

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. No. 2470

1.2 A bill for an act  
1.3 relating to education; authorizing an innovative partnership to deliver certain  
1.4 technology and educational services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.5 Statutes, chapter 123A.

1.6 May 15, 2014  
1.7 The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas  
1.8 President of the Senate

1.9 The Honorable Paul Thissen  
1.10 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.11 We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 2470 report that we have agreed upon  
1.12 the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.13 That the House recede from its amendments and that S.F. No. 2470 be further  
1.14 amended as follows:

1.15 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.16 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13.3806, is amended by adding a  
1.17 subdivision to read:

1.18 Subd. 22. **Medical use of cannabis data.** Data collected under the registry program  
1.19 authorized under sections 152.22 to 152.37 are governed by sections 152.25, subdivision  
1.20 1; 152.28, subdivision 2; and 152.37, subdivision 3.

1.21 Sec. 2. [152.22] DEFINITIONS.

1.22 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For purposes of sections 152.22 to 152.37, the terms  
1.23 defined in this section have the meanings given them.

1.24 Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

1.25 Subd. 3. **Disqualifying felony offense.** "Disqualifying felony offense" means a  
1.26 violation of a state or federal controlled substance law that is a felony under Minnesota  
1.27 law, or would be a felony if committed in Minnesota, regardless of the sentence imposed,

2.1 unless the commissioner determines that the person's conviction was for the medical use  
2.2 of cannabis or assisting with the medical use of cannabis.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Health care practitioner.** "Health care practitioner" means a Minnesota  
2.4 licensed doctor of medicine, a Minnesota licensed physician assistant acting within the  
2.5 scope of authorized practice, or a Minnesota licensed advanced practice registered nurse  
2.6 who has the primary responsibility for the care and treatment of the qualifying medical  
2.7 condition of a person diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Health records.** "Health records" means health records as defined in  
2.9 section 144.291, subdivision 2, paragraph (c).

2.10 Subd. 6. **Medical cannabis.** "Medical cannabis" means any species of the genus  
2.11 cannabis plant, or any mixture or preparation of them, including whole plant extracts  
2.12 and resins, and is delivered in the form of:

2.13 (1) liquid, including, but not limited to, oil;

2.14 (2) pill;

2.15 (3) vaporized delivery method with use of liquid or oil but which does not require  
2.16 the use of dried leaves or plant form; or

2.17 (4) any other method, excluding smoking, approved by the commissioner.

2.18 Subd. 7. **Medical cannabis manufacturer.** "Medical cannabis manufacturer" or  
2.19 "manufacturer" means an entity registered by the commissioner to cultivate, acquire,  
2.20 manufacture, possess, prepare, transfer, transport, supply, or dispense medical cannabis,  
2.21 delivery devices, or related supplies and educational materials.

2.22 Subd. 8. **Medical cannabis product.** "Medical cannabis product" means any  
2.23 delivery device or related supplies and educational materials used in the administration  
2.24 of medical cannabis for a patient with a qualifying medical condition enrolled in the  
2.25 registry program.

2.26 Subd. 9. **Patient.** "Patient" means a Minnesota resident who has been diagnosed  
2.27 with a qualifying medical condition by a health care practitioner and who has otherwise  
2.28 met any other requirements for patients under sections 152.22 to 152.37 to participate in  
2.29 the registry program under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

2.30 Subd. 10. **Patient registry number.** "Patient registry number" means a unique  
2.31 identification number assigned by the commissioner to a patient enrolled in the registry  
2.32 program.

2.33 Subd. 11. **Registered designated caregiver.** "Registered designated caregiver"  
2.34 means a person who:

2.35 (1) is at least 21 years old;

2.36 (2) does not have a conviction for a disqualifying felony offense;

3.1 (3) has been approved by the commissioner to assist a patient who has been  
3.2 identified by a health care practitioner as developmentally or physically disabled and  
3.3 therefore unable to self-administer medication or acquire medical cannabis from a  
3.4 distribution facility due to the disability; and

3.5 (4) is authorized by the commissioner to assist the patient with the use of medical  
3.6 cannabis.

3.7 Subd. 12. **Registry program.** "Registry program" means the patient registry  
3.8 established sections 152.22 to 152.37.

3.9 Subd. 13. **Registry verification.** "Registry verification" means the verification  
3.10 provided by the commissioner that a patient is enrolled in the registry program and that  
3.11 includes the patient's name, registry number, and qualifying medical condition and, if  
3.12 applicable, the name of the patient's registered designated caregiver or parent or legal  
3.13 guardian.

3.14 Subd. 14. **Qualifying medical condition.** "Qualifying medical condition" means a  
3.15 diagnosis of any of the following conditions:

3.16 (1) cancer, if the underlying condition or treatment produces one or more of the  
3.17 following:

3.18 (i) severe or chronic pain;

3.19 (ii) nausea or severe vomiting; or

3.20 (iii) cachexia or severe wasting;

3.21 (2) glaucoma;

3.22 (3) human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome;

3.23 (4) Tourette's syndrome;

3.24 (5) amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;

3.25 (6) seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy;

3.26 (7) severe and persistent muscle spasms, including those characteristic of multiple  
3.27 sclerosis;

3.28 (8) Crohn's disease;

3.29 (9) terminal illness, with a probable life expectancy of under one year, if the illness  
3.30 or its treatment produces one or more of the following:

3.31 (i) severe or chronic pain;

3.32 (ii) nausea or severe vomiting; or

3.33 (iii) cachexia or severe wasting; or

3.34 (10) any other medical condition or its treatment approved by the commissioner.

