Senate Bill 874

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUMMARY

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Provides that registry identification cardholders and designated primary caregivers may be responsible for indoor marijuana grow site.

Directs State Department of Agriculture to establish registration system for marijuana farms. Directs State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules allowing pharmacy or pharmacist to purchase marijuana from marijuana farm and dispense usable marijuana to registry identification cardholders. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to medical marijuana; creating new provisions; amending ORS 475.302, 475.304, 475.309, 475.316, 475.320 and 475.331; and declaring an emergency.

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

- **SECTION 1.** ORS 475.302 is amended to read:
- 6 475.302. As used in ORS 475.300 to 475.346:
 - (1) "Attending physician" means a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 who has primary responsibility for the care and treatment of a person diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition.
 - (2) "Authority" means the Oregon Health Authority.
- 10 (3) "Debilitating medical condition" means:
 - (a) Cancer, glaucoma, agitation due to Alzheimer's disease, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or treatment for these conditions;
 - (b) A medical condition or treatment for a medical condition that produces, for a specific patient, one or more of the following:
- 15 (A) Cachexia;

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- 16 (B) Severe pain;
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 - (D) Seizures, including but not limited to seizures caused by epilepsy; or
- 19 (E) Persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to spasms caused by multiple sclerosis; 20 or
 - (c) Any other medical condition or treatment for a medical condition adopted by the authority by rule or approved by the authority pursuant to a petition submitted pursuant to ORS 475.334.
 - (4) "Delivery" has the meaning given that term in ORS 475.005. "Delivery" does not include transfer of marijuana by a registry identification cardholder to another registry identification cardholder if no consideration is paid for the transfer.
 - (5) "Designated primary caregiver" means an individual 18 years of age or older who has significant responsibility for managing the well-being of a person who has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition and who is designated as such on that person's application for a registry identification card or in other written notification to the authority. "Designated primary

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caregiver" does not include the person's attending physician.

- (6) "Marijuana" has the meaning given that term in ORS 475.005.
- (7) "Marijuana farm" means a farm that is authorized by the State Department of Agriculture pursuant to section 4 of this 2011 Act to produce marijuana and sell usable marijuana to pharmacies for dispensing to registry identification cardholders.
- [(7)] (8) "Marijuana grow site" means a location where marijuana is produced for use by a registry identification cardholder and that is registered under the provisions of ORS 475.304.
- [(8)] (9) "Medical use of marijuana" means the production, possession, delivery, or administration of marijuana, or paraphernalia used to administer marijuana, as necessary for the exclusive benefit of a person to mitigate the symptoms or effects of the person's debilitating medical condition.
 - (10) "Pharmacist" means a person licensed as a pharmacist under ORS chapter 689.
 - (11) "Pharmacy" has the meaning given that term in ORS 689.005.
 - [(9)] (12) "Production" has the meaning given that term in ORS 475.005.
- [(10)] (13) "Registry identification card" means a document issued by the authority that identifies a person authorized to engage in the medical use of marijuana and the person's designated primary caregiver, if any.
- [(11)] (14) "Usable marijuana" means the dried leaves and flowers of the plant Cannabis family Moraceae, and any mixture or preparation thereof, that are appropriate for medical use as allowed in ORS 475.300 to 475.346. "Usable marijuana" does not include the seeds, stalks and roots of the plant.
- [(12)] (15) "Written documentation" means a statement signed by the attending physician of a person diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition or copies of the person's relevant medical records.

