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Senator Brandes moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Section 381.99, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

381.99 Short title.—Sections 381.99-381.9981 may be cited  
as the "Putting Florida Patients First Act."

Section 3. Section 381.991, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:



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12 381.991 Definitions.—As used in ss. 381.99-381.9981, the  
13 term:

14 (1) "Allowed amount of marijuana" means the amount of  
15 marijuana, or the equivalent amount of marijuana products, which  
16 a physician determines is necessary to treat a qualifying  
17 patient's debilitating medical condition.

18 (2) "Batch" means a specifically identified quantity of  
19 marijuana or medical marijuana product that is uniform in  
20 strain; cultivated using the same herbicides, pesticides, and  
21 fungicides; and harvested from or produced at the same time at a  
22 single permitted facility.

23 (3) "Caregiver" has the same meaning as provided in s. 29,  
24 Art. X, of the State Constitution.

25 (4) "Cultivation" means the growth and harvesting of  
26 marijuana.

27 (5) "Cultivation license" means a license issued to a  
28 medical marijuana treatment center (MMTC) which grants authority  
29 to the MMTC to cultivate marijuana.

30 (6) "Debilitating medical condition" means cancer,  
31 epilepsy, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency  
32 virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), post-  
33 traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis  
34 (ALS), Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis,  
35 paraplegia, quadriplegia, a terminal condition, or other  
36 debilitating medical conditions of the same kind or class as, or  
37 comparable to, those enumerated and for which a physician  
38 believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh  
39 the potential health risks of that use to a patient.

40 (7) "Department" means the Department of Health.



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41       (8) "Dispense" means the transfer or sale of marijuana from  
42 an MMTC to a qualifying patient or to the qualifying patient's  
43 caregiver and may include the delivery of such marijuana  
44 transferred or sold.

45       (9) "Independent testing laboratory" means a laboratory,  
46 and the managers, employees, and contractors of the laboratory,  
47 which does not have a direct or indirect interest in, and is not  
48 owned by or affiliated with, an MMTC.

49       (10) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in s. 29,  
50 Art. X of the State Constitution but is limited to that intended  
51 for medical use.

52       (11) "Medical marijuana patient registry" means an online  
53 electronic registry created and maintained by the department to  
54 store identifying information for all qualifying patients,  
55 caregivers, and physicians who submit physician certification  
56 forms to the department.

57       (12) "Medical marijuana patient registry identification  
58 card" means a card issued by the department to qualifying  
59 patients and caregivers.

60       (13) "Medical marijuana product" means a product derived  
61 from marijuana, including, but not limited to, an oil, tincture,  
62 cream, encapsulation, or food product containing marijuana or  
63 any part of the marijuana plant, which is intended for medical  
64 use.

65       (14) "Medical marijuana treatment center" or "MMTC" has the  
66 same meaning as provided in s. 29, Art. X of the State  
67 Constitution.

68       (15) "Medical use" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
69 29, Art. X of the State Constitution.



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70 (16) "Minor" means a person who is younger than 18 years of  
71 age.

72 (17) "Physician" means a physician who is licensed under  
73 chapter 458 or chapter 459 and who meets the requirements of s.  
74 381.993.

75 (18) "Principal" means an officer, a director, a billing  
76 agent, or a managing employee of an MMTC, or a person or  
77 shareholder who has an ownership interest equal to 5 percent or  
78 more of an MMTC.

79 (19) "Process or processing" means the conversion of  
80 marijuana into medical marijuana products for a qualifying  
81 patient's use.

82 (20) "Processing license" means a license issued by the  
83 department to an MMTC which grants the MMTC the authority to  
84 process marijuana.

85 (21) "Qualifying patient" has the same meaning as provided  
86 in s. 29, Art. X of the State Constitution.

87 (22) "Retail license" means a license issued by the  
88 department to an MMTC which authorizes the MMTC to dispense  
89 marijuana and medical marijuana products and to sell related  
90 paraphernalia to qualifying patients and caregivers.

91 (23) "Transportation license" means a license issued by the  
92 department to an MMTC which authorizes the MMTC to transport  
93 marijuana and medical marijuana products.

94 Section 4. Section 381.992, Florida Statutes, is created to  
95 read:

96 381.992 Medical marijuana.—

97 (1) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or  
98 any other law, but subject to the requirements in ss. 381.99-



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99 381.9981, a qualifying patient, or his or her caregiver, may  
100 purchase or acquire from an MMTC and possess up to the allowed  
101 amount of marijuana, medical marijuana products, and associated  
102 paraphernalia for the qualifying patient's medical use.

103 (2) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or  
104 any other law, but subject to the requirements in ss. 381.99-  
105 381.9981, an MMTC, including its employees and contractors, may  
106 acquire, cultivate, possess, process, transfer, transport, sell,  
107 distribute, dispense, or administer marijuana. MMTCs may:

108 (a) Cultivate marijuana only at a cultivation facility;

109 (b) Process marijuana only at a processing facility;

110 (c) Sell and distribute marijuana and medical marijuana  
111 products only to other MMTCs;

112 (d) Purchase or acquire marijuana and medical marijuana  
113 products only from other MMTCs or qualifying patients,  
114 caregivers, or personal representatives who are returning unused  
115 marijuana or medical marijuana products;

116 (e) Dispense marijuana, medical marijuana products, or  
117 associated paraphernalia only to qualifying patients and  
118 caregivers and only from a permitted facility operated by an  
119 MMTC holding a retail license;

120 (f) Deliver marijuana and medical marijuana products to  
121 qualifying patients and caregivers; and

122 (g) Transport marijuana, medical marijuana products, and  
123 associated paraphernalia as necessary for the proper conduct of  
124 its business in accordance with the requirements of ss. 381.99-  
125 381.9981, including transportation between multiple MMTCs.

126 (3) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or  
127 any other law, but subject to the requirements in ss. 381.99-



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128 381.9981, an independent testing laboratory, including its  
129 employees and contractors, may receive and possess marijuana for  
130 the sole purpose of testing the marijuana for compliance with  
131 ss. 381.99-381.9981.

132 (4) This section does not authorize:

133 (a) The cultivation of marijuana by any person or entity  
134 other than an MMTC holding a cultivation license, or  
135 subcontracted entities operating under the license of an MMTC.

136 (b) The acquisition or purchase of marijuana or medical  
137 marijuana products by a qualifying patient or caregiver from any  
138 person or entity other than an MMTC holding a retail license.

139 (c) The use of marijuana or medical marijuana products by  
140 anyone other than the qualifying patient for whom the marijuana  
141 was certified.

142 (d) The dispensing of marijuana or medical marijuana  
143 products to anyone other than a qualifying patient or caregiver.

144 (e) The transfer of marijuana or medical marijuana products  
145 by a qualifying patient or caregiver to any entity except for  
146 the purpose of returning unused marijuana or medical marijuana  
147 products to an MMTC.

148 (f) The use of marijuana or medical marijuana products:

149 1. On any form of public transportation;

150 2. In a public place, as defined in s. 877.21; or

151 3. In a qualifying patient's place of work, if restricted  
152 by his or her employer.

153 (g) The possession or use of marijuana or medical marijuana  
154 products:

155 1. In a correctional facility, unless approved by the  
156 warden or administrator of the facility, administered under



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157 medical supervision, and administered and stored in a restricted  
158 area inaccessible to inmates other than the qualifying patient.

159 2. On the grounds of a preschool, primary school, or  
160 secondary school, unless authorized by the superintendent.

161 3. On a school bus.

162 (5) This section does not exempt any person from the  
163 prohibition against driving under the influence as provided  
164 under s. 316.193.

165 (6) Except for s. 386.2045, part II of chapter 386 applies  
166 to the smoking of marijuana or medical marijuana products. The  
167 department may by rule restrict the smoking of marijuana or  
168 medical marijuana products in any facility licensed by this  
169 state that provides care or services to children or frail or  
170 elderly adults.

171 Section 5. Section 381.993, Florida Statutes, is created to  
172 read:

173 381.993 Physician certification; patient and caregiver  
174 registration; medical marijuana patient registry identification  
175 cards; issuance and renewal of physician certification.—

176 (1) PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION.—Before a patient may register  
177 with the department and obtain a medical marijuana patient  
178 registry identification card, the patient must be certified by a  
179 physician, using a physician certification form provided by the  
180 department, to be suffering from a debilitating medical  
181 condition. The physician must also certify that the benefits to  
182 the patient of the medical use of marijuana would likely  
183 outweigh the potential health risks. The physician certification  
184 must specify the allowed amount of marijuana or medical  
185 marijuana products necessary, if such allowed amount is



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186 determined, to treat the patient's condition or symptom. A  
187 certifying physician must submit the physician certification  
188 form to the department by United States mail or electronically,  
189 through the department's website.

190 (a) A physician may certify a patient to the department as  
191 a patient if:

192 1. The physician, in his or her good faith medical  
193 judgment, certifies that the patient suffers from one or more  
194 debilitating medical conditions;

195 2. The physician does not have a financial interest in an  
196 MMTC or in an independent testing laboratory that conducts tests  
197 of marijuana or medical marijuana products; and

198 3. The physician has successfully completed an 8-hour  
199 course and subsequent examination offered by the Florida Medical  
200 Association or the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, as  
201 appropriate, which encompasses clinical indications for the  
202 appropriate medical use of marijuana, appropriate delivery  
203 mechanisms, contraindications of the medical use of marijuana,  
204 and relevant state and federal laws governing the ordering,  
205 dispensing, and possession of marijuana. The appropriate boards  
206 shall offer the course and examination at least annually.  
207 Successful completion of the course may be used by the physician  
208 to satisfy 8 hours of the continuing medical education  
209 requirements imposed by his or her respective board for  
210 licensure renewal. The course may be offered in a distance  
211 learning format.

212 (b) If the patient subject to the certification is a minor,  
213 the patient's parent or legal guardian must also provide to the  
214 physician written consent for the patient's treatment with





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215 marijuana before the physician may submit the physician  
216 certification form to the department.

217 (c) Unless the certifying physician certifies a patient to  
218 use marijuana for less than 1 year, the patient's physician  
219 certification expires when the patient's medical marijuana  
220 patient registry identification card expires.

221 (2) PATIENT AND CAREGIVER REGISTRATION.—A patient must  
222 register with the department and be issued a medical marijuana  
223 patient registry identification card before acquiring or using  
224 marijuana or medical marijuana products.

225 (a) To register, a patient must submit the following to the  
226 department:

227 1. A completed patient and caregiver registration form,  
228 provided by the department. If the patient is a minor, a parent  
229 or legal guardian of the minor must provide his or her written  
230 consent on the patient and caregiver registration form for the  
231 minor patient's use of marijuana or medical marijuana products.  
232 Without the written consent of a parent or legal guardian, a  
233 minor patient may not be registered and may not obtain a medical  
234 marijuana patient registry identification card; and

235 2. Separate passport-type, color photographs, taken within  
236 90 days before submission to the department, of the patient and  
237 of each of the patient's caregivers, if any.

