

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1519  
(Representatives B. Koppelman, Beadle, Ertelt, Marschall, Mock, Steiner, Vetter)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 15 of section 19-24.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to debilitating medical conditions under the medical marijuana program; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 15 of section 19-24.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

15. "Debilitating medical condition" means one of the following:
  - a. Cancer;
  - b. Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus;
  - c. Acquired immune deficiency syndrome;
  - d. Decompensated cirrhosis caused by hepatitis C;
  - e. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;
  - f. Posttraumatic stress disorder;
  - g. Agitation of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia;
  - h. Crohn's disease;
  - i. Fibromyalgia;
  - j. Spinal stenosis or chronic back pain, including neuropathy or damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity;
  - k. Glaucoma;
  - l. Epilepsy;
  - m. Anorexia nervosa;
  - n. Bulimia nervosa;
  - o. Anxiety disorder;
  - p. Tourette syndrome;
  - q. Ehlers-Danlos syndrome;
  - r. Endometriosis;
  - s. Interstitial cystitis;
  - t. Neuropathy;
  - u. Migraine;

- v. Rheumatoid arthritis;
- w. Autism spectrum disorder;
- x. A brain injury;
- y. A terminal illness; and/or
- n-z. A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or treatment for such disease or medical condition that produces one or more of the following:
  - (1) Cachexia or wasting syndrome;
  - (2) Severe debilitating pain that has not responded to previously prescribed medication or surgical measures for more than three months or for which other treatment options produced serious side effects;
  - (3) Intractable nausea;
  - (4) Seizures; or
  - (5) Severe and persistent muscle spasms, including those characteristic of multiple sclerosis.

**SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - MEDICAL MARIJUANA DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITIONS.** During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the list of debilitating medical conditions under the medical marijuana program to determine the appropriateness of the list, including whether conditions should be added to or removed from the list. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.

**SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1519 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 84                      Nays 7                      Absent 3

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This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 44                      Nays 3                      Absent 0

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Governor

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Secretary of State