

Amendment to HB 605-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Subparagraph; Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Definitions. Amend RSA 126-  
4 X:1, IX(b) by inserting after subparagraph (3) the following new subparagraph:

5 (4) Opioid use disorder, with the following restrictions:

6 (A) When certified only by a board certified addiction medicine or addiction  
7 psychiatry provider who is actively treating the patient for opioid use disorder; and

8 (B) With associated symptoms of cravings and/or withdrawal.

9 2 Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Definitions. Amend RSA 126-X:1, I to read as  
10 follows:

11 I. "Alternative treatment center" means a not-for-profit entity registered under RSA 126-X:7  
12 that acquires, possesses, cultivates, manufactures, delivers, transfers, transports, sells, supplies,  
13 and dispenses cannabis, and related supplies and educational materials, to qualifying patients ~~and~~,  
14 **designated caregivers, other** alternative treatment centers, **and visiting qualifying patients.**

15 3 Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Definitions. Amend RSA 126-X:1, XIII(b) to read  
16 as follows:

17 (b) Cultivation or purchase by a visiting qualifying patient **from a qualifying patient**  
18 **or designated caregiver;** or

19 4 Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Definitions. Amend RSA 126-X:1, XVI to read as  
20 follows:

21 XVI. "Visiting qualifying patient" means a ~~[patient with a qualifying medical condition who~~  
22 ~~is not a resident of New Hampshire or who has been a resident of New Hampshire for fewer than 30~~  
23 ~~days and is not eligible to purchase therapeutic cannabis in New Hampshire or receive cannabis~~  
24 ~~from a qualifying New Hampshire patient]~~ **person who is not a resident of New Hampshire, or**  
25 **who has been a resident of New Hampshire for fewer than 90 days, who has been issued a**  
26 **valid registry identification card, or its equivalent, under the laws of another state,**  
27 **district, territory, commonwealth, or insular possession of the United States, or under the**  
28 **laws of Canada, that allows, in the jurisdiction of issuance, that person to possess**  
29 **cannabis for therapeutic purposes.**

30 5 Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Protections. Amend  
31 RSA 126-X:2, V to read as follows:

32 V. A valid registry identification card, or its equivalent, that is issued under the laws of

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1 another state, district, territory, commonwealth, or insular possession of the United States, **or**  
2 ***under the laws of Canada*** that allows, in the jurisdiction of issuance, a visiting qualifying patient  
3 to possess cannabis for therapeutic purposes, shall have the same force and effect ***and be subject to***  
4 ***the same restrictions*** as a valid registry identification card issued by the department in this state,  
5 provided that[:

6 ~~(a) The visiting qualifying patient shall also produce a statement from his or her~~  
7 ~~provider stating that the visiting qualifying patient has a qualifying medical condition as defined in~~  
8 ~~RSA 126 X:1; and~~

9 ~~(b)]~~ a visiting qualifying patient shall not cultivate ~~[or purchase]~~ cannabis in New  
10 Hampshire or obtain ***or purchase*** cannabis from ~~[alternative treatment centers or from]~~ a  
11 ~~[qualifying]~~ New Hampshire ***qualifying*** patient ***or designated caregiver***.

12 6 New Paragraph; Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Departmental Rules. Amend RSA  
13 126-X:6 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

14 VI. The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, regarding an alternative  
15 treatment center's verification of a visiting qualifying patient's registry identification card, or its  
16 equivalent.

17 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill

I. Adds opioid use disorder as a qualifying medical condition for the purpose of the therapeutic use of cannabis.

II. Amends the definitions of "alternative treatment center" and "therapeutic use" and "visiting qualifying patient" in the therapeutic cannabis statute.

III. Permits out-of-state residents qualified in other jurisdictions to purchase therapeutic cannabis at New Hampshire therapeutic dispensaries.

IV. Requires the department of health and human services to adopt rules regarding an alternative treatment center's verification of a visiting qualifying patient's identification.