
2 NO PATIENT OR PRIMARY CARE-GIVER IN LAWFUL POSSESSION OF A
3 REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL BE] subject to arrest, prosecution, or
4 penalty in any manner for [MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA OR FOR] applying to
5 have the person's [HIS OR HER] name placed on the confidential registry
6 [REGISTER] maintained by the department under AS 17.37.010.

7 (c) A [NO] physician is not [SHALL BE] subject to any penalty, including
8 arrest, prosecution, or disciplinary proceeding, or denial of [BE DENIED] any right
9 or privilege, for

10 (1) advising a patient whom the physician has diagnosed as having a
11 debilitating medical condition [,] about the risks and benefits of medical use of
12 marijuana or that the patient [HE OR SHE] might benefit from the medical use of
13 marijuana, provided that the [SUCH] advice is based upon the physician's
14 contemporaneous assessment in the context of a bona fide physician-patient
15 relationship of

16 (A) the patient's medical history and current medical condition;

17 and

18 (B) other approved medications and treatments that might
19 provide relief and that are reasonably available to the patient and that can
20 be tolerated by the patient [AND A BONA FIDE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT
21 RELATIONSHIP]; or

22 (2) providing a patient with a written statement in an application for
23 registration under AS 17.37.010 [WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION, BASED UPON
24 THE PHYSICIAN'S CONTEMPORANEOUS ASSESSMENT OF THE PATIENT'S
25 MEDICAL HISTORY AND CURRENT MEDICAL CONDITION AND A BONA
26 FIDE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP, STATING THAT THE PATIENT
27 HAS A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION AND MIGHT BENEFIT FROM
28 THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA].

29 (d) Notwithstanding the [FOREGOING] provisions of this section, a [, NO]
30 person, including a patient, [OR] primary caregiver, or alternate caregiver, is not
31 [CARE-GIVER, SHALL BE] entitled to the protection of this chapter [SECTION] for

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1 the person's [HIS OR HER] acquisition, possession, cultivation, use, sale, distribution,
2 or [AND/OR] transportation of marijuana for nonmedical [NON-MEDICAL] use.

3 (c) ANY PROPERTY INTEREST THAT IS POSSESSED, OWNED, OR
4 USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA, OR ACTS
5 INCIDENTAL TO SUCH USE, SHALL NOT BE HARMED, NEGLECTED,
6 INJURED, OR DESTROYED WHILE IN THE POSSESSION OF STATE OR
7 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WHERE SUCH PROPERTY HAS
8 BEEN SEIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLAIMED MEDICAL USE OF
9 MARIJUANA. ANY SUCH PROPERTY INTEREST SHALL NOT BE FORFEITED
10 UNDER ANY PROVISION OF STATE OR LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE
11 FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY OTHER THAN AS A SENTENCE IMPOSED
12 AFTER CONVICTION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE OR ENTRY OF A PLEA OF
13 GUILTY TO SUCH OFFENSE. MARIJUANA AND PARAPHERNALIA SEIZED
14 BY STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FROM A PATIENT
15 OR PRIMARY CARE-GIVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLAIMED MEDICAL
16 USE OF MARIJUANA SHALL BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY UPON THE
17 DETERMINATION THAT THE PATIENT OR PRIMARY CARE-GIVER IS
18 ENTITLED TO THE PROTECTION CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION AS MAY BE
19 EVIDENCED, FOR EXAMPLE, BY A DECISION NOT TO PROSECUTE, THE
20 DISMISSAL OF CHARGES, OR ACQUITTAL.]

21 * Sec. 5. AS 17.37.040 is amended to read:

22 **Sec. 17.37.040. Restrictions on medical use of marijuana.** (a) Δ [NO]
23 patient, primary caregiver, or alternate caregiver may not [IN LAWFUL
24 POSSESSION OF A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL]

25 (1) engage in the medical use of marijuana in a way that endangers the
26 health or well-being of any person;

27 (2) engage in the medical use of marijuana in plain view of, or in a
28 place open to, the general public; this paragraph does not prohibit a patient or
29 primary caregiver from possessing marijuana in a place open to the general
30 public if