238 (b) An adult qualifying patient may, at his or her initial  
239 registration or at any time while a qualifying patient,  
240 designate a caregiver. The adult qualifying patient may also  
241 designate up to two additional caregivers to assist him or her  
242 with the medical use of marijuana, who may be selected from  
243 among the patient's spouse, parents, legal guardians, adult



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244 children, siblings, or the employees of the assisted living  
245 facility or other health care facility where the qualifying  
246 patient resides. A caregiver must meet the following  
247 requirements:

248 1. Be at least 18 years of age;

249 2. Complete a 2-hour medical marijuana caregiver training  
250 course offered by the department; and

251 3. Have passed a level 2 background screening pursuant to  
252 chapter 435 within the previous year. The following persons are  
253 exempt from this subparagraph:

254 a. The qualifying patient's spouse, parents, legal  
255 guardian, adult children, or siblings; and

256 b. A health care worker who is subject to s. 408.809, who  
257 is caring only for the qualifying patient and other patients who  
258 reside in the same assisted living facility, nursing home, or  
259 other such facility, and who is an employee of that facility.

260 (c) A caregiver may not assist more than one qualifying  
261 patient at any given time unless all of his or her qualifying  
262 patients:

263 1. Are the parents, legal guardians, or adult children of  
264 the caregiver or are siblings having a common parent or legal  
265 guardian with each other and the caregiver. This exception also  
266 applies to an adult for whom the caregiver is a legal guardian;

267 2. Are first-degree relatives of each other who share a  
268 common residence; or

269 3. Reside in the same assisted living facility, nursing  
270 home, or other such facility and the caregiver is an employee of  
271 that facility.

272 (d) When registering a minor patient, the department shall



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273 designate the parent or legal guardian who provided his or her  
274 written consent on the patient and caregiver registration form  
275 as the minor patient's caregiver, unless the department  
276 determines that person to be unqualified, unavailable, or  
277 unwilling to be the caregiver. In that instance, the department  
278 shall designate another parent or legal guardian of the minor  
279 patient as his or her caregiver. A minor patient may not  
280 purchase or acquire marijuana or medical marijuana products. The  
281 caregiver of a minor patient is responsible for all marijuana  
282 and medical marijuana products purchased, acquired, or possessed  
283 for the minor patient.

284 (e) If the department determines that, for any reason, a  
285 caregiver designated by a qualifying patient may not assist that  
286 qualifying patient, the department must notify the qualifying  
287 patient that the caregiver's registration is disallowed.

288 (3) DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.-

289 (a) By November 1, 2017, the department shall create:

290 1. A physician certification form and a patient and  
291 caregiver registration form and make the forms available to the  
292 public. The forms must contain space and fields sufficient to  
293 allow the submission of the information required to be included  
294 in the file of a qualifying patient and the files of the  
295 qualifying patient's caregiver and certifying physicians  
296 maintained in the medical marijuana patient registry pursuant to  
297 s. 381.994(1). In addition, the patient and caregiver  
298 registration form must require the parent or legal guardian of a  
299 minor patient to provide written consent for the minor patient  
300 to use marijuana or medical marijuana products; and

301 2. A 2-hour medical marijuana caregiver training course.



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302 The course must be available online and for the public to attend  
303 at permitted facilities operated by an MMTC holding a retail  
304 license. The training course must include, at a minimum, routes  
305 of administration, details on possible side effects of and  
306 adverse reactions to marijuana and medical marijuana products,  
307 and patient and caregiver restrictions and responsibilities  
308 under this act and department rule.

309 (b) Beginning as soon as practicable, but not later than  
310 December 3, 2017, the department shall, within 14 days after a  
311 patient submits the documentation required in paragraph (2) (a)  
312 to register with the department and a physician submits a  
313 physician certification form for that patient to the department:

314 1. Register the qualifying patient, his or her caregiver,  
315 and the certifying physician in the medical marijuana patient  
316 registry and enter the information required under s. 381.994(1)  
317 in the patient's, caregiver's, and certifying physician's  
318 registry files. The department shall enter the allowed amount of  
319 marijuana recommended by the qualifying patient's physician and  
320 the length of time for which the physician recommends the  
321 patient medically use marijuana, as recorded on the physician  
322 certification form, if applicable; and

323 2. Issue medical marijuana patient registry identification  
324 cards to the qualifying patient and, if applicable, to the  
325 qualifying patient's caregiver.

326 (c) A medical marijuana patient registry identification  
327 card issued to a qualifying patient must be resistant to  
328 counterfeiting and must include, but need not be limited to, the  
329 following information:

330 1. The qualifying patient's full legal name;



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331       2. The qualifying patient's photograph, submitted as  
332 required under paragraph (2) (a);  
333       3. A randomly assigned identification number;  
334       4. The qualifying patient's allowed amount of marijuana;  
335       5. If applicable, the full legal name and corresponding  
336 medical marijuana patient registry identification card number  
337 for each of the qualifying patient's caregivers, if any; and  
338       6. The expiration date of the card.  
339       (d) A medical marijuana patient registry identification  
340 card issued to a caregiver must be resistant to counterfeiting  
341 and must include, but need not be limited to, the following  
342 information:  
343       1. The caregiver's full legal name;  
344       2. The caregiver's photograph, submitted as required under  
345 paragraph (2) (a);  
346       3. A randomly assigned identification number;  
347       4. The expiration date of the card; and  
348       5. If the caregiver is assisting three or fewer qualifying  
349 patients, the full legal name, medical marijuana patient  
350 registry identification card number, and the allowed amount of  
351 marijuana for each of the caregiver's qualifying patients; or  
352       6. If the caregiver is assisting four or more qualifying  
353 patients, a statement that the caregiver is assisting multiple  
354 patients.  
355       (e) A person who is a caregiver for more than one  
356 qualifying patient must have a separate medical marijuana  
357 patient registry identification card linked to each qualifying  
358 patient for whom he or she is a caregiver.  
359       (f) The department may contract with independent third



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360 parties, through competitive procurement, to fulfil the  
361 requirements of this paragraph.

362 (4) EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF PATIENT AND CAREGIVER  
363 REGISTRATION AND REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS.- Unless the  
364 certifying physician certifies a patient to use marijuana for  
365 less than 1 year, a qualifying patient's, and, if applicable,  
366 his or her caregiver's registration with the department under  
367 subsection (2) and their medical marijuana patient registry  
368 identification cards expire 1 year after the date the qualifying  
369 patient's medical marijuana patient registry identification card  
370 is issued under subparagraph (3) (b)2. In order to renew the  
371 registration and the medical marijuana patient registry  
372 identification cards of the qualifying patient and his or her  
373 caregiver, a physician must certify to the department:

374 (a) That he or she has examined the patient during the  
375 course of the patient's treatment with marijuana;

376 (b) That the patient suffers from a debilitating medical  
377 condition;

378 (c) That the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh  
379 the potential health risks for the patient;

380 (d) The allowed amount of marijuana, if the physician has  
381 determined a specified amount is necessary to treat the patient;  
382 and

383 (e) The length of time the physician recommends the patient  
384 medically use marijuana.

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386 If the qualifying patient is a minor, a parent or legal guardian  
387 of the qualifying patient must indicate in writing his or her  
388 continued consent for the qualifying minor patient's treatment



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389 using marijuana.

390 (5) PATIENT AND CAREGIVER DISQUALIFICATION.—

391 (a) If the department becomes aware of information that  
392 would disqualify a qualifying patient or caregiver from being  
393 registered with the department under this section, the  
394 department must notify the qualifying patient or caregiver, as  
395 applicable, of the change in his or her status as follows:

396 1. For a qualifying patient, at least 30 days before  
397 removing the patient from the medical marijuana patient  
398 registry, the department shall give notice of such action to the  
399 qualifying patient at the address in the registry. It is the  
400 patient's duty to ensure the return of all marijuana and medical  
401 marijuana products and his or her medical marijuana patient  
402 registry identification card to a permitted facility operated by  
403 an MMTC holding a retail license within 30 days after receiving  
404 the notice. Such retail facility must notify the department  
405 within 24 hours after it has received a return of marijuana,  
406 medical marijuana products, or a medical marijuana patient  
407 registry identification card. The retail facility may provide  
408 such notice electronically.

409 2. For a caregiver, at least 15 days before removing the  
410 caregiver from the medical marijuana patient registry, the  
411 department shall give notice of such action to the caregiver and  
412 the caregiver's qualifying patient. It is the caregiver's duty  
413 to ensure the return of his or her medical marijuana patient  
414 registry identification card to a permitted facility operated by  
415 an MMTC holding a retail license within 15 days after receiving  
416 the notice. Such retail facility must notify the department  
417 within 24 hours after it has received such a return. The retail



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418 facility may provide such notice electronically.

419 (b) If a qualifying patient dies, it is the duty of the  
420 qualifying patient's caregiver or the qualifying patient's  
421 personal representative to ensure the return of all marijuana  
422 and medical marijuana products and the qualifying patient's  
423 medical marijuana patient registry identification card to a  
424 permitted facility operated by an MMTC holding a retail license  
425 within 30 days after the patient's death. Within 30 days after  
426 the qualifying patient's death, the qualifying patient's  
427 caregiver must return his or her medical marijuana patient  
428 registry identification card linked to the deceased patient to  
429 such a retail facility. If a caregiver dies, it is the duty of  
430 the qualifying patient or the caregiver's next of kin to ensure  
431 the return of the caregiver's medical marijuana patient registry  
432 identification card to such a retail facility within 30 days  
433 after the caregiver's death. When receiving the medical  
434 marijuana patient registry identification card of a deceased  
435 qualifying patient, the caregiver of a deceased patient, or a  
436 deceased caregiver, such retail facility must update the medical  
437 marijuana patient registry to note the death of the deceased and  
438 notify the department of the return of the medical marijuana  
439 patient registry identification cards. The retail facility may  
440 provide such notice electronically.

441 (c) The department shall, on a quarterly basis, compare all  
442 of the qualifying patients and caregivers in the medical  
443 marijuana patient registry with the records of deaths on file in  
444 its electronic death registration system in order to identify  
445 any qualifying patient or caregiver who is deceased but is not  
446 yet identified as such in the registry. If the department





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447 becomes aware that a qualifying patient or caregiver is  
448 deceased, the department must send notice to the appropriate  
449 party of his or her duties under paragraph (b) and adjust the  
450 qualifying patient's or caregiver's file in the medical  
451 marijuana patient registry.

452 (d) If, after a qualifying patient or caregiver is  
453 disqualified or deceased or a qualifying patient's or  
454 caregiver's registration has expired, the department becomes  
455 aware that the qualifying patient's or caregiver's medical  
456 marijuana patient registry identification card has not been  
457 returned to a permitted facility operated by an MMTC holding a  
458 retail license, the department must send a second notice to the  
459 qualifying patient or caregiver and notify the local police  
460 department or sheriff's office of the expired or cancelled  
461 medical marijuana patient registry identification card.