3.35 **Sec. 3. [152.23] LIMITATIONS.**

4.1 (a) Nothing in sections 152.22 to 152.37 permits any person to engage in and does  
4.2 not prevent the imposition of any civil, criminal, or other penalties for:

4.3 (1) undertaking any task under the influence of medical cannabis that would  
4.4 constitute negligence or professional malpractice;

4.5 (2) possessing or engaging in the use of medical cannabis:

4.6 (i) on a school bus or van;

4.7 (ii) on the grounds of any preschool or primary or secondary school;

4.8 (iii) in any correctional facility; or

4.9 (iv) on the grounds of any child care facility or home daycare;

4.10 (3) vaporizing medical cannabis pursuant to section 152.22, subdivision 6:

4.11 (i) on any form of public transportation;

4.12 (ii) where the vapor would be inhaled by a nonpatient minor child; or

4.13 (iii) in any public place, including any indoor or outdoor area used by or open to the  
4.14 general public or a place of employment as defined under section 144.413, subdivision  
4.15 1b; and

4.16 (4) operating, navigating, or being in actual physical control of any motor vehicle,  
4.17 aircraft, train, or motorboat, or working on transportation property, equipment, or facilities  
4.18 while under the influence of medical cannabis.

4.19 (b) Nothing in sections 152.22 to 152.37 require the medical assistance and  
4.20 MinnesotaCare programs to reimburse an enrollee or a provider for costs associated with  
4.21 the medical use of cannabis. Medical assistance and MinnesotaCare shall continue to  
4.22 provide coverage for all services related to treatment of an enrollee's qualifying medical  
4.23 condition if the service is covered under chapter 256B or 256L.

4.24 **Sec. 4. [152.24] FEDERALLY APPROVED CLINICAL TRIALS.**

4.25 The commissioner may prohibit enrollment of a patient in the registry program if the  
4.26 patient is simultaneously enrolled in a federally approved clinical trial for the treatment of  
4.27 a qualifying medical condition with medical cannabis. The commissioner shall provide  
4.28 information to all patients enrolled in the registry program on the existence of federally  
4.29 approved clinical trials for the treatment of the patient's qualifying medical condition with  
4.30 medical cannabis as an alternative to enrollment in the patient registry program.

4.31 **Sec. 5. [152.25] COMMISSIONER DUTIES.**

4.32 Subdivision 1. **Medical cannabis manufacturer registration.** (a) The  
4.33 commissioner shall register two in-state manufacturers for the production of all medical  
4.34 cannabis within the state by December 1, 2014, unless the commissioner obtains

5.1 an adequate supply of federally sourced medical cannabis by August 1, 2014. The  
5.2 commissioner shall register new manufacturers or reregister the existing manufacturers by  
5.3 December 1 of each year, using the factors described in paragraph (c). The commissioner  
5.4 shall continue to accept applications after December 1, 2014, if two manufacturers that  
5.5 meet the qualifications set forth in this subdivision do not apply before December 1, 2014.  
5.6 The commissioner's determination that no manufacturer exists to fulfill the duties under  
5.7 sections 152.22 to 152.37 is subject to judicial review in Ramsey County District Court.  
5.8 Data submitted during the application process are private data on individuals or nonpublic  
5.9 data as defined in section 13.02 until the manufacturer is registered under this section.  
5.10 Data on a manufacturer that is registered are public data, unless the data are trade secret or  
5.11 security information under section 13.37.

5.12 (b) As a condition for registration, a manufacturer must agree to:

5.13 (1) begin supplying medical cannabis to patients by July 1, 2015; and

5.14 (2) comply with all requirements under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

5.15 (c) The commissioner shall consider the following factors when determining which  
5.16 manufacturer to register:

5.17 (1) the technical expertise of the manufacturer in cultivating medical cannabis and  
5.18 converting the medical cannabis into an acceptable delivery method under section 152.22,  
5.19 subdivision 6;

5.20 (2) the qualifications of the manufacturer's employees;

5.21 (3) the long-term financial stability of the manufacturer;

5.22 (4) the ability to provide appropriate security measures on the premises of the  
5.23 manufacturer;

5.24 (5) whether the manufacturer has demonstrated an ability to meet the medical  
5.25 cannabis production needs required by sections 152.22 to 152.37; and

5.26 (6) the manufacturer's projection and ongoing assessment of fees on patients with  
5.27 a qualifying medical condition.

5.28 (d) The commissioner shall require each medical cannabis manufacturer to contract  
5.29 with an independent laboratory to test medical cannabis produced by the manufacturer.

5.30 The commissioner shall approve the laboratory chosen by each manufacturer and require  
5.31 that the laboratory report testing results to the manufacturer in a manner determined by  
5.32 the commissioner.

