

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Section 14 (1) of article XVIII of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTION TO READ:

Section 14. Medical use of marijuana for persons suffering from debilitating medical conditions.

(1) As used in this section, these terms are defined as follows:

(a) "Debilitating medical condition" means:

(I) Cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or treatment for such conditions;

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

(III) Any other medical condition, or treatment for such condition, approved by the state health agency, pursuant to its rule making authority or its approval of any petition submitted by a patient or physician as provided in this section; OR

(IV) THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE THAT MARIJUANA, IN ITS NATURAL FORM, IS ONE OF THE SAFEST THERAPEUTICALLY ACTIVE SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO MAN: THAT IT HAS A WIDE ARRAY OF HEALING POTENTIAL; AND THAT IT EFFECTS INDIVIDUAL PERSONS DIFFERENTLY. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO ALSO FIND AND DECLARE THAT MARIJUANA, IN ITS NATURAL FORM, INDUCES LESS BODILY HARM THAN ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO; THEREFORE,

ANY OTHER CONDITION, OR TREATMENT FOR SUCH CONDITION, FOR A SPECIFIC PATIENT, FOR WHICH, IN THE PROFESSIONAL OPINION OF THE PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN, SUCH CONDITION OR CONDITIONS REASONABLY MAY BE ALLEVIATED BY THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA.

THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE VOTE HEREON BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(4) OF ARTICLE V OF THIS CONSTITUTION.

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