462 (e) The department may adopt rules as necessary to  
463 implement a process for an MMTC holding a retail license to  
464 accept and dispose of returned marijuana or medical marijuana  
465 products and patient and caregiver medical marijuana patient  
466 registry identification cards.

467 Section 6. Section 381.994, Florida Statutes, is created to  
468 read:

469 381.994 Medical marijuana patient registry.-

470 (1) The department shall create a secure, online medical  
471 marijuana patient registry that contains a file for each  
472 qualifying patient and caregiver and for each certifying  
473 physician. The department is authorized to contract with third  
474 parties to implement the requirements of this section.

475 (a) The file for a qualifying patient must include, but



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476 need not be limited to:

477 1. The qualifying patient's full legal name;

478 2. The qualifying patient's photograph, submitted as  
479 required under s. 381.993(2)(a);

480 3. The randomly assigned identification number on the  
481 qualifying patient's medical marijuana patient registry  
482 identification card;

483 4. The qualifying patient's allowed amount of marijuana;

484 5. The full legal name and corresponding identification  
485 number of the medical marijuana patient registry identification  
486 card of each of the qualifying patient's caregivers, if any;

487 6. The recommended duration for the medical use of  
488 marijuana as stated on the patient's physician recommendation;

489 7. The expiration date of the qualifying patient's medical  
490 marijuana patient registry identification card; and

491 8. The date and time that marijuana or medical marijuana  
492 products are dispensed and the amount of marijuana or medical  
493 marijuana products dispensed, for each of the qualifying  
494 patient's transactions with an MMTC holding a retail license.

495 (b) The file for a caregiver must include, but need not be  
496 limited to:

497 1. The caregiver's full legal name;

498 2. The caregiver's photograph, submitted as required under  
499 s. 381.993(2)(a);

500 3. The randomly assigned identification number on each of  
501 the caregiver's medical marijuana patient registry  
502 identification cards;

503 4. The full legal names and identification numbers on the  
504 medical marijuana patient registry identification cards of the



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505 qualifying patients who have designated the caregiver, each  
506 patient linked to the caregiver's medical marijuana patient  
507 registry identification card number for that patient;

508 5. The allowed amount of marijuana, if applicable, as  
509 entered in the qualifying patient's file in the medical  
510 marijuana patient registry, for each qualifying patient to whom  
511 the caregiver's cards are linked;

512 6. The expiration dates of the caregiver's medical  
513 marijuana patient registry identification cards; and

514 7. The date and time that marijuana or medical marijuana  
515 products are dispensed and the amount of marijuana or medical  
516 marijuana products dispensed, for each of the registered  
517 caregiver's transactions with an MMTC holding a retail license.

518 (c) The file for a certifying physician must include, but  
519 need not be limited to:

520 1. The certifying physician's full legal name; and

521 2. The certifying physician's license number.

522 (2) The medical marijuana patient registry must meet all of  
523 the following criteria:

524 (a) Be accessible to MMTCs holding a retail license to  
525 verify the authenticity of a medical marijuana patient registry  
526 identification card, to verify a qualifying patient's allowed  
527 amount of marijuana and medical marijuana products, and to  
528 determine the prior dates and times when marijuana was dispensed  
529 to the qualifying patient or the qualifying patient's caregiver  
530 and the amount dispensed on each occasion.

531 (b) Be able to accept in real time an original or a new  
532 physician certification form from a certifying physician which  
533 includes an original or updated physician recommendation for a



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534 qualifying patient's allowed amount of marijuana.

535 (c) Be accessible to law enforcement in real time in order  
536 to verify authorization for the possession of marijuana by a  
537 qualifying patient or caregiver.

538 (d) Be able to accept and post initial and updated  
539 information to each qualifying patient's or caregiver's file  
540 from an MMTC holding a retail license which shows the date,  
541 time, and amount of marijuana dispensed to that qualifying  
542 patient or caregiver at the point of sale.

543 Section 7. Section 381.995, Florida Statutes, is created to  
544 read:

545 381.995 Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.—

546 (1) DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—The department shall  
547 establish operating standards for the cultivation, processing,  
548 packaging, and labeling of marijuana; standards for the sale of  
549 marijuana; procedures and requirements for the registration and  
550 registration renewal of MMTCs, for the issuance and renewal of  
551 cultivation, processing, transportation, and retail licenses,  
552 and for the issuance and renewal of cultivation facility,  
553 processing facility, transportation, and retail facility  
554 permits; procedures for registering all principals, employees,  
555 and contractors of MMTCs who will participate in the operations  
556 of the MMTC; and procedures for issuing MMTC employee  
557 identification cards to registered principals, employees, and  
558 contractors of MMTCs.

559 (2) MMTC REGISTRATION.—

560 (a) The department shall charge a registration fee upon  
561 initial registration of an MMTC not to exceed \$1,000 and a  
562 renewal fee upon the renewal of an MMTC's registration not to



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563 exceed \$500. The department shall develop a registration form  
564 for registration which, at a minimum, must require the applicant  
565 to indicate:

566 1. The full legal name of the applicant;

567 2. The physical address of each location where marijuana  
568 will be cultivated, processed, dispensed, or stored, as  
569 applicable to the indicated function of the applicant;

570 3. The name, address, and date of birth of each of the  
571 applicant's principals;

572 4. The name, address, and date of birth of each of the  
573 applicant's current employees and contractors who will  
574 participate in the operations of the MMTC; and

575 5. The marijuana production functions in which the  
576 applicant intends to engage, which may include one or more of  
577 the following:

578 a. Cultivation;

579 b. Processing;

580 c. Dispensing; and

581 d. Transporting.

582 (b) By October 3, 2017, the department shall begin  
583 registering MMTCs that have submitted completed applications for  
584 registration. To be registered as an MMTC, an applicant must  
585 submit to the department:

586 1. A completed registration form;

587 2. The initial registration fee;

588 3. Registration and MMTC employee identification card  
589 applications for all principals, employees, and contractors who  
590 will participate in the operations of the MMTC;

591 4. Proof that all principals who will not participate in



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592 the operations of the MMTC have passed a level 2 background  
593 screening pursuant to chapter 435 within the previous year;

594 5. Proof of the financial ability to maintain operations  
595 for the duration of the registration; and

596 6. A \$1 million performance and compliance bond, to be  
597 forfeited if the MMTC fails to comply with the registration  
598 requirements of this subsection during the registration period  
599 or fails to comply with the material requirements of this  
600 section that are applicable to the functions the applicant  
601 intends to perform as indicated on the registration application.

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603 Registration as an MMTC may not be granted until all principals,  
604 employees, and contractors who will participate in the  
605 operations of the MMTC have registered with the department and  
606 have been issued MMTC employee identification cards.

607 (c) An MMTC registration lasts for a period of 2 years and  
608 must be renewed by the MMTC before the registration's expiration  
609 in a manner consistent with department rule for the renewal of  
610 MMTC registrations.

611 (d) MMTCs may not cultivate, process, dispense, or  
612 transport marijuana or medical marijuana products without first  
613 obtaining the corresponding license for that function from the  
614 department as required in this section.

615 (e) The department shall develop rules administering the  
616 use of a seed-to-sale real time tracking system for medical  
617 marijuana products. An MMTC may not be registered unless it  
618 demonstrates the capability of complying with the requirements  
619 of the seed-to-sale tracking system. The department may contract  
620 with a third party to develop or administer the seed-to-sale



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621 tracking system.

622 (3) LICENSE AND PERMIT APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES.—

623 (a) The department may charge an initial application fee  
624 not to exceed \$1,000, a licensure fee not to exceed \$50,000, and  
625 a biennial renewal fee not to exceed \$50,000 for a cultivation  
626 license.

627 (b) For a processing license, the department may charge an  
628 initial application fee not to exceed \$1,000, a licensure fee  
629 not to exceed \$50,000, and a biennial renewal fee not to exceed  
630 \$50,000.

631 (c) For a retail license, the department may charge an  
632 initial application fee not to exceed \$1,000, a licensure fee  
633 not to exceed \$10,000, and a biennial renewal fee not to exceed  
634 \$10,000.

635 (d) For a transportation license, the department may charge  
636 an initial application fee not to exceed \$1,000, a licensure fee  
637 not to exceed \$10,000, and a biennial renewal fee not to exceed  
638 \$10,000.

639 (e) For each facility permit issued, the department may  
640 charge an initial permitting fee not to exceed \$5,000 and a  
641 biennial renewal fee not to exceed \$5,000.

642 (4) CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING LICENSES.—The department  
643 shall begin issuing cultivation licenses and processing licenses  
644 by October 3, 2017.

645 (a) An MMTC may apply for a cultivation license, a  
646 processing license, or both. When applying, the MMTC must  
647 provide the department, at a minimum, with all of the following:

648 1. A completed cultivation license or processing license  
649 application form;



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650       2. The initial application fee, which must be submitted  
651 with the completed application form;

652       3. The physical address of each location where marijuana  
653 will be cultivated, processed, or stored;

654       4. Proof of an established infrastructure or the ability to  
655 establish an infrastructure in a reasonable amount of time which  
656 is designed to, as applicable to the license or licenses  
657 requested, cultivate, process, test, package, or label marijuana  
658 or medical marijuana products and to maintain the  
659 infrastructure's security and prevent the theft or diversion of  
660 any marijuana or medical marijuana product;

661       5. Proof that the applicant possesses the technical and  
662 technological ability to cultivate and test marijuana or process  
663 and test marijuana, as applicable to the license or licenses  
664 requested;

665       6. Proof of operating procedures designed to secure and  
666 maintain accountability for all marijuana, medical marijuana  
667 products, and marijuana-related byproducts that come into the  
668 applicant's possession, and comply with the required seed-to-  
669 sale tracking system;

670       7. Proof of at least \$1 million of hazard and liability  
671 insurance for each facility where cultivation or processing of  
672 marijuana or medical marijuana products occur; and

673       8. The licensure fee, which the department must receive  
674 before it may issue the license.

675       (b) Cultivation licenses and processing licenses expire 2  
676 years after the date issued. The licensee must apply for a  
677 renewed license before the expiration date. In order to receive  
678 a renewed license, the licensee must meet all of the





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679 requirements for initial licensure; must provide all of the  
680 documents required under paragraph (a), accompanied by the  
681 renewal fee, but not by the initial application fee or licensure  
682 fee; and must not have any outstanding substantial violations of  
683 the standards adopted by department rule for the cultivation,  
684 processing, testing, packaging, and labeling of marijuana and  
685 medical marijuana products.