SECTION 2. ORS 475.304 is amended to read:

- 475.304. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish by rule a marijuana grow site registration system to authorize production of marijuana by a registry identification cardholder[,] **or** a designated primary caregiver who grows marijuana for the cardholder [or a person who is responsible for a marijuana grow site]. The marijuana grow site registration system adopted must:
 - (a) Require all production of marijuana at a marijuana grow site to take place indoors.
- (b) Require a registry identification cardholder to submit an application to the authority that includes:
- [(a)] (A) The name of the [person] registry identification cardholder or designated primary caregiver who is responsible for the marijuana grow site;
 - [(b)] (B) The address of the marijuana grow site;
- [(c)] (C) The registry identification card number of the registry cardholder for whom the marijuana is being produced; and
 - [(d)] (**D**) Any other information the authority considers necessary.
- (2) The authority shall issue a marijuana grow site registration card to a registry identification cardholder who has met the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) A person who has been issued a marijuana grow site registration card under this section must display the registration card at the marijuana grow site at all times when marijuana is being produced.
- (4) A marijuana grow site registration card must be obtained and posted for each registry identification cardholder for whom marijuana is being produced at a marijuana grow site.
- (5) All usable marijuana, plants, seedlings and seeds associated with the production of marijuana

for a registry identification cardholder by a [person responsible for a marijuana grow site] designated primary caregiver are the property of the registry identification cardholder and must be provided to the registry identification cardholder upon request.

- (6)(a) The authority shall conduct a criminal records check under ORS 181.534 of [any person] a registry identification cardholder or designated primary caregiver whose name is submitted as a person responsible for a marijuana grow site.
- (b) A [person] registry identification cardholder or designated primary caregiver convicted of a Class A or Class B felony under ORS 475.840 to 475.920 for the manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance in Schedule I or Schedule II may not be issued a marijuana grow site registration card or produce marijuana [for a registry identification cardholder] for five years from the date of conviction.
- (c) A [person] registry identification cardholder or designated primary caregiver convicted more than once of a Class A or Class B felony under ORS 475.840 to 475.920 for the manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance in Schedule I or Schedule II may not be issued a marijuana grow site registration card or produce marijuana [for a registry identification cardholder].
- (7) A registry identification cardholder [or the designated primary caregiver of the cardholder] may reimburse [the person] the cardholder's designated primary caregiver who is responsible for a marijuana grow site for the costs of supplies and utilities associated with the production of marijuana for the registry identification cardholder. No other costs associated with the production of marijuana for the registry identification cardholder, including the cost of labor, may be reimbursed.
- SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 475.300 to 475.346.
- SECTION 4. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall establish by rule a registration system to authorize marijuana farms to produce marijuana and sell usable marijuana to pharmacies for dispensing to registry identification cardholders.
- (2) The registration system must require a marijuana farm to be located on land that is in an exclusive farm use zone or a mixed farm and forest zone.
- (3) The department shall notify the Oregon Health Authority when the department registers a marijuana farm.
- (4) The department shall establish by rule fees for the registration and inspection of marijuana farms.

SECTION 5. ORS 475.309 is amended to read:

- 475.309. (1) Except as provided in ORS 475.316, 475.320 and 475.342, a person engaged in or assisting in the medical use of marijuana is excepted from the criminal laws of [the] **this** state for possession, delivery or production of marijuana, aiding and abetting another in the possession, delivery or production of marijuana or any other criminal offense in which possession, delivery or production of marijuana is an element if the following conditions have been satisfied:
- (a)(A) The person holds a registry identification card issued pursuant to this section, has applied for a registry identification card pursuant to subsection (9) of this section[,] or is the designated primary caregiver of the cardholder or applicant[, or is the person responsible for a marijuana grow site that is producing marijuana for the cardholder and is registered under ORS 475.304]; and
- [(b)] (B) The person who has a debilitating medical condition[,] and the person's primary caregiver [and the person responsible for a marijuana grow site that is producing marijuana for the cardholder and is registered under ORS 475.304] are collectively in possession of, delivering or

producing marijuana for medical use in amounts allowed under ORS 475.320[.];