31 (A) the person possesses, in a closed container carried on the

- 1 person, one ounce or less of marijuana in usable form;
- 2 (B) the marijuana is not visible to anyone other than the
- 3 patient or primary caregiver; and
- 4 (C) the possession is limited to that necessary to transport
- 5 the marijuana directly to the patient or primary caregiver or directly to
- 6 a place where the patient or primary caregiver may lawfully possess or use
- 7 the marijuana; [OR]
- 8 (3) sell or distribute marijuana to any person, except that a patient
- 9 may deliver marijuana to the patient's primary caregiver and a primary caregiver
- 10 may deliver marijuana to the patient for whom the caregiver is listed; or
- 11 (4) possess in the aggregate more than
- 12 (A) one ounce of marijuana in usable form; and
- 13 (B) six marijuana plants, with no more than three mature
- 14 and flowering plants producing usable marijuana at any one time [WHO
- 15 IS KNOWN TO THE PATIENT NOT TO BE EITHER IN LAWFUL
- 16 POSSESSION OF A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD OR ELIGIBLE
- 17 FOR SUCH CARD].
- 18 (b) Any patient found by a preponderance of the evidence to have knowingly
- 19 [WILLFULLY] violated the provisions of this chapter shall be precluded from
- 20 obtaining or using a registry identification card for the medical use of marijuana for
- 21 a period of one year. In this subsection, "knowingly" has the meaning given in
- 22 AS 11.81.900.
- 23 (c) Δ [NO] governmental, private, or [ANY] other health insurance provider
- 24 is not [SHALL BE REQUIRED TO BE] liable for any claim for reimbursement for
- 25 expenses associated with [THE] medical use of marijuana.
- 26 (d) Nothing in this chapter requires [SECTION SHALL REQUIRE] any
- 27 accommodation of any medical use of marijuana
- 28 (1) in any place of employment;
- 29 (2) in any correctional facility, medical facility, or facility monitored
- 30 by the department or the Department of Administration;
- 31 (3) on or within 500 feet of school grounds;

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- 1 (4) at or within 500 feet of a recreation or youth center; or
- 2 (5) on a school bus.

3 * Sec. 6. AS 17.37.060 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 17.37.060. Addition of debilitating medical conditions.** Not later than
5 90 days after the effective date of this Act [JUNE 1, 1999], the department shall
6 adopt [PROMULGATE] regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)
7 governing the manner in which it may consider adding debilitating medical conditions
8 to the list provided in AS 17.37.070 [THIS SECTION]. After the adoption of the
9 regulations [JUNE 1, 1999], the department shall also accept for consideration
10 physician or patient initiated petitions to add debilitating medical conditions to the list
11 provided in AS 17.37.070 [THIS SECTION] and, after hearing, shall approve or deny
12 the [SUCH] petitions within 180 days of submission. The demal of [SUCH] a petition
13 shall be considered a final agency action subject to judicial review.

14 * Sec. 7. AS 17.37.070 is amended to read.

15 **Sec. 17.37.070. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context clearly requires
16 otherwise,

17 (1) "alternate caregiver" means a person who is listed as an
18 alternate caregiver under AS 17.37.010;

19 (2) "bona fide physician-patient relationship" means that the
20 physician obtained a patient history, performed an in-person physical examination
21 of the patient, and documented written findings, diagnoses, recommendations, and
22 prescriptions in written patient medical records maintained by the physician;

23 (3) "correctional facility" has the meaning given in AS 33.30.901
24 [MEANS A STATE PRISON INSTITUTION OPERATED AND MANAGED BY
25 EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR PROVIDED TO
26 THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BY AGREEMENT UNDER AS 33.30.031
27 FOR THE CARE, CONFINEMENT OR DISCIPLINE OF PRISONERS];

28 (4) [(2)] "debilitating medical condition" means

29 (A) cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human
30 immunodeficiency virus, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or treatment
31 for any of these conditions;

1 (B) any chronic or debilitating disease or treatment for such
2 diseases, which produces, for a specific patient, one or more of the following,
3 and for which, in the professional opinion of the patient's physician, such
4 condition or conditions reasonably may be alleviated by the medical use of
5 marijuana: cachexia; severe pain; severe nausea; seizures, including those that
6 are characteristic of epilepsy; or persistent muscle spasms, including those that
7 are characteristic of multiple sclerosis; or