686 (c) Before beginning cultivation or processing, the  
687 licensee must obtain an operating permit from the department for  
688 each facility where cultivation or processing will occur. Upon  
689 receiving a request for a permit from a licensee, the department  
690 shall inspect the facility pursuant to subsection (8) for  
691 compliance with state law, and rules adopted thereunder, and,  
692 upon a determination of compliance, shall issue an operating  
693 permit for the facility. The department must issue or deny the  
694 operating permit for a facility within 30 days after receiving  
695 the request for a permit.

696 (d) If a facility's operating permit expires, the facility  
697 must cease all applicable operations until the department  
698 reinspects the facility and issues a new operating permit upon a  
699 determination of compliance.

700 (e) Cultivation facilities and processing facilities must  
701 be secure and closed to the public and may not be located within  
702 1,000 feet of an existing public or private elementary or  
703 secondary school, a child care facility as defined in s.  
704 402.302, or a licensed service provider offering substance abuse  
705 services. The department may establish by rule additional  
706 security and zoning requirements for cultivation facilities and  
707 processing facilities. All matters regarding the permitting and



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708 regulation of cultivation facilities and processing facilities,  
709 including the location of such facilities, are preempted to the  
710 state.

711 (f) Licensees under this subsection may use contractors to  
712 assist with the cultivation or processing of marijuana, as  
713 applicable, but the licensee is ultimately responsible for all  
714 of the operations performed by each contractor relating to the  
715 cultivation or processing of marijuana and is responsible for  
716 the physical possession of all marijuana and medical marijuana  
717 products. All work done by a contractor must be performed at a  
718 facility with an operating permit issued by the department. All  
719 principals and employees of contractors contracted by a licensee  
720 under this subsection who will participate in the operations of  
721 the licensee must be registered with the department and issued  
722 MMTC employee identification cards.

723 (g) All marijuana byproducts that cannot be processed or  
724 that cannot be reprocessed into medical marijuana products must  
725 be destroyed by the cultivation or processing licensee or its  
726 contractor within 30 days after the production of the  
727 byproducts.

728 (h) Licensees under this subsection may wholesale marijuana  
729 and medical marijuana products only to other MMTCs.

730 (i) Transport or delivery of marijuana or medical marijuana  
731 products outside of property owned by a licensee under this  
732 subsection may be performed only by an MMTC that holds a  
733 transportation license issued pursuant to subsection (6).

734 (5) RETAIL LICENSES.—The department shall begin issuing  
735 retail licenses by October 3, 2017.

736 (a) An MMTC may apply for a retail license. When applying,



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737 the MMTC must provide the department, at a minimum, with all of  
738 the following:

739 1. A completed retail license application form;

740 2. The initial application fee, which must be submitted  
741 with the completed application form;

742 3. A statement by the applicant indicating whether the  
743 applicant intends to dispense by delivery. A retail licensee may  
744 not deliver marijuana or medical marijuana products without also  
745 obtaining a transportation license pursuant to subsection (6);

746 4. The physical address of each location where marijuana or  
747 medical marijuana products will be dispensed or stored;

748 5. Identifying information for all other current or  
749 previous retail licenses held by the applicant or any of the  
750 applicant's principals;

751 6. Proof of an established infrastructure, or the ability  
752 to establish an infrastructure in a reasonable amount of time,  
753 which is designed to receive marijuana or medical marijuana  
754 products from a cultivation licensee or a processing licensee  
755 and to maintain the infrastructure's security and prevent the  
756 theft or diversion of any marijuana or medical marijuana  
757 product;

758 7. Proof of operating procedures designed to secure and  
759 maintain accountability for all marijuana and medical marijuana  
760 products that the applicant receives and possesses; ensure that  
761 the allowed amount of marijuana and the specified type of  
762 marijuana is correctly dispensed to a qualifying patient or his  
763 or her caregiver pursuant to a physician's certification; and  
764 monitor the medical marijuana patient registry and  
765 electronically update the registry with dispensing information;



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766 8. Proof of at least \$500,000 of hazard and liability  
767 insurance for each facility where marijuana or medical marijuana  
768 products are dispensed or stored; and

769 9. The licensure fee, which the department must receive  
770 before it may issue the license.

771 (b) A retail license expires 2 years after the date it is  
772 issued. The retail licensee must apply for a renewed license  
773 before the expiration date. In order to receive a renewed  
774 license, a retail licensee must meet all of the requirements for  
775 initial licensure; must provide all of the documents required  
776 under paragraph (a), accompanied by the renewal fee, but not by  
777 the initial application fee or licensure fee; and must not have  
778 any outstanding substantial violations of the applicable  
779 standards adopted by department rule.

780 (c) Before beginning to dispense or store marijuana or  
781 medical marijuana products, the licensee must obtain an  
782 operating permit from the department for each facility where  
783 marijuana or medical marijuana products will be dispensed or  
784 stored. Upon receiving a request for a permit from a licensee,  
785 the department shall inspect the facility pursuant to subsection  
786 (8) for compliance with state law, and rules adopted thereunder.  
787 Upon a determination of compliance, and if the county has not  
788 reached its maximum number of permits and has not disallowed  
789 permits in that county pursuant to paragraph (e), the department  
790 shall issue an operating permit for the facility. The department  
791 must issue or deny the operating permit for a facility within 30  
792 days after receiving the request for a permit. An MMTTC holding a  
793 retail license must have a separate operating permit for each  
794 retail facility it operates.



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795        (d) The department may not grant an operating permit if the  
796 proposed retail facility is located within 1,000 feet of an  
797 existing public or private elementary or secondary school, a  
798 child care facility as defined in s. 402.302, or a licensed  
799 service provider offering substance abuse services.

800        (e) The number of permitted retail facilities in a county  
801 may not exceed one for each 25,000 residents of the county. The  
802 governing body of a county or municipality may, by ordinance,  
803 refuse to allow retail facilities to be located within its  
804 jurisdiction, but may not prohibit an MMTC with a retail license  
805 from locating within its jurisdiction if the licensee is using a  
806 transportation operating permit to deliver medical marijuana  
807 products to qualifying patients within the jurisdiction. The  
808 department may not issue an operating permit for a retail  
809 facility in a county or municipality where the board of county  
810 commissioners of that county or the city council or other  
811 legislative body of that municipality has adopted such an  
812 ordinance. A county or municipality may levy a local business  
813 tax on a retail facility. If the number of operating permit  
814 applications determined by the department to comply with state  
815 law and rules adopted thereunder for retail facilities located  
816 in the same county exceeds the number of operating permits  
817 allowed for that county under this paragraph, the department  
818 shall employ a lottery system to determine the issuance of  
819 operating permits for that county and may not issue more than  
820 one operating permit in that county to a single MMTC. The  
821 department may issue an operating permit to an MMTC for an  
822 additional retail facility in the same county if the remaining  
823 number of allowed, but as yet unissued, permits in that county



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824 is greater than the number of qualified applications filed by  
825 applicants holding fewer operating permits in that county than  
826 the MMTC. An ordinance adopted by a municipality or county  
827 pursuant to this paragraph may not:

828 1. Provide exclusive access to one or several individuals  
829 or entities to operate retail facilities within the  
830 jurisdiction.

831 2. Prohibit specific individuals or entities from operating  
832 a retail facility within the jurisdiction if the ordinance  
833 allows retail facilities to operate in the jurisdiction.

834 3. Prohibit the delivery of medical marijuana products to  
835 qualifying patients within the jurisdiction by a properly  
836 licensed MMTC located within the jurisdiction.

837 (f) Before the expiration of an operating permit for a  
838 retail facility, the licensee shall apply for a renewal permit  
839 and the department shall reinspect the facility and issue a new  
840 operating permit for that facility upon a determination of  
841 compliance.

842 (g) A retail licensee or an employee of the retail licensee  
843 may dispense the allowed amount of marijuana to a qualifying  
844 patient or the patient's caregiver only if the retail licensee  
845 or employee:

846 1. Verifies the authenticity of the qualifying patient's or  
847 caregiver's medical marijuana patient registry identification  
848 card with the medical marijuana patient registry;

849 2. Verifies the physician's prescription for marijuana with  
850 the medical marijuana patient registry;

851 3. Determines that the qualifying patient has not been  
852 dispensed the allowed amount of marijuana within the previous 29



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853 days, if an allowed amount has been determined by his or her  
854 physician;

855 4. Issues to the qualifying patient or the qualifying  
856 patient's caregiver a receipt that details the date and time of  
857 dispensing, the amount of marijuana dispensed, and the person to  
858 whom the marijuana was dispensed; and

859 5. Updates the medical marijuana patient registry with the  
860 date and time of dispensing and the amount and type of marijuana  
861 being dispensed to the qualifying patient before dispensing to  
862 the qualifying patient or the qualifying patient's caregiver.

863 (h) A retail facility may not repackage or modify a medical  
864 marijuana product that has already been packaged for retail sale  
865 by a cultivation or processing licensee, unless the repackaging  
866 is of unprocessed marijuana and is done in accordance with  
867 instructions from the cultivator and such repackaging is  
868 documented in the required seed-to-sale tracking system.

869 (i) A retail licensee may contract with an MMTC that has a  
870 transportation license to transport marijuana and medical  
871 marijuana products between properties owned by the retail  
872 licensee, deliver the marijuana and medical marijuana products  
873 to the residence of a qualifying patient, and pick up returns of  
874 marijuana and medical marijuana products.

875 (j) Onsite consumption of marijuana or medical marijuana  
876 products at a retail facility is prohibited.

877 (6) TRANSPORTATION LICENSES.—

878 (a) The department shall adopt rules under which it will  
879 issue transportation licenses to MMTCs and permit vehicles under  
880 this subsection. An MMTC may apply for a transportation license.  
881 When applying, the MMTC must provide the department, at a



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882 minimum, with all of the following:

883 1. The physical address of the licensee's place of  
884 business;

885 2. Proof of a documentation system in accordance with the  
886 required seed-to-sale tracking system, including transportation  
887 manifests, for the transportation of marijuana and medical  
888 marijuana products between licensed facilities and to qualifying  
889 patients;

890 3. Proof of health and sanitation standards for the  
891 transportation of marijuana and medical marijuana products; and

892 4. Proof that all marijuana and medical marijuana products  
893 transported between licensed facilities will be transported in  
894 tamper-evident shipping containers.

895 (b) Medical marijuana may not be transported on the  
896 property of an airport, a seaport, a spaceport, or any property  
897 of the Federal Government.

898 (c) A transportation licensee may transport marijuana or  
899 medical marijuana products only in a vehicle that is owned or  
900 leased by the licensee or a contractor of the licensee and for  
901 which a valid vehicle permit has been issued by the department.

902 (d) A vehicle permit may be obtained by an MMTC holding a  
903 transportation license upon application and payment of a fee of  
904 \$500 per vehicle to the department. The MMTC must designate an  
905 employee or contracted employee as the driver for each permitted  
906 vehicle. Such designation must be displayed in the vehicle at  
907 all times. The permit remains valid and does not expire unless  
908 the MMTC or its contractor disposes of the permitted vehicle or  
909 the MMTC's registration or transportation license is  
910 transferred, cancelled, not renewed, or revoked by the





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911 department. The department shall cancel a vehicle permit upon  
912 the request of the MMTC or its contractor.