5.33 Subd. 2. **Range of compounds and dosages; report.** The commissioner shall  
5.34 review and publicly report the existing medical and scientific literature regarding the  
5.35 range of recommended dosages for each qualifying condition and the range of chemical  
5.36 compositions of any plant of the genus cannabis that will likely be medically beneficial for

6.1 each of the qualifying medical conditions. The commissioner shall make this information  
6.2 available to patients with qualifying medical conditions beginning December 1, 2014, and  
6.3 update the information annually. The commissioner may consult with the independent  
6.4 laboratory under contract with the manufacturer or other experts in reporting the range  
6.5 of recommended dosages for each qualifying medical condition, the range of chemical  
6.6 compositions that will likely be medically beneficial, and any risks of noncannabis drug  
6.7 interactions. The commissioner shall consult with each manufacturer on an annual basis  
6.8 on medical cannabis offered by the manufacturer. The list of medical cannabis offered by  
6.9 a manufacturer shall be published on the Department of Health Web site.

6.10 Subd. 3. **Deadlines.** (a) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary for the  
6.11 manufacturer to begin distribution of medical cannabis to patients under the registry  
6.12 program by July 1, 2015, and have notice of proposed rules published in the State Register  
6.13 prior to January 1, 2015.

6.14 (b) The commissioner shall, by November 1, 2014, advise the public and the cochairs  
6.15 of the task force on medical cannabis therapeutic research established under section  
6.16 152.36 if the commissioner is unable to register two manufacturers by the December 1,  
6.17 2014, deadline. The commissioner shall provide a written statement as to the reason or  
6.18 reasons the deadline will not be met. Upon request of the commissioner, the task force  
6.19 shall extend the deadline by six months, but may not extend the deadline more than once.

6.20 (c) If notified by a manufacturer that distribution to patients may not begin by  
6.21 the July 1, 2015, deadline, the commissioner shall advise the public and the cochairs  
6.22 of the task force on medical cannabis therapeutic research. Upon notification by the  
6.23 commissioner, the task force shall extend the deadline by six months, but may not extend  
6.24 the deadline more than once.

6.25 Subd. 4. **Reports.** (a) The commissioner shall provide regular updates to the task  
6.26 force on medical cannabis therapeutic research regarding any changes in federal law or  
6.27 regulatory restrictions regarding the use of medical cannabis.

6.28 (b) The commissioner may submit medical research based on the data collected  
6.29 under sections 152.22 to 152.37 to any federal agency with regulatory or enforcement  
6.30 authority over medical cannabis to demonstrate the effectiveness of medical cannabis for  
6.31 treating a qualifying medical condition.

6.32 **Sec. 6. [152.26] RULEMAKING.**

6.33 The commissioner may adopt rules to implement sections 152.22 to 152.37. Rules  
6.34 for which notice is published in the State Register before January 1, 2015, may be adopted  
6.35 using the process in section 14.389.

7.1           Sec. 7. [152.27] PATIENT REGISTRY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.

7.2           Subdivision 1. Patient registry program; establishment. (a) The commissioner  
7.3 shall establish a patient registry program to evaluate data on patient demographics,  
7.4 effective treatment options, clinical outcomes, and quality-of-life outcomes for the purpose  
7.5 of reporting on the benefits, risks, and outcomes regarding patients with a qualifying  
7.6 medical condition engaged in the therapeutic use of medical cannabis.

7.7           (b) The establishment of the registry program shall not be construed or interpreted to  
7.8 condone or promote the illicit recreational use of marijuana.

7.9           Subd. 2. Commissioner duties. (a) The commissioner shall:

7.10           (1) give notice of the program to health care practitioners in the state who are  
7.11 eligible to serve as health care practitioners and explain the purposes and requirements  
7.12 of the program;

7.13           (2) allow each health care practitioner who meets or agrees to meet the program's  
7.14 requirements and who requests to participate, to be included in the registry program to  
7.15 collect data for the patient registry;

7.16           (3) provide explanatory information and assistance to each health care practitioner  
7.17 in understanding the nature of therapeutic use of medical cannabis within program  
7.18 requirements;

7.19           (4) create and provide a certification to be used by a health care practitioner for the  
7.20 practitioner to certify whether a patient has been diagnosed with a qualifying medical  
7.21 condition and include in the certification an option for the practitioner to certify whether  
7.22 the patient, in the health care practitioner's medical opinion, is developmentally or  
7.23 physically disabled and, as a result of that disability, the patient is unable to self-administer  
7.24 medication or acquire medical cannabis from a distribution facility;

7.25           (5) supervise the participation of the health care practitioner in conducting patient  
7.26 treatment and health records reporting in a manner that ensures stringent security and  
7.27 record-keeping requirements and that prevents the unauthorized release of private data on  
7.28 individuals as defined by section 13.02;

7.29           (6) develop safety criteria for patients with a qualifying medical condition as a  
7.30 requirement of the patient's participation in the program, to prevent the patient from  
7.31 undertaking any task under the influence of medical cannabis that would constitute  
7.32 negligence or professional malpractice on the part of the patient; and

7.33           (7) conduct research and studies based on data from health records submitted to  
7.34 the registry program and submit reports on intermediate or final research results to the  
7.35 legislature and major scientific journals. The commissioner may contract with a third

8.1 party to complete the requirements of this clause. Any reports submitted must comply  
8.2 with section 152.28, subdivision 2.

