

Senate Bill 767

Sponsored by Senator MORRISETTE

SUMMARY

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Authorizes Department of Human Services to establish medical marijuana dispensary program pilot project. Creates oversight committee. Authorizes department to adopt rules to implement and operate pilot project.

Sunsets project December 31, 2016.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to medical marijuana dispensary program pilot project.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 475.300 to**
5 **475.346.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall develop and implement a med-**
7 **ical marijuana dispensary program pilot project to produce and dispense high quality medical**
8 **marijuana to registry identification card holders. The pilot project shall be operated in part-**
9 **nership with the Oregon State University Extension Service agricultural research program**
10 **at Hyslop Farm.**

11 **(2) The pilot project shall develop an ongoing garden and dispensary program. The**
12 **dispensary program shall provide medical marijuana to all registry identification card holders**
13 **who elect to participate in the program. Participation in the dispensary program shall not**
14 **infringe upon the right of a registry identification card holder to produce medical marijuana**
15 **as provided in ORS 475.300 to 475.346.**

16 **(3)(a) There is created the Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee, consisting of nine**
17 **members appointed by the Director of Human Services as follows:**

18 **(A) Four members who shall be registry identification card holders under ORS 475.309.**

19 **(B) Three members with expertise in horticulture.**

20 **(C) One member who is a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677.**

21 **(D) One member who is the person responsible for the financial management of the**
22 **Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.**

23 **(b) The committee shall annually review the pilot project and make a written report to**
24 **the director about the progress of the project, and to recommend the amount of fees that**
25 **should be charged participants in the dispensary program to offset the actual costs of the**
26 **program and any changes to the administrative structure of the program that may be nec-**
27 **essary.**

28 **(c) The committee shall determine, in consultation with the staff of the pilot project, the**
29 **strains of marijuana to be produced for the dispensary program and methods for testing the**
30 **quality of the strains selected.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (d) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum for the trans-
2 action of business.

3 (e) The committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

4 (f) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the director shall make an appointment to become
5 immediately effective.

6 (g) The committee shall meet at least four times a year at times and places specified by
7 the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the committee.

8 (h) The department shall provide staff support to the committee.

9 (i) Members of the committee are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed
10 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
11 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
12 penses shall be paid out of fees collected by the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

13 (j) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the
14 committee in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to
15 confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the committee
16 consider necessary to perform their duties.

17 (4) Expenses of the pilot project and of the dispensary program shall be paid from fees
18 collected by the department for the issuance of registry identification cards and for partic-
19 ipation in the dispensary program.

20 (5) Any fees paid by participants in the dispensary program established under this section
21 are not subject to the prohibition against exchanging marijuana for consideration established
22 in ORS 475.316.

23 (6) The department shall adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this 2007
24 Act.

25 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2007 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.
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