913 (e) By acceptance of a license issued under this  
914 subsection, the MMTC and its contracted agent, if applicable,  
915 agree that a permitted vehicle is, at all times it is being used  
916 to transport marijuana or medical marijuana products, subject to  
917 inspection and search without a search warrant by authorized  
918 employees of the department, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police  
919 officers, or other law enforcement officers to determine that  
920 the MMTC is operating in compliance with this section.

921 (f) An MMTC with a transportation license may deliver, or  
922 contract for the delivery of, marijuana and medical marijuana  
923 products to qualifying patients and caregivers within the state.

924 An MMTC or its contractor must verify the identity of the  
925 qualifying patient upon placement of the delivery order and  
926 again upon delivery. Deliveries may only be made to the same  
927 qualifying patient who placed the order or, if the patient is  
928 unable to accept delivery, his or her caregiver. A county or  
929 municipality may not prohibit deliveries of marijuana or medical  
930 marijuana products to qualifying patients within the county or  
931 municipality. The department shall adopt rules specific to the  
932 delivery of marijuana and medical marijuana products to  
933 qualifying patients and caregivers. Such rules must include:

934 1. Procedures for verifying the identity of the person  
935 submitting and receiving a delivery, including required training  
936 for delivery personnel; and

937 2. A maximum retail value for all marijuana, medical  
938 marijuana products, and currency that may be in the possession  
939 of an MMTC employee or contractor while making a delivery. The



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940 minimum value established by rule may not be less than \$5,000.

941 (g) Licensees under this subsection may use contractors to  
942 assist with the transportation of marijuana but the licensee is  
943 ultimately responsible for all of the actions and operations of  
944 each contractor relating to the transportation of marijuana and  
945 must know the location of all marijuana and medical marijuana  
946 products at all times. All principals and employees of  
947 contractors contracted by a licensee under this subsection who  
948 will participate in the operations of the licensee must be  
949 registered with the department and issued an MMTC employee  
950 identification card.

951 (7) ADVERTISING PROHIBITED.—An MMTC may not advertise its  
952 marijuana or medical marijuana products. As used in this  
953 subsection, the term “advertise” means to advise on, announce,  
954 give notice of, publish, or call attention to a product by use  
955 of an oral, written, or graphic statement made in a newspaper or  
956 other publication, on radio or television, or in any electronic  
957 medium; contained in a notice, handbill, flyer, catalog, letter,  
958 or sign, including signage on a vehicle; or printed on or  
959 contained in a tag or label attached to or accompanying  
960 marijuana or a medical marijuana product.

961 (8) INSPECTIONS OF MMTC FACILITIES.—

962 (a) Inspections of MMTC facilities, other than those  
963 inspections required to determine compliance with firesafety  
964 standards or building codes or for law enforcement purposes, are  
965 preempted to the state and may be conducted by the department.  
966 The department shall inspect and permit for operation each MMTC  
967 facility used for cultivation, processing, or dispensing  
968 marijuana or medical marijuana products before the facility



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969 begins operations. The department shall inspect each permitted  
970 facility, as well as any property used for the cultivation of  
971 marijuana, at least once every 2 years. The department may  
972 conduct additional announced or unannounced inspections of a  
973 permitted facility at reasonable hours in order to ensure  
974 compliance with state law, rules, and standards set by the  
975 department. The department or a law enforcement agency may test  
976 any marijuana or medical marijuana product in order to ensure  
977 that such marijuana or medical marijuana product meets the  
978 safety and labeling standards established by the department. The  
979 department may, by interagency agreement with the Department of  
980 Business and Professional Regulation or the Department of  
981 Agriculture and Consumer Services, perform joint inspections of  
982 such facilities with these agencies.

983 (b) By October 3, 2017, the department shall adopt rules  
984 governing the inspection of permitted facilities including  
985 procedures for permitting and reasonable standards for the  
986 operation of facilities used for cultivation, processing, or  
987 dispensing marijuana and medical marijuana products.

988 (9) ACCESS TO PERMITTED FACILITIES.—The department shall  
989 adopt rules governing access to permitted facilities and  
990 delineating limited access areas, restricted access areas, and  
991 general access areas at all licensed facilities. Access to  
992 limited access areas must be limited to MMTC principals,  
993 employees, and contractors who have been registered with the  
994 department and have an MMTC employee identification card and to  
995 visitors escorted by an individual who has such a card. Access  
996 to restricted access areas must be limited to MMTC principals,  
997 employees, and contractors who have been registered with the



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998 department and issued an MMTC employee identification card,  
999 visitors escorted by an individual who has such a card, and  
1000 qualifying patients and their caregivers. The department may  
1001 adopt rules governing visitor access to limited access and  
1002 restricted access areas, including, but not limited to, the  
1003 number of visitors that may be escorted on the premises at any  
1004 given time and the number of visitors that may be escorted by a  
1005 single employee.

1006 (10) MMTC AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL REGISTRATION AND MMTC  
1007 EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.—

1008 (a) By October 3, 2017, the department shall adopt rules  
1009 governing the registration of MMTC principals, employees, and  
1010 contractors who participate in the operations of the MMTC. The  
1011 department may charge a reasonable fee when issuing and upon  
1012 annually renewing an MMTC employee identification card. Before  
1013 hiring or contracting with any individual who is not registered  
1014 with the department or who does not possess a current MMTC  
1015 employee identification card, an MMTC must submit an application  
1016 for the registration of that person as an MMTC employee to the  
1017 department. The department shall adopt by rule a form for such  
1018 applications which requires the applicant to at least provide  
1019 all of the following:

1020 1. His or her full legal name, social security number, date  
1021 of birth, and home address;

1022 2. A full color, passport-type photograph taken within the  
1023 past 90 days;

1024 3. Proof that he or she has passed a level 2 background  
1025 screening pursuant to chapter 435 within the previous year; and

1026 4. Whether the applicant will be authorized by the MMTC to



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1027 possess marijuana or medical marijuana products while not on  
1028 MMTC property.

1029 (b) Once the department has received a completed  
1030 application and fee from an MMTC, the department shall register  
1031 the principal, employee, or contractor associated with the MMTC  
1032 and issue him or her an MMTC employee identification card that,  
1033 at a minimum, includes all of the following:

1034 1. The employee's name and the name of the MMTC that  
1035 employs him or her;

1036 2. The employee's photograph, as required under paragraph  
1037 (a);

1038 3. The expiration date of the card, which is 1 year after  
1039 the date of its issuance; and

1040 4. Whether the employee is authorized by the MMTC to  
1041 possess marijuana or medical marijuana products while not on  
1042 MMTC property.

1043 (c) If any information provided to the department for the  
1044 registration of an MMTC principal, employee, or contractor or in  
1045 the application for an MMTC employee identification card changes  
1046 or if the registered person's status with the MMTC changes, the  
1047 registered person and the MMTC must update the department with  
1048 the new information or status within 7 days after the change.

1049 (11) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

1050 (a) An MMTC is responsible for knowing and complying with  
1051 all state laws and rules governing marijuana.

1052 (b) The premises of a permitted facility must comply with  
1053 all security and surveillance requirements established by  
1054 department rule before the licensee cultivates, sells,  
1055 possesses, processes, tests, or dispenses any marijuana or



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1056 medical marijuana products at the licensed facility. All areas  
1057 of ingress or egress to limited or restricted access areas of  
1058 the permitted facility must be clearly identified as such by  
1059 signage approved by the department.

1060 (c) A licensee must possess and maintain possession of the  
1061 facility for which a permit is issued by ownership, lease,  
1062 rental, or other arrangement.

1063 (d) A licensee must keep complete and current records for  
1064 the current tax year and the 3 preceding tax years necessary to  
1065 fully show the business transactions of the licensee, all of  
1066 which must be open at all times during business hours for  
1067 inspection and examination by the department and authorized  
1068 representatives of the Department of Law Enforcement, as  
1069 required by department rule.

1070 (e) A licensee must establish an inventory tracking system  
1071 that is approved by the department in compliance with the  
1072 required seed-to-sale tracking system.

1073 (f) All marijuana and medical marijuana products must meet  
1074 the labeling and packaging requirements established by  
1075 department rule.

1076 (12) VIOLATIONS, FINES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.-

1077 (a) The department shall adopt by rule a schedule of  
1078 violations in order to impose reasonable fines, not to exceed  
1079 \$10,000 per violation, on an MMTC. In determining the amount of  
1080 the fine to be levied for a violation, the department shall  
1081 consider:

1082 1. The severity of the violation;

1083 2. Any action taken by the MMTC to correct the violation or  
1084 to remedy complaints; and



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- 1085           3. Any previous violations.
- 1086           (b) The department may suspend, revoke, deny, or refuse to  
1087 renew an MMTC's registration or function-specific license or  
1088 impose an administrative penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per  
1089 violation for:
- 1090           1. Violating this act or department rule;
- 1091           2. Failing to maintain qualifications for registration or  
1092 licensure;
- 1093           3. Endangering the health, safety, or security of a  
1094 qualifying patient or caregiver;
- 1095           4. Improperly disclosing personal and confidential  
1096 information of a qualifying patient or caregiver;
- 1097           5. Attempting to procure a registration, license, or permit  
1098 by bribery or fraudulent misrepresentation;
- 1099           6. Being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea  
1100 of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in  
1101 any jurisdiction which directly relates to the business of an  
1102 MMTC;
- 1103           7. Making or filing a report or record that the MMTC knows  
1104 to be false;
- 1105           8. Willfully failing to maintain a record required by this  
1106 section or rule of the department;
- 1107           9. Willfully impeding or obstructing an employee or agent  
1108 of the department in the furtherance of his or her official  
1109 duties;
- 1110           10. Engaging in fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetence, or  
1111 misconduct in the business practices of an MMTC;
- 1112           11. Making misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent  
1113 representations in or related to the business practices of an



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1114 MMTC; or

1115 12. Violating a lawful order of the department or an agency  
1116 of the state or failing to comply with a lawfully issued  
1117 subpoena of the department or an agency of the state.

1118 (13) MMTC LIST.—The department shall maintain on its  
1119 website a publicly available, easily accessible list of the  
1120 names and locations of all retail licensees operating under  
1121 active retail facility function permits.

1122 (14) DISPENSING ORGANIZATION GRANDFATHERING.—As soon as  
1123 practicable after the effective date of this act and not later  
1124 than October 3, 2017, the department shall:

1125 (a) Register each dispensing organization that is in  
1126 compliance with the requirements of, and that was approved  
1127 pursuant to, chapter 2014-157, Laws of Florida, or chapter 2016-  
1128 123, Laws of Florida, as an MMTC, effective retroactively to the  
1129 date of the dispensing organization's approval as a dispensing  
1130 organization;

1131 (b) Issue each such dispensing organization one cultivation  
1132 license, one processing license, one retail license, and one  
1133 transportation license; and

1134 (c) For each such dispensing organization facility in  
1135 operation on or before July 1, 2017, issue the applicable permit  
1136 for the function or functions performed at that facility to the  
1137 dispensing organization.