8.3 (b) If the commissioner wishes to add a delivery method under section 152.22,  
8.4 subdivision 6, or a qualifying medical condition under section 152.22, subdivision 14, the  
8.5 commissioner must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative policy  
8.6 committees having jurisdiction over health and public safety of the addition and the reasons  
8.7 for its addition, including any written comments received by the commissioner from the  
8.8 public and any guidance received from the task force on medical cannabis research, by  
8.9 January 15 of the year in which the commissioner wishes to make the change. The change  
8.10 shall be effective on August 1 of that year, unless the legislature by law provides otherwise.

8.11 Subd. 3. **Patient application.** (a) The commissioner shall develop a patient  
8.12 application for enrollment into the registry program. The application shall be available to  
8.13 the patient and given to health care practitioners in the state who are eligible to serve as  
8.14 health care practitioners. The application must include:

8.15 (1) the name, mailing address, and date of birth of the patient;

8.16 (2) the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the patient's health care  
8.17 practitioner;

8.18 (3) the name, mailing address, and date of birth of the patient's designated caregiver,  
8.19 if any, or the patient's parent or legal guardian if the parent or legal guardian will be  
8.20 acting as a caregiver;

8.21 (4) a copy of the certification from the patient's health care practitioner that is dated  
8.22 within 90 days prior to submitting the application which certifies that the patient has been  
8.23 diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition and, if applicable, that, in the health care  
8.24 practitioner's medical opinion, the patient is developmentally or physically disabled and,  
8.25 as a result of that disability, the patient is unable to self-administer medication or acquire  
8.26 medical cannabis from a distribution facility; and

8.27 (5) all other signed affidavits and enrollment forms required by the commissioner  
8.28 under sections 152.22 to 152.37, including, but not limited to, the disclosure form required  
8.29 under paragraph (c).

8.30 (b) The commissioner shall require a patient to resubmit a copy of the certification  
8.31 from the patient's health care practitioner on a yearly basis and shall require that the  
8.32 recertification be dated within 90 days of submission.

8.33 (c) The commissioner shall develop a disclosure form and require, as a condition of  
8.34 enrollment, all patients to sign a copy of the disclosure. The disclosure must include:

8.35 (1) a statement that, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner, or  
8.36 an employee of any state agency, may not be held civilly or criminally liable for any



9.1 injury, loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by any act or omission while  
9.2 acting within the scope of office or employment under sections 152.22 to 152.37; and

9.3 (2) the patient's acknowledgement that enrollment in the patient registry program is  
9.4 conditional on the patient's agreement to meet all of the requirements of sections 152.22  
9.5 to 152.37.

9.6 Subd. 4. **Registered designated caregiver.** (a) The commissioner shall register a  
9.7 designated caregiver for a patient if the patient's health care practitioner has certified  
9.8 that the patient, in the health care practitioner's medical opinion, is developmentally or  
9.9 physically disabled and, as a result of that disability, the patient is unable to self-administer  
9.10 medication or acquire medical cannabis from a distribution facility and the caregiver has  
9.11 agreed, in writing, to be the patient's designated caregiver. As a condition of registration  
9.12 as a designated caregiver, the commissioner shall require the person to:

9.13 (1) be at least 21 years of age;

9.14 (2) agree to only possess any medical cannabis for purposes of assisting the patient;

9.15 and

9.16 (3) agree that if the application is approved, the person will not be a registered  
9.17 designated caregiver for more than one patient, unless the patients reside in the same  
9.18 residence.

9.19 (b) The commissioner shall conduct a criminal background check on the designated  
9.20 caregiver prior to registration to ensure that the person does not have a conviction for a  
9.21 disqualifying felony offense. Any cost of the background check shall be paid by the  
9.22 person seeking registration as a designated caregiver.

9.23 Subd. 5. **Parents or legal guardians.** A parent or legal guardian of a patient may  
9.24 act as the caregiver to the patient without having to register as a designated caregiver. The  
9.25 parent or legal guardian shall follow all of the requirements of parents and legal guardians  
9.26 listed in sections 152.22 to 152.37. Nothing in sections 152.22 to 152.37 limits any legal  
9.27 authority a parent or legal guardian may have for the patient under any other law.

9.28 Subd. 6. **Patient enrollment.** (a) After receipt of a patient's application and signed  
9.29 disclosure, the commissioner shall enroll the patient in the registry program and issue  
9.30 the patient and patient's registered designated caregiver or parent or legal guardian, if  
9.31 applicable, a registry verification. A patient's enrollment in the registry program shall only  
9.32 be denied if the patient:

9.33 (1) does not have certification from a health care practitioner that the patient has  
9.34 been diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition;

9.35 (2) has not signed and returned the disclosure form required under subdivision 3,  
9.36 paragraph (c), to the commissioner;