- (b) The person possesses, delivers or produces marijuana in accordance with rules applicable to marijuana farms adopted by the State Department of Agriculture pursuant to section 4 of this 2011 Act; or
- (c) The person possesses, delivers or produces marijuana in accordance with rules applicable to pharmacists and pharmacies adopted pursuant to section 10 of this 2011 Act.
- (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish and maintain a program for the issuance of registry identification cards to persons who meet the requirements of this section. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the authority shall issue a registry identification card to any person who pays a fee in the amount established by the authority and provides the following:
- (a) Valid, written documentation from the person's attending physician stating that the person has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition and that the medical use of marijuana may mitigate the symptoms or effects of the person's debilitating medical condition;
 - (b) The name, address and date of birth of the person;
 - (c) The name, address and telephone number of the person's attending physician;
- (d) The name and address of the person's designated primary caregiver, if the person has designated a primary caregiver at the time of application; and
- (e) A written statement that indicates whether the marijuana used by the cardholder will be produced at a [location where the cardholder or designated primary caregiver is present or at another location] marijuana grow site registered under ORS 475.304 or obtained at a pharmacy.
- (3) The authority shall issue a registry identification card to a person who is under 18 years of age if the person submits the materials required under subsection (2) of this section, and the custodial parent or legal guardian with responsibility for health care decisions for the person under 18 years of age signs a written statement that:
- (a) The attending physician of the person under 18 years of age has explained to that person and to the custodial parent or legal guardian with responsibility for health care decisions for the person under 18 years of age the possible risks and benefits of the medical use of marijuana;
- (b) The custodial parent or legal guardian with responsibility for health care decisions for the person under 18 years of age consents to the use of marijuana by the person under 18 years of age for medical purposes;
- (c) The custodial parent or legal guardian with responsibility for health care decisions for the person under 18 years of age agrees to serve as the designated primary caregiver for the person under 18 years of age; and
- (d) The custodial parent or legal guardian with responsibility for health care decisions for the person under 18 years of age agrees to control the acquisition of marijuana and the dosage and frequency of use by the person under 18 years of age.
- (4) A person applying for a registry identification card pursuant to this section may submit the information required in this section to a county health department for transmittal to the authority. A county health department that receives the information pursuant to this subsection shall transmit the information to the authority within five days of receipt of the information. Information received by a county health department pursuant to this subsection shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure, except as required to transmit the information to the authority.
- (5)(a) The authority shall verify the information contained in an application submitted pursuant to this section and shall approve or deny an application within thirty days of receipt of the application.

- (b) In addition to the authority granted to the authority under ORS 475.316 to deny an application, the authority may deny an application for the following reasons:
- (A) The applicant did not provide the information required pursuant to this section to establish the applicant's debilitating medical condition and to document the applicant's consultation with an attending physician regarding the medical use of marijuana in connection with such condition, as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section;
 - (B) The authority determines that the information provided was falsified; or
- (C) The applicant has been prohibited by a court order from obtaining a registry identification card.
- (c) Denial of a registry identification card shall be considered a final authority action, subject to judicial review. Only the person whose application has been denied, or, in the case of a person under the age of 18 years of age whose application has been denied, the person's parent or legal guardian, shall have standing to contest the authority's action.
- (d) Any person whose application has been denied may not reapply for six months from the date of the denial, unless so authorized by the authority or a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (6)(a) If the authority has verified the information submitted pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section and none of the reasons for denial listed in subsection (5)(b) of this section is applicable, the authority shall issue a serially numbered registry identification card within five days of verification of the information. The registry identification card shall state:
 - (A) The cardholder's name, address and date of birth;
 - (B) The date of issuance and expiration date of the registry identification card;
 - (C) The name and address of the person's designated primary caregiver, if any;
- (D) Whether the marijuana used by the cardholder will be produced at a [location where the cardholder or designated primary caregiver is present or at another location] marijuana grow site registered under ORS 475.304 or obtained at a pharmacy; and
 - (E) Any other information that the authority may specify by rule.
- (b) When the person to whom the authority has issued a registry identification card pursuant to this section has specified a designated primary caregiver, the authority shall issue an identification card to the designated primary caregiver. The primary caregiver's registry identification card shall contain the information provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
 - (7)(a) A [person who possesses a] registry identification [card] cardholder shall:
 - (A) Notify the authority:

- (i) Of any change in the [person's] cardholder's name, address, attending physician or designated primary caregiver[.]; and
- (ii) If the cardholder changes the location at which the cardholder obtains marijuana to a marijuana grow site or a pharmacy.
- (B) If applicable, notify the designated primary caregiver of the cardholder [and the person responsible for the marijuana grow site that produces marijuana for the cardholder] of any change in status including, but not limited to:
 - (i) The assignment of another individual as the designated primary caregiver of the cardholder;
- (ii) The [assignment of another individual as the person responsible for a marijuana grow site producing marijuana for the cardholder] decision of the cardholder to obtain the cardholder's marijuana at a pharmacy; or
 - (iii) The end of the eligibility of the cardholder to hold a valid registry identification card.
- (C) Annually submit to the authority:

- (i) Updated written documentation from the cardholder's attending physician of the person's debilitating medical condition and that the medical use of marijuana may mitigate the symptoms or effects of the person's debilitating medical condition; and
- (ii) The name of the person's designated primary caregiver if a primary caregiver has been designated for the upcoming year.
- (b) If a person who possesses a registry identification card fails to comply with this subsection, the card shall be deemed expired. If a registry identification card expires, the identification card of any designated primary caregiver of the cardholder shall also expire.
- (8)(a) A person who possesses a registry identification card pursuant to this section and who has been diagnosed by the person's attending physician as no longer having a debilitating medical condition or whose attending physician has determined that the medical use of marijuana is contraindicated for the person's debilitating medical condition shall return the registry identification card and any other associated Oregon Medical Marijuana Program cards to the authority within 30 calendar days of notification of the diagnosis or notification of the contraindication.
- (b) If, due to circumstances beyond the control of the registry identification cardholder, a cardholder is unable to obtain a second medical opinion about the cardholder's continuing eligibility to use medical marijuana before the 30-day period specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection has expired, the authority may grant the cardholder additional time to obtain a second opinion before requiring the cardholder to return the registry identification card and any associated cards.
- (9) A person who has applied for a registry identification card pursuant to this section but whose application has not yet been approved or denied, and who is contacted by any law enforcement officer in connection with the person's administration, possession, delivery or production of marijuana for medical use may provide to the law enforcement officer a copy of the written documentation submitted to the authority pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section and proof of the date of mailing or other transmission of the documentation to the authority. This documentation shall have the same legal effect as a registry identification card until such time as the person receives notification that the application has been approved or denied.
- (10) A registry identification cardholder has the primary responsibility of notifying the primary caregiver [and person responsible for the marijuana grow site that produces marijuana for the cardholder] of any change in status of the cardholder. If the authority is notified by the cardholder that a primary caregiver [or person responsible for a marijuana grow site] has changed, the authority shall notify the primary caregiver [or the person responsible for the marijuana grow site] by mail at the address of record confirming the change in status and informing the caregiver [or person] that [their] the caregiver's card is no longer valid and must be returned to the authority.
- (11) The authority shall revoke the registry identification card of a cardholder if a court has issued an order that prohibits the cardholder from participating in the medical use of marijuana or otherwise participating in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program under ORS 475.300 to 475.346. The cardholder shall return the registry identification card to the authority within seven calendar days of notification of the revocation. If the cardholder is a patient, the patient shall return the patient's card and all other associated Oregon Medical Marijuana Program cards.
- (12) The authority and employees and agents of the authority acting within the course and scope of their employment are immune from any civil liability that might be incurred or imposed for the performance of or failure to perform duties required by this section.