1138 Section 8. Section 381.996, Florida Statutes, is created to  
1139 read:

1140 381.996 Medical marijuana testing and labeling.—

1141 (1) To ensure accurate reporting of test results, the  
1142 department shall adopt by rule a certification process and





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1143 testing standards for independent testing laboratories. The  
1144 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall provide  
1145 resources to the department regarding the certification process  
1146 and standards for laboratories that test similar agricultural  
1147 products and their derivatives in this state. The standards must  
1148 include, but need not be limited to, educational requirements  
1149 for laboratory directors, proficiency testing for professional  
1150 licensees employed by a laboratory, standard operating  
1151 procedures, and quality control procedures for testing.

1152 (2) An MMTC may not distribute or sell marijuana or a  
1153 medical marijuana product to a retail licensee unless the batch  
1154 of origin of that marijuana or medical marijuana product has  
1155 been tested by an independent testing laboratory and the selling  
1156 MMTC has received test results from the independent testing  
1157 laboratory which certify that the batch meets the quality  
1158 standards established by the department. An independent testing  
1159 laboratory is not required to be registered as an MMTC or to  
1160 hold a transportation license under this act in order to  
1161 transport or receive marijuana or medical marijuana products for  
1162 testing purposes.

1163 (3) When testing a batch of origin of marijuana or medical  
1164 marijuana product, an independent testing laboratory must, at a  
1165 minimum, test for:

1166 (a) Potency, to ensure accurate labeling; and

1167 (b) Unsafe contaminants, including, but not limited to,  
1168 dangerous microbial organisms, molds, pesticides, residual  
1169 solvents, and other harmful chemicals and toxins.

1170 (4) Each independent testing laboratory shall report its  
1171 findings for each batch tested to the MMTC from which the batch



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1172 originated and to the department. Such findings must include, at  
1173 a minimum, the inspection certificate number or numbers of the  
1174 cultivation facility or processing facility from which the batch  
1175 originated, the size and batch number of the batch tested, the  
1176 types of tests performed on the batch, and the results of each  
1177 test. The department may require by rule the electronic  
1178 submission of findings.

1179 (5) The department shall adopt by rule a comprehensive  
1180 tracking and labeling system that allows a marijuana plant or  
1181 medical marijuana product to be identified and tracked from  
1182 cultivation to the final retail product. The department may  
1183 adopt rules that establish qualifications for private entities  
1184 to provide product tracking services to meet the requirements of  
1185 this subsection and may establish a preferred vendor list based  
1186 on those qualifications.

1187 (6) Before distribution or sale to a retail licensee, any  
1188 marijuana or medical marijuana product that meets department  
1189 testing standards must be packaged in a child-resistant  
1190 container and labeled with at least the name and license number  
1191 of the MMTC or MMTCs from which it originated; the inspection  
1192 certificate number of the facility or facilities where the batch  
1193 was harvested and processed; the harvest or production batch  
1194 number; the concentration range of each individual cannabinoid  
1195 present at testing; a warning statement and a universal, easily  
1196 identifiable symbol indicating that the package contains  
1197 marijuana for medical use; and any other information required  
1198 under federal or state law, rule, or regulation for that form of  
1199 product, including any additional information required for  
1200 edible products, if applicable. For purposes of this subsection,



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1201 any oil-based extraction meant for direct consumption in small  
1202 quantities as a supplement is not required to be labeled as a  
1203 food product.

1204 (7) Before sale to a qualifying patient or caregiver, a  
1205 retail licensee must affix an additional label to each medical  
1206 marijuana product which includes the retail licensee's name and  
1207 retail license number and the identification number on the  
1208 medical marijuana patient registry identification card of the  
1209 qualifying patient who is to receive the product.

1210 (8) By January 1, 2018, the department shall establish  
1211 standards for quality, testing procedures, and maximum levels of  
1212 unsafe contaminants. The department shall also create a list of  
1213 individual cannabinoids for which marijuana and medical  
1214 marijuana products must be tested which specifies for each  
1215 cannabinoid the concentration considered significant and the  
1216 varying ranges of concentrations upon which a physician may base  
1217 his or her recommendation for a patient's use of a specific  
1218 strain of marijuana.

1219 Section 9. Section 381.997, Florida Statutes, is created to  
1220 read:

1221 381.997 Penalties.—

1222 (1) A qualifying patient or caregiver may not purchase,  
1223 acquire, or possess any marijuana above the allowed amount of  
1224 marijuana for the qualifying patient's medical use. A qualifying  
1225 patient or caregiver who violates this subsection is subject to  
1226 prosecution under chapter 893.

1227 (2) A physician may not certify marijuana or medical  
1228 marijuana products for a patient without a reasonable belief  
1229 that the patient is suffering from a debilitating medical



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1230 condition. A physician who violates this subsection commits a  
1231 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
1232 775.082 or s. 775.083.

1233 (3) A person who fraudulently represents that he or she has  
1234 a debilitating medical condition for the purpose of being  
1235 certified to receive marijuana or medical marijuana products by  
1236 a physician commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
1237 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

1238 (4) A person who knowingly and fraudulently uses or  
1239 attempts to use a medical marijuana patient registry  
1240 identification card that has expired, is counterfeit, or belongs  
1241 to another person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
1242 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

1243 (5) An employee or contractor of an MMTC may not possess,  
1244 transport, or deliver any medical marijuana above the allowed  
1245 amount specified in the transport or delivery order. An employee  
1246 or contractor of an MMTC who violates this subsection commits a  
1247 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
1248 775.082 or s. 775.083.

1249 Section 10. Section 381.998, Florida Statutes, is created  
1250 to read:

1251 381.998 Insurance.—The Florida Medical Marijuana Act does  
1252 not require a governmental, private, or other health insurance  
1253 provider or health care services plan to cover a claim for  
1254 reimbursement for the purchase of marijuana or medical marijuana  
1255 products; however, the act does not restrict such coverage.

1256 Section 11. Section 381.9981, Florida Statutes, is created  
1257 to read:

1258 381.9981 Rulemaking authority.—The department may adopt



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1259 rules to administer ss. 381.99-381.9981.

1260 Section 12. Section 385.211, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1261 to read:

1262 385.211 Refractory and intractable epilepsy treatment and  
1263 research at recognized medical centers.—

1264 (1) As used in this section, the term "marijuana" has the  
1265 same meaning "low-THC cannabis" means "low-THC cannabis" as  
1266 ~~defined in s. 381.991 but applies only to marijuana s. 381.986~~  
1267 ~~that is dispensed by an MMTC only from a dispensing organization~~  
1268 as defined in s. 381.991 ~~s. 381.986~~.

1269 (2) Notwithstanding chapter 893, medical centers recognized  
1270 pursuant to s. 381.925, or an academic medical research  
1271 institution legally affiliated with a licensed children's  
1272 specialty hospital as defined in s. 395.002(28) which ~~that~~  
1273 contracts with the Department of Health, may conduct research on  
1274 cannabidiol and marijuana ~~low-THC cannabis~~. This research may  
1275 include, but need not be ~~is not~~ limited to, the agricultural  
1276 development, production, clinical research, and use of liquid  
1277 medical derivatives of cannabidiol and marijuana ~~low-THC~~  
1278 ~~cannabis~~ for the treatment for refractory or intractable  
1279 epilepsy. The authority for recognized medical centers to  
1280 conduct this research is derived from 21 C.F.R. parts 312 and  
1281 316. Current state or privately obtained research funds may be  
1282 used to support the activities described in this section.

1283 Section 13. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 499.0295,  
1284 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1285 499.0295 Experimental treatments for terminal conditions.—

1286 (2) As used in this section, the term:

1287 ~~(a) "Dispensing organization" means an organization~~



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1288 ~~approved by the Department of Health under s. 381.986(5) to~~  
1289 ~~cultivate, process, transport, and dispense low-THC cannabis,~~  
1290 ~~medical cannabis, and cannabis delivery devices.~~

1291 ~~(a)~~ (a) "Eligible patient" means a person who:

1292 1. Has a terminal condition that is attested to by the  
1293 patient's physician and confirmed by a second independent  
1294 evaluation by a board-certified physician in an appropriate  
1295 specialty for that condition;

1296 2. Has considered all other treatment options for the  
1297 terminal condition currently approved by the United States Food  
1298 and Drug Administration;

1299 3. Has given written informed consent for the use of an  
1300 investigational drug, biological product, or device; and

1301 4. Has documentation from his or her treating physician  
1302 that the patient meets the requirements of this paragraph.

1303 ~~(b)~~ (b) "Investigational drug, biological product, or  
1304 device" means:

1305 ~~1.~~ a drug, biological product, or device that has  
1306 successfully completed phase 1 of a clinical trial but has not  
1307 been approved for general use by the United States Food and Drug  
1308 Administration and remains under investigation in a clinical  
1309 trial approved by the United States Food and Drug  
1310 Administration; ~~or~~

1311 ~~2. Medical cannabis that is manufactured and sold by a~~  
1312 ~~dispensing organization.~~

1313 ~~(c)~~ (c) "Terminal condition" means a progressive disease or  
1314 medical or surgical condition that causes significant functional  
1315 impairment, is not considered by a treating physician to be  
1316 reversible even with the administration of available treatment



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1317 options currently approved by the United States Food and Drug  
1318 Administration, and, without the administration of life-  
1319 sustaining procedures, will result in death within 1 year after  
1320 diagnosis if the condition runs its normal course.

1321 (d)~~(e)~~ "Written informed consent" means a document that is  
1322 signed by a patient, a parent of a minor patient, a court-  
1323 appointed guardian for a patient, or a health care surrogate  
1324 designated by a patient and includes:

1325 1. An explanation of the currently approved products and  
1326 treatments for the patient's terminal condition.

1327 2. An attestation that the patient concurs with his or her  
1328 physician in believing that all currently approved products and  
1329 treatments are unlikely to prolong the patient's life.

1330 3. Identification of the specific investigational drug,  
1331 biological product, or device that the patient is seeking to  
1332 use.

1333 4. A realistic description of the most likely outcomes of  
1334 using the investigational drug, biological product, or device.  
1335 The description shall include the possibility that new,  
1336 unanticipated, different, or worse symptoms might result and  
1337 death could be hastened by the proposed treatment. The  
1338 description shall be based on the physician's knowledge of the  
1339 proposed treatment for the patient's terminal condition.

1340 5. A statement that the patient's health plan or third-  
1341 party administrator and physician are not obligated to pay for  
1342 care or treatment consequent to the use of the investigational  
1343 drug, biological product, or device unless required to do so by  
1344 law or contract.