- 10.1           (3) does not provide the information required;  
10.2           (4) has previously been removed from the registry program for violations of section  
10.3 152.30 or 152.33; or  
10.4           (5) provides false information.  
10.5           (b) The commissioner shall give written notice to a patient of the reason for denying  
10.6 enrollment in the registry program.  
10.7           (c) Denial of enrollment into the registry program is considered a final decision of  
10.8 the commissioner and is subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedure  
10.9 Act pursuant to chapter 14.  
10.10          (d) A patient's enrollment in the registry program may only be revoked if a patient  
10.11 violates a requirement under section 152.30 or 152.33.  
10.12          (e) The commissioner shall develop a registry verification to provide to the patient,  
10.13 the health care practitioner identified in the patient's application, and to the manufacturer.  
10.14 The registry verification shall include:  
10.15           (1) the patient's name and date of birth;  
10.16           (2) the patient registry number assigned to the patient;  
10.17           (3) the patient's qualifying medical condition as provided by the patient's health  
10.18 care practitioner in the certification; and  
10.19           (4) the name and date of birth of the patient's registered designated caregiver, if any,  
10.20 or the name of the patient's parent or legal guardian if the parent or legal guardian will  
10.21 be acting as a caregiver.  
10.22          Subd. 7. **Notice requirements.** Patients and registered designated caregivers shall  
10.23 notify the commissioner of any address or name change within 30 days of the change  
10.24 having occurred. A patient or registered designated caregiver is subject to a \$100 fine for  
10.25 failure to notify the commissioner of the change.

10.26          Sec. 8. **[152.28] HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER DUTIES.**

- 10.27          Subdivision 1. **Health care practitioner duties.** (a) Prior to a patient's enrollment  
10.28 in the registry program, a health care practitioner shall:  
10.29           (1) determine, in the health care practitioner's medical judgment, whether a patient  
10.30 suffers from a qualifying medical condition, and, if so determined, provide the patient  
10.31 with a certification of that diagnosis;  
10.32           (2) determine whether a patient is developmentally or physically disabled and,  
10.33 as a result of that disability, the patient is unable to self-administer medication or  
10.34 acquire medical cannabis from a distribution facility, and, if so determined, include that  
10.35 determination on the patient's certification of diagnosis;

11.1 (3) advise patients, registered designated caregivers, and parents or legal guardians  
11.2 who are acting as caregivers of the existence of any nonprofit patient support groups or  
11.3 organizations;

11.4 (4) provide explanatory information from the commissioner to patients with  
11.5 qualifying medical conditions, including disclosure to all patients about the experimental  
11.6 nature of therapeutic use of medical cannabis; the possible risks, benefits, and side effects  
11.7 of the proposed treatment; the application and other materials from the commissioner; and  
11.8 provide patients with the Tennessee warning as required by section 13.04, subdivision  
11.9 2; and

11.10 (5) agree to continue treatment of the patient's qualifying medical condition and  
11.11 report medical findings to the commissioner.

11.12 (b) Upon notification from the commissioner of the patient's enrollment in the  
11.13 registry program, the health care practitioner shall:

11.14 (1) participate in the patient registry reporting system under the guidance and  
11.15 supervision of the commissioner;

11.16 (2) report health records of the patient throughout the ongoing treatment of  
11.17 the patient to the commissioner in a manner determined by the commissioner and in  
11.18 accordance with subdivision 2;

11.19 (3) determine, on a yearly basis, if the patient continues to suffer from a qualifying  
11.20 medical condition and, if so, issue the patient a new certification of that diagnosis; and

11.21 (4) otherwise comply with all requirements developed by the commissioner.

11.22 (c) Nothing in this section requires a health care practitioner to participate in the  
11.23 registry program.

11.24 Subd. 2. **Data.** Data collected on patients by a health care practitioner and  
11.25 reported to the patient registry are health records under section 144.291, and are private  
11.26 data on individuals under section 13.02, but may be used or reported in an aggregated,  
11.27 nonidentifiable form as part of a scientific, peer-reviewed publication of research  
11.28 conducted under section 152.25 or in the creation of summary data, as defined in section  
11.29 13.02, subdivision 19.

11.30 **Sec. 9. [152.29] MANUFACTURER OF MEDICAL CANNABIS DUTIES.**

11.31 Subdivision 1. **Manufacturer; requirements.** (a) A manufacturer shall operate four  
11.32 distribution facilities, which may include the manufacturer's single location for cultivation,  
11.33 harvesting, manufacturing, packaging, and processing but is not required to include that  
11.34 location. A manufacturer is required to begin distribution of medical cannabis from at least  
11.35 one distribution facility by July 1, 2015. All distribution facilities must be operational and

12.1 begin distribution of medical cannabis by July 1, 2016. The distribution facilities shall  
12.2 be located based on geographical need throughout the state to improve patient access. A  
12.3 manufacturer shall disclose the proposed locations for the distribution facilities to the  
12.4 commissioner during the registration process. A manufacturer shall operate only one  
12.5 location where all cultivation, harvesting, manufacturing, packaging, and processing shall  
12.6 be conducted. Any additional distribution facilities may dispense medical cannabis and  
12.7 medical cannabis products but may not contain any medical cannabis in a form other than  
12.8 those forms allowed under section 152.22, subdivision 6, and the manufacturer shall  
12.9 not conduct any cultivation, harvesting, manufacturing, packaging, or processing at an  
12.10 additional distribution facility site. Any distribution facility operated by the manufacturer  
12.11 is subject to all of the requirements applying to the manufacturer under sections 152.22 to  
12.12 152.37, including, but not limited to, security and distribution requirements.