SECTION 6. ORS 475.316 is amended to read:

475.316. (1) No person authorized to possess, deliver or produce marijuana for medical use pur-

suant to ORS 475.300 to 475.346 shall be excepted from the criminal laws of this state or shall be deemed to have established an affirmative defense to criminal charges of which possession, delivery or production of marijuana is an element if the person, in connection with the facts giving rise to such charges:

(a) Drives under the influence of marijuana as provided in ORS 813.010;

- (b) Engages in the medical use of marijuana in a public place as that term is defined in ORS 161.015, or in public view or in a correctional facility as defined in ORS 162.135 (2) or youth correction facility as defined in ORS 162.135 (6);
- (c) Delivers marijuana to any individual who the person knows is not in possession of a registry identification card, except when a marijuana farm authorized pursuant to section 4 of this 2011 Act delivers marijuana to a pharmacy in accordance with rules adopted under section 10 of this 2011 Act;
- (d) Delivers marijuana for consideration to any individual, even if the individual is in possession of a registry identification card[;], except:
- (A) When a marijuana farm authorized pursuant to section 4 of this 2011 Act delivers marijuana to a pharmacy or pharmacist in accordance with rules adopted under section 10 of this 2011 Act; or
- (B) When a pharmacy or pharmacist dispenses usable marijuana to a registry identification cardholder or a designated primary caregiver in accordance with rules adopted under section 10 of this 2011 Act;
- (e) Manufactures or produces marijuana at a place other than a marijuana grow site authorized under ORS 475.304 or a marijuana farm authorized pursuant to section 4 of this 2011 Act; or
 - (f) Manufactures or produces marijuana at more than one address.
- (2) In addition to any other penalty allowed by law, a person who the Oregon Health Authority finds has willfully violated the provisions of ORS 475.300 to 475.346, or rules adopted under ORS 475.300 to 475.346, may be precluded from obtaining or using a registry identification card for the medical use of marijuana for a period of up to six months, at the discretion of the authority.

SECTION 7. ORS 475.320 is amended to read:

475.320. (1)(a) A registry identification cardholder or the designated primary caregiver of the cardholder may possess up to six mature marijuana plants and 24 ounces of usable marijuana.

- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, if a registry identification cardholder has been convicted of a Class A or Class B felony under ORS 475.840 to 475.920 for the manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance in Schedule I or Schedule II, the registry identification cardholder or the designated primary caregiver of the cardholder may possess one ounce of usable marijuana at any given time for a period of five years from the date of the conviction.
- (2) A [person] designated primary caregiver authorized under ORS 475.304 to produce marijuana at a marijuana grow site:
- (a) May produce marijuana for and provide marijuana to a registry identification cardholder [or that person's designated primary caregiver] as authorized under this section.
- (b) May possess up to six mature plants and up to 24 ounces of usable marijuana for each cardholder [or caregiver] for whom marijuana is being produced.
- (c) May produce marijuana for no more than four registry identification cardholders [or designated primary caregivers] concurrently.
- (d) Must obtain and display a marijuana grow site registration card issued under ORS 475.304 for each registry identification cardholder [or designated primary caregiver] for whom marijuana is

1 being produced.

- (e) Must provide all marijuana produced for a registry identification cardholder [or designated primary caregiver] to the cardholder [or caregiver] at the time the person responsible for a marijuana grow site ceases producing marijuana for the cardholder [or caregiver].
- (f) Must return the marijuana grow site registration card to the registry identification cardholder to whom the card was issued when requested to do so by the cardholder or when the [person] designated primary caregiver responsible for a marijuana grow site ceases producing marijuana for the cardholder [or caregiver].
- (3) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, a registry identification cardholder[,] and the designated primary caregiver of the cardholder [and the person responsible for a marijuana grow site producing marijuana for the registry identification cardholder] may possess a combined total of up to six mature plants and 24 ounces of usable marijuana for that registry identification cardholder.
- (4)(a) A registry identification cardholder [and the] or designated primary caregiver [of the cardholder] responsible for a grow site registered under ORS 475.304 may possess a [combined] total of up to 18 marijuana seedlings or starts as defined by rule of the Oregon Health Authority.
- (b) A [person] designated primary caregiver responsible for a marijuana grow site may possess up to 18 marijuana seedlings or starts as defined by rule of the authority for each registry identification cardholder for whom the [person responsible for the marijuana grow site] caregiver is producing marijuana.