8 (C) any other medical condition, or treatment for such
9 condition, approved by the department, under [PURSUANT TO ITS
10 AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE] regulations adopted under AS 17.37.060
11 or [ITS] approval of a [ANY] petition submitted [BY A PATIENT OR
12 PHYSICIAN] under AS 17.37.060;

13 (5) [(3)] "department" means the Department of Health and Social
14 Services;

15 (6) "facility monitored by the department or the Department of
16 Administration" means an institution, building, office, or home operated by the
17 department or the Department of Administration, funded by the department or
18 the Department of Administration, under contract with the department or the
19 Department of Administration, inspected by the department or the Department
20 of Administration, designated by the department or the Department of
21 Administration, or licensed by the department or the Department of
22 Administration, for the care of

23 (A) juveniles; for the purposes of this subparagraph,
24 "institution" includes a foster home and a group home, and a juvenile
25 detention facility, a juvenile detention home, a juvenile work camp, and a
26 treatment facility, as those terms are defined in AS 47.14.990;

27 (B) the elderly; for the purposes of this subparagraph,
28 "institution" includes an assisted living home as defined in AS 47.33.990
29 and a Pioneers' Home operated under AS 47.55;

30 (C) the mentally ill; for the purposes of this subparagraph,
31 "institution" includes a designated treatment facility and an evaluation

1 **facility, as those terms are defined in AS 47.30.915;**

2 **(7) "medical facility" means an institution, building, office, or home**
3 **providing medical services, and includes a hospital, clinic, physician's office, or**
4 **health facility as defined in AS 47.07.900, and a facility providing hospice care or**
5 **rehabilitative services, as those terms are defined in AS 47.07.900;**

6 **(8) [(4)] "medical use" means the acquisition, possession, cultivation,**
7 **use or [AND/OR] transportation of marijuana or [AND/OR] paraphernalia related to**
8 **the administration of [SUCH] marijuana to alleviate [ADDRESS THE SYMPTOMS**
9 **OR EFFECTS OF] a debilitating medical condition under the provisions of this**
10 **chapter and AS 11.71.090 [ONLY AFTER A PHYSICIAN HAS AUTHORIZED**
11 **SUCH MEDICAL USE BY A DIAGNOSIS OF THE PATIENT'S DEBILITATING**
12 **MEDICAL CONDITION];**

13 **(9) [(5)] "patient" means a person who has a debilitating medical**
14 **condition,**

15 **(10) [(6)] "physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine in**
16 **this state or an officer in the regular medical service of the armed forces of the United**
17 **States or the United States Public Health Service while in the discharge of their official**
18 **duties, or while volunteering services without pay or other remuneration to a hospital,**
19 **clinic, medical office, or other medical facility in this state;**

20 **(11) [(7)] "primary caregiver [CARE-GIVER]" means a person listed**
21 **as a primary caregiver under AS 17.37.010 and in physical possession of a**
22 **caregiver registry identification card; "primary caregiver" also includes an**
23 **alternate caregiver when the alternate caregiver is in physical possession of the**
24 **caregiver registry identification card [, OTHER THAN THE PATIENT'S**
25 **PHYSICIAN, WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HAS SIGNIFICANT**
26 **RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING THE WELL-BEING OF A PATIENT WHO**
27 **HAS A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION];**

28 **(12) [(8)] "PRISONER" MEANS A PERSON DETAINED OR**
29 **CONFINED IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, WHETHER BY ARREST,**
30 **CONVICTION, OR COURT ORDER, OR A PERSON HELD AS A WITNESS OR**
31 **OTHERWISE, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL PRISONERS HELD UNDER CONTRACT**

1 AND JUVENILES HELD UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF AS 47.10;

2 (9) "REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD" MEANS A DOCUMENT
3 ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT WHICH IDENTIFIES A PATIENT
4 AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA AND THE
5 PATIENT'S PRIMARY CARE-GIVER, IF ANY;

6 (10) "usable form" and "usable marijuana" means the seeds, leaves,
7 buds, and flowers of the plant (genus) cannabis, but does not include the stalks or roots
8 {;

9 (11) "WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION" MEANS A STATEMENT
10 SIGNED BY A PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN OR COPIES OF THE PATIENT'S
11 PERTINENT MEDICAL RECORDS].

12 * Sec. 8. AS 17.37.020 and 17.37.050 are repealed.

13 * Sec. 9. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).