12.13 (b) A medical cannabis manufacturer shall contract with a laboratory, subject to the  
12.14 commissioner's approval of the laboratory and any additional requirements set by the  
12.15 commissioner, for purposes of testing medical cannabis manufactured by the medical  
12.16 cannabis manufacturer as to content, contamination, and consistency to verify the medical  
12.17 cannabis meets the requirements of section 152.22, subdivision 6. The cost of laboratory  
12.18 testing shall be paid by the manufacturer.

12.19 (c) The operating documents of a manufacturer must include:

12.20 (1) procedures for the oversight of the manufacturer and procedures to ensure  
12.21 accurate record keeping; and

12.22 (2) procedures for the implementation of appropriate security measures to deter and  
12.23 prevent the theft of medical cannabis and unauthorized entrance into areas containing  
12.24 medical cannabis.

12.25 (d) A manufacturer shall implement security requirements, including requirements  
12.26 for protection of each location by a fully operational security alarm system, facility access  
12.27 controls, perimeter intrusion detection systems, and a personnel identification system.

12.28 (e) A manufacturer shall not share office space with, refer patients to a health care  
12.29 practitioner, or have any financial relationship with a health care practitioner.

12.30 (f) A manufacturer shall not permit any person to consume medical cannabis on  
12.31 the property of the manufacturer.

12.32 (g) A manufacturer is subject to reasonable inspection by the commissioner.

12.33 (h) For purposes of sections 152.22 to 152.37, a medical cannabis manufacturer is not  
12.34 subject to the Board of Pharmacy licensure or regulatory requirements under chapter 151.

12.35 (i) A medical cannabis manufacturer may not employ any person who is under 21  
12.36 years of age or who has been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense. An employee of

13.1 a medical cannabis manufacturer must submit a completed criminal history records check  
13.2 consent form, a full set of classifiable fingerprints, and the required fees for submission  
13.3 to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension before an employee may begin working with  
13.4 the manufacturer. The bureau must conduct a Minnesota criminal history records check  
13.5 and the superintendent is authorized to exchange the fingerprints with the Federal Bureau  
13.6 of Investigation to obtain the applicant's national criminal history record information.  
13.7 The bureau shall return the results of the Minnesota and federal criminal history records  
13.8 checks to the commissioner.

13.9 (j) A manufacturer may not operate in any location, whether for distribution or  
13.10 cultivation, harvesting, manufacturing, packaging, or processing, within 1,000 feet of a  
13.11 public or private school existing before the date of the manufacturer's registration with  
13.12 the commissioner.

13.13 (k) A manufacturer shall comply with reasonable restrictions set by the commissioner  
13.14 relating to signage, marketing, display, and advertising of medical cannabis.

13.15 Subd. 2. **Manufacturer; production.** (a) A manufacturer of medical cannabis shall  
13.16 provide a reliable and ongoing supply of all medical cannabis needed for the registry  
13.17 program.

13.18 (b) All cultivation, harvesting, manufacturing, packaging, and processing of medical  
13.19 cannabis must take place in an enclosed, locked facility at a physical address provided to  
13.20 the commissioner during the registration process.

13.21 (c) A manufacturer must process and prepare any medical cannabis plant material  
13.22 into a form allowable under section 152.22, subdivision 6, prior to distribution of any  
13.23 medical cannabis.

13.24 Subd. 3. **Manufacturer; distribution.** (a) A manufacturer shall require that  
13.25 employees licensed as pharmacists pursuant to chapter 151 be the only employees to  
13.26 distribute the medical cannabis to a patient.

13.27 (b) A manufacturer may dispense medical cannabis products, whether or not the  
13.28 products have been manufactured by the manufacturer, but is not required to dispense  
13.29 medical cannabis products.

13.30 (c) Prior to distribution of any medical cannabis, the manufacturer shall:

13.31 (1) verify that the manufacturer has received the registry verification from the  
13.32 commissioner for that individual patient;

13.33 (2) verify that the person requesting the distribution of medical cannabis is the patient,  
13.34 the patient's registered designated caregiver, or the patient's parent or legal guardian listed  
13.35 in the registry verification using the procedures described in section 152.11, subdivision 2d;

14.1 (3) assign a tracking number to any medical cannabis distributed from the  
14.2 manufacturer;

14.3 (4) ensure that any employee of the manufacturer licensed as a pharmacist pursuant  
14.4 to chapter 151 has consulted with the patient to determine the proper dosage for the  
14.5 individual patient after reviewing the ranges of chemical compositions of the medical  
14.6 cannabis and the ranges of proper dosages reported by the commissioner;

14.7 (5) properly package medical cannabis in compliance with the United States  
14.8 Poison Prevention Packing Act regarding child resistant packaging and exemptions for  
14.9 packaging for elderly patients, and label distributed medical cannabis with a list of all  
14.10 active ingredients and individually identifying information, including:

14.11 (i) the patient's name and date of birth;

14.12 (ii) the name and date of birth of the patient's registered designated caregiver or,  
14.13 if listed on the registry verification, the name of the patient's parent or legal guardian,  
14.14 if applicable;

14.15 (iii) the patient's registry identification number;

14.16 (iv) the chemical composition of the medical cannabis; and

14.17 (v) the dosage; and

14.18 (6) ensure that the medical cannabis distributed contains a maximum of a 30-day  
14.19 supply of the dosage determined for that patient.