1345 6. A statement that the patient's eligibility for hospice



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1346 care may be withdrawn if the patient begins treatment with the  
1347 investigational drug, biological product, or device and that  
1348 hospice care may be reinstated if the treatment ends and the  
1349 patient meets hospice eligibility requirements.

1350 7. A statement that the patient understands he or she is  
1351 liable for all expenses consequent to the use of the  
1352 investigational drug, biological product, or device and that  
1353 liability extends to the patient's estate, unless a contract  
1354 between the patient and the manufacturer of the investigational  
1355 drug, biological product, or device states otherwise.

1356 (3) Upon the request of an eligible patient, a manufacturer  
1357 may do any of the following, ~~or upon a physician's order~~  
1358 ~~pursuant to s. 381.986, a dispensing organization may:~~

1359 (a) Make its investigational drug, biological product, or  
1360 device available under this section.

1361 (b) Provide an investigational drug, biological product, or  
1362 ~~device, or cannabis delivery device as defined in s. 381.986~~ to  
1363 an eligible patient without receiving compensation.

1364 (c) Require an eligible patient to pay the costs of, or the  
1365 costs associated with, the manufacture of the investigational  
1366 drug, biological product, or device, ~~or cannabis delivery device~~  
1367 ~~as defined in s. 381.986.~~

1368 Section 14. Subsection (3) of section 893.02, Florida  
1369 Statutes, is amended to read:

1370 893.02 Definitions.—The following words and phrases as used  
1371 in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless the  
1372 context otherwise requires:

1373 (3) "Cannabis" means all parts of any plant of the genus  
1374 *Cannabis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin





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1375 extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound,  
1376 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the  
1377 plant or its seeds or resin. ~~The term does not include "low-THC~~  
1378 ~~cannabis," as defined in s. 381.986, if manufactured, possessed,~~  
1379 ~~sold, purchased, delivered, distributed, or dispensed, in~~  
1380 ~~conformance with s. 381.986.~~

1381 Section 15. Section 1004.441, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1382 to read:

1383 1004.441 ~~Refractory and intractable epilepsy treatment and~~  
1384 Research on the use of marijuana to treat serious medical  
1385 conditions and symptoms.-

1386 (1) As used in this section, the term "marijuana" has the  
1387 same meaning ~~"low-THC cannabis" means "low-THC cannabis" as~~  
1388 ~~defined in s. 381.991 but applies only to marijuana s. 381.986~~  
1389 ~~that is dispensed by an MMTC only from a dispensing organization~~  
1390 ~~as defined in s. 381.991 s. 381.986.~~

1391 (2) Notwithstanding chapter 893, state universities with  
1392 both medical and agricultural research programs, including those  
1393 that have satellite campuses or research agreements with other  
1394 similar institutions, may conduct research on marijuana and  
1395 cannabidiol ~~and low-THC cannabis~~. This research may include, but  
1396 is not limited to, the agricultural development, production,  
1397 clinical research, and use of ~~liquid~~ medical derivatives,  
1398 medical marijuana products, and of cannabidiol and low-THC  
1399 ~~cannabis~~ for the treatment of any debilitating medical condition  
1400 as defined in s. 381.991 ~~for refractory or intractable epilepsy.~~  
1401 The authority for state universities to conduct this research is  
1402 derived from 21 C.F.R. parts 312 and 316. Current state or  
1403 privately obtained research funds may be used to support the



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1404 activities authorized by this section.

1405       Section 16. The University of Florida, in consultation with  
1406 a veterinary research organization, may conduct research to  
1407 determine the benefits and contraindications of the use of low-  
1408 THC cannabis and low-THC cannabis products for treatment of  
1409 animals with seizure disorders or other life-limiting illnesses.  
1410 State funds may not be used for such research.

1411       Section 17. If any provision of this act or its application  
1412 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity  
1413 does not affect other provisions or applications of the act  
1414 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or  
1415 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
1416 severable.

1417       Section 18. The Division of Law Revision and Information is  
1418 directed to replace the phrase "the effective date of this act"  
1419 wherever it occurs in this act with the date the act becomes a  
1420 law.

1421       Section 19. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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1423 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

1424 And the title is amended as follows:

1425       Delete everything before the enacting clause  
1426 and insert:

1427                               A bill to be entitled  
1428       An act relating to medical marijuana; repealing s.  
1429       381.986, F.S., relating to the compassionate use of  
1430       low-THC and medical cannabis; creating s. 381.99,  
1431       F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 381.991,  
1432       F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 381.992, F.S.;



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1433 authorizing a qualifying patient or his or her  
1434 caregiver to purchase, acquire, and possess up to the  
1435 allowed amount of marijuana, medical marijuana  
1436 products, and associated paraphernalia for a  
1437 qualifying patient's medical use; authorizing a  
1438 medical marijuana treatment center (MMTC), including  
1439 its employees and contractors, to perform certain  
1440 activities; authorizing certified independent testing  
1441 laboratories and their employees or contractors to  
1442 receive and process marijuana for the sole purpose of  
1443 testing the marijuana for compliance with the act;  
1444 specifying that certain provisions do not exempt  
1445 persons from the prohibition against driving under the  
1446 influence; providing that specified provisions apply  
1447 to the smoking of marijuana or medical marijuana  
1448 products; authorizing the department to restrict the  
1449 smoking of marijuana or such products at certain  
1450 facilities; creating s. 381.993, F.S.; providing that  
1451 a physician must certify, on a specified form, that a  
1452 patient is suffering from a debilitating medical  
1453 condition and that the benefits to the patient of  
1454 using marijuana outweigh the potential health risks  
1455 before a patient may register with the department and  
1456 obtain a registry identification card; requiring the  
1457 certification to specify the length of time  
1458 recommended for the use of marijuana or a medical  
1459 marijuana product; specifying that the allowable  
1460 amount for any patient may not exceed a maximum  
1461 determined by department rule; authorizing physicians



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1462 to submit the physician certification form  
1463 electronically through the department's website or by  
1464 mail; providing criteria for the certification of  
1465 patients by physicians; requiring patients who wish to  
1466 use marijuana or medical marijuana products to  
1467 register with the department; providing requirements  
1468 for registration; authorizing adult qualifying  
1469 patients to authorize caregivers; requiring the  
1470 consent of a parent or legal guardian for minor  
1471 patients; providing requirements for caregivers;  
1472 prohibiting caregivers from registering to assist more  
1473 than one patient at any given time unless specified  
1474 circumstances are met; requiring the department to  
1475 designate the parent or legal guardian of a qualifying  
1476 minor patient as the patient's caregiver; prohibiting  
1477 qualifying minor patients from purchasing or acquiring  
1478 marijuana and medical marijuana products; requiring  
1479 the department to notify the qualifying patient that  
1480 the caregiver's application for registration is  
1481 disallowed; specifying the responsibilities of the  
1482 department; requiring the department to create a  
1483 patient and caregiver registration form and a  
1484 physician certification form and make those forms  
1485 available to the public by a specified date; requiring  
1486 the registration form to allow the patient to include  
1487 specified information; requiring the department to  
1488 create and make available to the public a specified  
1489 caregiver training course by a specified date;  
1490 requiring the department to enter the information for



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1491 the qualifying patient or his or her caregiver into  
1492 the medical marijuana patient registry and to issue a  
1493 medical marijuana patient registry identification card  
1494 to the patient and the caregiver after the receipt of  
1495 specified documents; requiring that medical marijuana  
1496 registry identification cards be resistant to  
1497 counterfeiting and include specified information;  
1498 providing that patient and caregiver registration and  
1499 medical marijuana patient registry identification  
1500 cards expire 1 year after the date of issuance;  
1501 requiring a physician to certify specified information  
1502 in order to renew a registration or medical marijuana  
1503 patient registry identification card; requiring the  
1504 written consent of a parent or legal guardian of a  
1505 qualifying patient who is a minor for the continued  
1506 consent of the minor's treatment with marijuana;  
1507 providing for the disqualification of patients and  
1508 caregivers; requiring the department to notify  
1509 specified persons of a change in registration status  
1510 in specified circumstances; requiring the department  
1511 to give notice within a specified timeframe to the  
1512 qualifying patient and the caregiver before removing  
1513 the patient or caregiver from the medical marijuana  
1514 patient registry; requiring the qualifying patient or  
1515 caregiver to return specified items within a specified  
1516 timeframe after receiving the notification; requiring  
1517 a retail facility to notify the department upon the  
1518 receipt of such items; authorizing the retail facility  
1519 to notify the department electronically; requiring the



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1520 personal representative of a patient or a caregiver to  
1521 return the identification card of the patient or  
1522 caregiver to the retail facility after his or her  
1523 death; requiring the retail facility to update the  
1524 medical marijuana patient registry and notify the  
1525 department after the return of the identification  
1526 cards; authorizing the retail facility to notify the  
1527 department electronically; requiring the department,  
1528 on a quarterly basis, to compare all qualifying  
1529 patients and caregivers in the medical marijuana  
1530 patient registry with the records of deaths on file on  
1531 the electronic death registration system and to adjust  
1532 the file of the patient or caregiver accordingly  
1533 within a certain timeframe; requiring the department  
1534 to notify law enforcement of the expired or cancelled  
1535 identification card in certain circumstances;  
1536 authorizing the department to adopt rules to implement  
1537 a process for MMTCs to accept and dispose of returned  
1538 marijuana or medical marijuana products and registry  
1539 identification cards; creating s. 381.994, F.S.;

1540 requiring that the department create a secure, online,  
1541 electronic medical marijuana patient registry  
1542 containing a file containing specified information for  
1543 each qualifying patient, caregiver, and certifying  
1544 physician; requiring that the medical marijuana  
1545 patient registry meet specified criteria; creating s.  
1546 381.995, F.S.; requiring the department to establish  
1547 operating standards for the cultivation, processing,  
1548 packaging, and labeling of marijuana and procedures



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1549 and requirements for the registration of MMTCs by a  
1550 specified date; providing for the registration of  
1551 MMTCs and certain of their principles, employees and  
1552 contractors; requiring the department to charge  
1553 registration fees that may not exceed specified  
1554 amounts; requiring the department to develop a  
1555 registration form for MMTCs which must require the  
1556 applicant to provide specified information; requiring  
1557 the department to begin registering MMTCs by a  
1558 specified date; requiring MMTCs to provide specified  
1559 documentation and to pay a performance and compliance  
1560 bond in a specified amount, which is subject to  
1561 forfeiture; prohibiting registration from taking place  
1562 until all principals, employees, and contractors who  
1563 will participate in the operations of the MMTC have  
1564 registered with the department and have been issued  
1565 identification cards; providing a 2-year registration  
1566 period and requiring that renewals comply with a  
1567 process established by department rule; requiring  
1568 MMTCs to obtain certain licenses before engaging in  
1569 certain activities; requiring the department to  
1570 develop rules enforcing the use of a seed-to-sale  
1571 tracking system; providing criteria; authorizing the  
1572 department to charge application and license fees for  
1573 cultivation licenses; specifying fees for specified  
1574 licenses and facility permits; requiring the  
1575 department to begin issuing cultivation and processing  
1576 licenses by a specified date; authorizing MMTCs to  
1577 apply for cultivation and processing licenses;



