

Subject Medical cannabis program

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Overview

This bill modifies provisions governing the medical cannabis program. It allows patients to administer medical cannabis by vaporizing raw cannabis (dried leaves, flower, or plant form); and makes any patient with cancer or a terminal illness eligible to participate in the program.

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | <p>Medical cannabis.</p> <p>Amends § 152.22, subd. 6. Amends the definition of medical cannabis for the medical cannabis program, to allow patients to administer medical cannabis by vaporizing raw cannabis. (Under current law raw cannabis—the dried leaves, flower, or plant form—is not an allowable form of medical cannabis; and a patient is only authorized to vaporize medical cannabis using liquid or oil.)</p> |
| 2 | <p>Qualifying medical condition.</p> <p>Amends § 152.22, subd. 14. Only patients with a qualifying medical condition may enroll in the medical cannabis program. This section modifies the definition of qualifying medical condition to allow any patient with cancer or a terminal illness with a probable life expectancy of under one year to enroll in the program. (Under current law a patient with cancer or a terminal illness may enroll in the program only if the cancer, terminal illness, or treatment causes severe or chronic pain, nausea or severe vomiting, or cachexia or severe wasting.)</p> |