14.20 (d) A manufacturer shall require any employee of the manufacturer who is  
14.21 transporting medical cannabis or medical cannabis products to a distribution facility to  
14.22 carry identification showing that the person is an employee of the manufacturer.

14.23 Subd. 4. **Report.** Each manufacturer shall report to the commissioner on a monthly  
14.24 basis the following information on each individual patient for the month prior to the report:

14.25 (1) the amount and dosages of medical cannabis distributed;

14.26 (2) the chemical composition of the medical cannabis; and

14.27 (3) the tracking number assigned to any medical cannabis distributed.

14.28 **Sec. 10. [152.30] PATIENT DUTIES.**

14.29 (a) A patient shall apply to the commissioner for enrollment in the registry program  
14.30 by submitting an application as required in section 152.27 and an annual registration  
14.31 fee as determined under section 152.35.

14.32 (b) As a condition of continued enrollment, patients shall agree to:

14.33 (1) continue to receive regularly scheduled treatment for their qualifying medical  
14.34 condition from their health care practitioner; and

15.1 (2) report changes in their qualifying medical condition to their health care  
15.2 practitioner.

15.3 (c) A patient shall only receive medical cannabis from a registered manufacturer but  
15.4 is not required to receive medical cannabis products from only a registered manufacturer.

15.5 Sec. 11. **[152.31] DATA PRACTICES.**

15.6 (a) Government data in patient files maintained by the commissioner and the health  
15.7 care practitioner, and data submitted to or by a medical cannabis manufacturer, are private  
15.8 data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, or nonpublic data, as  
15.9 defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9, but may be used for purposes of complying with  
15.10 chapter 13 and complying with a request from the legislative auditor or the state auditor in  
15.11 the performance of official duties. The provisions of section 13.05, subdivision 11, apply  
15.12 to a registration agreement entered between the commissioner and a medical cannabis  
15.13 manufacturer under section 152.25.

15.14 (b) Not public data maintained by the commissioner may not be used for any purpose  
15.15 not provided for in sections 152.22 to 152.37, and may not be combined or linked in any  
15.16 manner with any other list, dataset, or database.

15.17 Sec. 12. **[152.32] PROTECTIONS FOR REGISTRY PROGRAM**  
15.18 **PARTICIPATION.**

15.19 Subdivision 1. **Presumption.** (a) There is a presumption that a patient enrolled in  
15.20 the registry program under sections 152.22 to 152.37 is engaged in the authorized use of  
15.21 medical cannabis.

15.22 (b) The presumption may be rebutted by evidence that conduct related to use of  
15.23 medical cannabis was not for the purpose of treating or alleviating the patient's qualifying  
15.24 medical condition or symptoms associated with the patient's qualifying medical condition.

15.25 Subd. 2. **Criminal and civil protections.** (a) Subject to section 152.23, the  
15.26 following are not violations under this chapter:

15.27 (1) use or possession of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products by a patient  
15.28 enrolled in the registry program, or possession by a registered designated caregiver  
15.29 or the parent or legal guardian of a patient if the parent or legal guardian is listed on  
15.30 the registry verification;

15.31 (2) possession, dosage determination, or sale of medical cannabis or medical  
15.32 cannabis products by a medical cannabis manufacturer, employees of a manufacturer, a  
15.33 laboratory conducting testing on medical cannabis, or employees of the laboratory; and

16.1 (3) possession of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products by any person  
16.2 while carrying out the duties required under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

16.3 (b) Medical cannabis obtained and distributed pursuant to sections 152.22 to 152.37  
16.4 and associated property is not subject to forfeiture under sections 609.531 to 609.5316.

16.5 (c) The commissioner, the commissioner's staff, the commissioner's agents or  
16.6 contractors and any health care practitioner are not subject to any civil or disciplinary  
16.7 penalties by the Board of Medical Practice, the Board of Nursing, or by any business,  
16.8 occupational, or professional licensing board or entity, solely for the participation in the  
16.9 registry program under sections 152.22 to 152.37. A pharmacist licensed under chapter  
16.10 151 is not subject to any civil or disciplinary penalties by the Board of Pharmacy when  
16.11 acting in accordance with the provisions of sections 152.22 to 152.37. Nothing in this  
16.12 section affects a professional licensing board from taking action in response to violations  
16.13 of any other section of law.

16.14 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner, the governor of  
16.15 Minnesota, or an employee of any state agency may not be held civilly or criminally liable  
16.16 for any injury, loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by any act or omission  
16.17 while acting within the scope of office or employment under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

16.18 (e) Federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities are prohibited from  
16.19 accessing the patient registry under sections 152.22 to 152.37 except when acting pursuant  
16.20 to a valid search warrant.

16.21 (f) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, neither the commissioner nor a public  
16.22 employee may release data or information about an individual contained in any report,  
16.23 document, or registry created under sections 152.22 to 152.37 or any information obtained  
16.24 about a patient participating in the program, except as provided in sections 152.22 to 152.37.

16.25 (g) No information contained in a report, document, registry, or obtained from  
16.26 a patient under sections 152.22 to 152.37 may be admitted as evidence in a criminal  
16.27 proceeding unless independently obtained or in connection with a proceeding involving  
16.28 a violation of sections 152.22 to 152.37.