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1578 providing application requirements; providing for  
1579 expiration and renewal of licenses; requiring  
1580 licensees to obtain an operating permit from the  
1581 department for each facility before beginning  
1582 cultivation and processing; requiring the department  
1583 to inspect facilities for which operating permits are  
1584 sought; requiring the department to approve or  
1585 disapprove applications within a specified timeframe;  
1586 prohibiting facilities from certain operations if  
1587 their permit has expired; requiring cultivation and  
1588 processing facilities to be secure, closed to the  
1589 public, and not within a specified proximity to  
1590 specified schools, child care facilities, or specified  
1591 licensed service providers; authorizing the department  
1592 to establish rules providing additional security and  
1593 zoning requirements; providing that licensees may use  
1594 contractors to assist in the cultivation and  
1595 processing of marijuana, but holding licensees  
1596 responsible for their actions; requiring principals  
1597 and employees of contractors who participate in the  
1598 operations of the licensee to be registered with the  
1599 department and to have MMTC employee identification  
1600 cards; requiring cultivation and processing licensees  
1601 to destroy certain marijuana byproducts within a  
1602 specified timeframe; requiring MMTCs that transport or  
1603 deliver marijuana outside of the property owned by the  
1604 licensee to hold a transportation license; requiring  
1605 the department to begin issuing retail licenses by a  
1606 specified date; providing requirements for





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1607 application; providing for the expiration and renewal  
1608 of licenses; requiring licensees to obtain an  
1609 operating permit from the department for each  
1610 dispensing facility before dispensing or storing  
1611 marijuana or medical marijuana products; providing a  
1612 permitting process; requiring the department to act on  
1613 permit applications within a certain timeframe;  
1614 requiring an MMTC that holds a retail license to have  
1615 a separate operating permit for each retail facility  
1616 it operates; prohibiting the department from granting  
1617 an operating permit if a proposed retail facility is  
1618 located on the same property as a cultivation or  
1619 processing facility or if it is located proximate to  
1620 specified schools or facilities; restricting the  
1621 number of available retail licenses in a county based  
1622 on population; authorizing a governing body of a  
1623 county or municipality to refuse to allow a retail  
1624 facility within its jurisdiction; prohibiting the  
1625 department from licensing a retail facility in a  
1626 county or municipality that has prohibited retail  
1627 facilities by ordinance; authorizing a county or  
1628 municipality to levy a local business tax on a retail  
1629 facility; authorizing the department to employ a  
1630 lottery system for the issuance of permits in certain  
1631 circumstances; limiting the number of operating  
1632 permits that may be issued to a single MMTC in those  
1633 circumstances; providing for the expiration and  
1634 renewal of operating permits; providing requirements  
1635 for retail licensees and their employees in the



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1636 dispensing of marijuana to qualifying patients and  
1637 their caregivers; prohibiting a retail facility from  
1638 repackaging or modifying a medical marijuana product  
1639 that has been packaged for retail sale by a  
1640 cultivation or processing licensee; authorizing retail  
1641 licensees to contract with certain MMTCs to transport  
1642 marijuana and medical marijuana products between  
1643 properties owned by the retail licensee and to make  
1644 deliveries to and pick up returns from the residences  
1645 of qualifying patients; prohibiting onsite consumption  
1646 of marijuana or medical marijuana products at retail  
1647 facilities; requiring the department to adopt rules  
1648 governing the issuance of transportation licenses to  
1649 MMTCs and the permitting of vehicles; authorizing  
1650 MMTCs to apply for retail licenses and providing  
1651 application requirements; prohibiting the  
1652 transportation of marijuana or medical marijuana  
1653 products on the property of an airport, seaport, or  
1654 spaceport; authorizing a transportation licensee to  
1655 transport marijuana or medical marijuana products in  
1656 specified permitted vehicles; specifying the fee for  
1657 vehicle permits; providing requirements for the  
1658 designation of drivers and requiring that designations  
1659 be displayed in a vehicle at all times; providing for  
1660 expiration of the permit in certain circumstances;  
1661 requiring the department to cancel a vehicle permit  
1662 upon the request of specified persons; providing that  
1663 the licensee authorizes the inspection and search of  
1664 his or her vehicle by certain persons without a search



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1665 warrant for purposes of determining compliance with  
1666 the act; authorizing certain MMTCs to deliver or  
1667 contract for the delivery of marijuana and medical  
1668 marijuana products to qualifying patients and their  
1669 caregivers; providing requirements for and  
1670 restrictions on such delivery; prohibiting a county or  
1671 municipality from prohibiting deliveries; requiring  
1672 the department to adopt rules governing the delivery  
1673 of marijuana and medical marijuana products to  
1674 qualifying patients and their caregivers; authorizing  
1675 licensees to use contractors to assist with the  
1676 transportation of marijuana or medical marijuana  
1677 products; providing requirements for such  
1678 transportation; requiring that principals and  
1679 employees of contractors contracted by a licensee be  
1680 registered with the department and issued an employee  
1681 identification card; prohibiting MMTCs from  
1682 advertising marijuana or medical marijuana products;  
1683 defining the term "advertise"; providing that  
1684 inspections of MMTC facilities are preempted to the  
1685 state and may be conducted by the department;  
1686 requiring the department to inspect and license  
1687 specified facilities of MMTCs before those facilities  
1688 begin operations; requiring the department to conduct  
1689 such inspection at least once every 2 years;  
1690 authorizing the department to conduct additional or  
1691 unannounced inspections at reasonable hours;  
1692 authorizing the department to test marijuana or  
1693 medical marijuana products to ensure that they meet



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1694 the standards established by the department;  
1695 authorizing the department, through an interagency  
1696 agreement, to perform joint inspections of such  
1697 facilities; requiring the department to adopt rules by  
1698 a specified date governing access to licensed  
1699 facilities which impose specified requirements on  
1700 limited access areas, restricted access areas, and  
1701 general access areas at all licensed facilities;  
1702 authorizing the department to adopt rules governing  
1703 visitor access; requiring the department to adopt  
1704 rules governing the registration of MMTC principals,  
1705 employees and contractors; authorizing the department  
1706 to charge a reasonable fee for MMTC employee  
1707 identification cards; requiring that MMTCs submit an  
1708 application for the registration of a person they  
1709 intend to hire or contract with in certain  
1710 circumstances; requiring the department to adopt by  
1711 rule a form for submitting an employee registration;  
1712 specifying the information that must be provided by  
1713 applicants; requiring the department to register  
1714 certain persons and to issue them MMTC employee  
1715 identification cards that meet certain requirements;  
1716 requiring MMTCs to notify the department of any  
1717 changes in status of such employees or contactors  
1718 within a specified timeframe; providing that MMTCs are  
1719 responsible for knowing and complying with specified  
1720 laws and rules; requiring that the licensed premises  
1721 comply with security and surveillance requirements  
1722 established by the department by rule before the



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1723 licensee can undertake specified actions; requiring  
1724 that specified areas of the licensed facility be  
1725 clearly identified as such by signage approved by the  
1726 department; requiring that a licensee possess and  
1727 maintain possession of the premises for which the  
1728 license is issued; requiring a licensee to keep a  
1729 complete set of all records necessary to show fully  
1730 the business transactions of the licensee for  
1731 specified tax years; requiring a licensee to establish  
1732 an inventory tracking system that is approved by the  
1733 department; requiring that marijuana or medical  
1734 marijuana products meet the labeling and packaging  
1735 requirements established by department rule; requiring  
1736 the department to adopt by rule a schedule of  
1737 violations in order to impose fines not to exceed a  
1738 specified amount per violation; requiring the  
1739 department to consider specified factors in  
1740 determining the amount of the fine to be levied;  
1741 authorizing the department to suspend, revoke, deny,  
1742 or refuse to renew a license of an MMTC or impose a  
1743 specified administrative penalty for specified acts  
1744 and omissions; requiring the department to maintain a  
1745 publicly available, easily accessible list on its  
1746 website of all permitted retail facilities; providing  
1747 for the grandfathering of MMTCs that meet specified  
1748 requirements by a specified date; requiring the  
1749 department to issue specified licenses and permits;  
1750 creating s. 381.996, F.S.; providing requirements for  
1751 marijuana testing and labeling; requiring the



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1752 Department of Health to adopt by rule a certification  
1753 process and testing standards for independent testing  
1754 laboratories; requiring the Department of Agriculture  
1755 and Consumer Services to provide resources to the  
1756 department; prohibiting cultivation licensees and  
1757 processing licensees from distributing or selling  
1758 marijuana or medical marijuana products to retail  
1759 licensees unless specified conditions are met;  
1760 providing that independent laboratories are not  
1761 required to be registered as MMTCs or to hold  
1762 transportation licenses to transport or receive  
1763 marijuana or medical marijuana products for testing  
1764 purposes; requiring independent testing laboratories  
1765 to conduct specified testing and to report specified  
1766 findings to the department; requiring that such  
1767 findings include specified information; requiring the  
1768 department to establish by rule a comprehensive  
1769 tracking and labeling system for marijuana plants and  
1770 products; authorizing the department to adopt rules  
1771 that establish qualifications for private entities  
1772 that provide product tracking services and to  
1773 establish a preferred vendor list; requiring that  
1774 medical marijuana and medical marijuana products that  
1775 meet testing standards be packaged in a specified  
1776 manner; providing an exception; requiring a retail  
1777 licensee to affix an additional label to each medical  
1778 marijuana product which includes specified  
1779 information; requiring the department to establish  
1780 specified standards for quality, testing procedures,



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1781 and maximum levels of unsafe contaminants by a  
1782 specified date; requiring the department to create a  
1783 list of individual cannabinoids for which marijuana  
1784 and medical marijuana products must be tested;  
1785 creating s. 381.997, F.S.; providing penalties for  
1786 specified violations; creating s. 381.998, F.S.;  
1787 providing that this act does not require specified  
1788 insurance providers or a health care services plan to  
1789 cover a claim for reimbursement for the purchase of  
1790 medical marijuana; providing that the act does not  
1791 restrict such coverage; creating s. 381.9981, F.S.;  
1792 authorizing the department to adopt rules to implement  
1793 this act; amending ss. 385.211, 499.0295, 893.02, and  
1794 1004.441, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
1795 by the act; authorizing the University of Florida, in  
1796 consultation with a veterinary research organization,  
1797 to conduct specified research for treatment of animals  
1798 with seizure disorders or other life-limiting  
1799 illnesses; prohibiting the use of state funds for such  
1800 research; providing for severability; providing  
1801 effective dates.