SECTION 8. ORS 475.331 is amended to read:

475.331. (1)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall create and maintain a list of the persons to whom the authority has issued registry identification cards, the names of any designated primary caregivers and the addresses of authorized marijuana grow sites **and authorized marijuana** farms. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the list [shall be] is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

- (b) The authority shall develop a system by which authorized employees of state and local law enforcement agencies may verify at all times that a person is a lawful possessor of a registry identification card or the designated primary caregiver of a lawful possessor of a registry identification card or that a location is an authorized marijuana grow site or an authorized marijuana farm.
- (2) Names and other identifying information from the list established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section may be released to:
- (a) Authorized employees of the authority as necessary to perform official duties of the authority; and
- (b) Authorized employees of state or local law enforcement agencies, only as necessary to verify that a person is a lawful possessor of a registry identification card or the designated primary caregiver of a lawful possessor of a registry identification card or that a location is an authorized marijuana grow site **or an authorized marijuana farm**. Prior to being provided identifying information from the list, authorized employees of state or local law enforcement agencies shall provide to the authority adequate identification, such as a badge number or similar authentication of authority.
- (3) Authorized employees of state or local law enforcement agencies that obtain identifying information from the list as authorized under this section may not release or use the information for any purpose other than verification that a person is a lawful possessor of a registry identification card or the designated primary caregiver of a lawful possessor of a registry identification card or

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that a location is an authorized marijuana grow site or an authorized marijuana farm.

SECTION 9. Section 10 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 475.300 to 475.346.

SECTION 10. (1) Except as provided in ORS 475.342, a pharmacy or a pharmacist who dispenses usable marijuana to a registry identification cardholder or a designated primary caregiver in accordance with the rules of the Oregon Health Authority and the State Board of Pharmacy is excepted from the criminal laws of this state for possession, delivery or production of marijuana, aiding and abetting another in the possession, delivery or production of marijuana or any other criminal offense in which possession, delivery or production of marijuana is an element.

- (2) The board may not subject a pharmacy or a pharmacist to a civil penalty or discipline by the board for dispensing usable marijuana to a registry identification cardholder or a designated primary caregiver in accordance with the rules of the authority and the board.
- (3) A pharmacy or pharmacist may possess usable marijuana in amounts established by the board, in consultation with the authority, by rule.
- (4) The board shall adopt rules allowing a pharmacy or pharmacist to purchase usable marijuana only from a marijuana farm authorized pursuant to section 4 of this 2011 Act.
- (5) The board shall adopt rules establishing requirements and procedures for the dispensing of usable marijuana to registry identification cardholders and designated primary caregivers.
- (6) A pharmacy or pharmacist may refuse to dispense usable marijuana to a registry identification cardholder for any reason.
- <u>SECTION 11.</u> (1) Sections 4 and 10 of this 2011 Act and the amendments to ORS 475.302, 475.304, 475.309, 475.316, 475.320 and 475.331 by sections 1, 2 and 5 to 8 of this 2011 Act become operative on January 1, 2012.
- (2) The Oregon Health Authority, the State Department of Agriculture and the State Board of Pharmacy may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section to enable the authority, the department and the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all the duties, functions and powers conferred on the authority, the department and the board by sections 4 and 10 of this 2011 Act and the amendments to ORS 475.302, 475.304, 475.309, 475.316, 475.320 and 475.331 by sections 1, 2 and 5 to 8 of this 2011 Act.

<u>SECTION 12.</u> This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.