

By Senator Brandes

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to medical marijuana patient
3 protection; providing a short title; providing
4 legislative intent; amending s. 381.986, F.S.;
5 providing that a qualified patient's medical use of
6 marijuana does not constitute the use of an illicit
7 substance or otherwise disqualify such patient from
8 medical treatment or other medically approved
9 therapies; providing an effective date.

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

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

15 Section 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish
16 protections from discrimination for qualified patients using
17 medical marijuana under s. 29, Article X of the State
18 Constitution. It is inappropriate for these patients to be
19 denied medical treatment, including organ transplants or pain
20 management, or prevented from using other medically approved
21 therapies because they have engaged in a therapy authorized by
22 the constitution and laws of this state.

23 Section 3. Present subsections (15), (16), and (17) of
24 section 381.986, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
25 subsections (16), (17), and (18), respectively, and a new
26 subsection (15) is added to that section, to read:

27 381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—

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

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30 marijuana does not constitute the use of an illicit substance or
31 otherwise disqualify the patient from medical treatment or other
32 medically approved therapies, including, but not limited to,
33 organ transplantation and pain management.

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