

By Senator Powell

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to medical cannabis patients;
3 providing a short title; providing legislative intent;
4 amending s. 381.986, F.S.; specifying that a qualified
5 patient's medical use of cannabis does not constitute
6 the use of an illicit substance for purposes of
7 medical care; prohibiting a qualified patient's
8 disqualification from any medical treatment or therapy
9 solely on the basis of his or her medical use of
10 cannabis; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Medical Cannabis
15 Patient Protection Act."

16 Section 2. The intent of the Legislature is to establish
17 protections from adverse actions for registered patients using
18 medical marijuana under Article X of the State Constitution.
19 These patients should not be denied medical treatment, such as
20 organ transplantation or pain management, or prevented from
21 receiving other medically approved therapies because they have
22 engaged in a therapy authorized by the Constitution and laws of
23 this state.

24 Section 3. Present subsection (17) of section 381.986,
25 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (18), and a new
26 subsection (17) is added to that section, to read:

27 381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—

28 (17) DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PATIENTS PROHIBITED.—For the
29 purposes of medical care, a qualified patient's medical use of

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30 cannabis does not constitute the use of an illicit substance and
31 may not be used as the sole basis for disqualification from any
32 medical treatment or therapy, including, but not limited to,
33 organ transplantation and pain management.

34 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.