16.29 (h) Notwithstanding section 13.09, any person who violates paragraph (e) or (f) is  
16.30 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

16.31 (i) An attorney may not be subject to disciplinary action by the Minnesota Supreme  
16.32 Court or professional responsibility board for providing legal assistance to prospective or  
16.33 registered manufacturers or others related to activity that is no longer subject to criminal  
16.34 penalties under state law pursuant to sections 152.22 to 152.37.

16.35 (j) Possession of a registry verification or application for enrollment in the program  
16.36 by a person entitled to possess or apply for enrollment in the registry program does



17.1 not constitute probable cause or reasonable suspicion, nor shall it be used to support a  
17.2 search of the person or property of the person possessing or applying for the registry  
17.3 verification, or otherwise subject the person or property of the person to inspection by  
17.4 any governmental agency.

17.5 Subd. 3. **Discrimination prohibited.** (a) No school or landlord may refuse to enroll  
17.6 or lease to and may not otherwise penalize a person solely for the person's status as a  
17.7 patient enrolled in the registry program under sections 152.22 to 152.37, unless failing to  
17.8 do so would violate federal law or regulations or cause the school or landlord to lose a  
17.9 monetary or licensing-related benefit under federal law or regulations.

17.10 (b) For the purposes of medical care, including organ transplants, a registry program  
17.11 enrollee's use of medical cannabis under sections 152.22 to 152.37 is considered the  
17.12 equivalent of the authorized use of any other medication used at the discretion of a  
17.13 physician and does not constitute the use of an illicit substance or otherwise disqualify a  
17.14 patient from needed medical care.

17.15 (c) Unless a failure to do so would violate federal law or regulations or cause an  
17.16 employer to lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit under federal law or regulations,  
17.17 an employer may not discriminate against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or  
17.18 condition of employment, or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based  
17.19 upon either of the following:

17.20 (1) the person's status as a patient enrolled in the registry program under sections  
17.21 152.22 to 152.37; or

17.22 (2) a patient's positive drug test for cannabis components or metabolites, unless the  
17.23 patient used, possessed, or was impaired by medical cannabis on the premises of the place  
17.24 of employment or during the hours of employment.

17.25 (d) An employee who is required to undergo employer drug testing pursuant to  
17.26 section 181.953 may present verification of enrollment in the patient registry as part of the  
17.27 employee's explanation under section 181.953, subdivision 6.

17.28 (e) A person shall not be denied custody of a minor child or visitation rights or  
17.29 parenting time with a minor child solely based on the person's status as a patient enrolled  
17.30 in the registry program under sections 152.22 to 152.37. There shall be no presumption  
17.31 of neglect or child endangerment for conduct allowed under sections 152.22 to 152.37,  
17.32 unless the person's behavior is such that it creates an unreasonable danger to the safety of  
17.33 the minor as established by clear and convincing evidence.

17.34 Sec. 13. **[152.33] VIOLATIONS.**

18.1           Subdivision 1. **Intentional diversion; criminal penalty.** In addition to any other  
18.2 applicable penalty in law, a manufacturer or an agent of a manufacturer who intentionally  
18.3 transfers medical cannabis to a person other than a patient, a registered designated  
18.4 caregiver or, if listed on the registry verification, a parent or legal guardian of a patient is  
18.5 guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years or by payment  
18.6 of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both. A person convicted under this subdivision  
18.7 may not continue to be affiliated with the manufacturer and is disqualified from further  
18.8 participation under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

18.9           Subd. 2. **Diversion by patient, registered designated caregiver, or parent;**  
18.10 **criminal penalty.** In addition to any other applicable penalty in law, a patient, registered  
18.11 designated caregiver or, if listed on the registry verification, a parent or legal guardian of a  
18.12 patient who intentionally sells or otherwise transfers medical cannabis to a person other  
18.13 than a patient, designated registered caregiver or, if listed on the registry verification, a  
18.14 parent or legal guardian of a patient is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for  
18.15 not more than two years or by payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

18.16           Subd. 3. **False statement; criminal penalty.** A person who intentionally makes a  
18.17 false statement to a law enforcement official about any fact or circumstance relating to  
18.18 the medical use of cannabis to avoid arrest or prosecution is guilty of a misdemeanor  
18.19 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or by payment of a fine of not  
18.20 more than \$1,000, or both. The penalty is in addition to any other penalties that may apply  
18.21 for making a false statement or for the possession, cultivation, or sale of cannabis not  
18.22 protected by sections 152.22 to 152.37. If a person convicted of violating this subdivision  
18.23 is a patient or a registered designated caregiver, the person is disqualified from further  
18.24 participation under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

18.25           Subd. 4. **Submission of false records; criminal penalty.** A person who knowingly  
18.26 submits false records or documentation required by the commissioner to register as a  
18.27 manufacturer of medical cannabis under sections 152.22 to 152.37 is guilty of a felony  
18.28 and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or by payment of  
18.29 a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

18.30           Subd. 5. **Violation by health care practitioner; criminal penalty.** A health care  
18.31 practitioner who knowingly refers patients to a manufacturer or to a designated caregiver,  
18.32 who advertises as a manufacturer, or who issues certifications while holding a financial  
18.33 interest in a manufacturer is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be sentenced to imprisonment  
18.34 for not more than 90 days or by payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.

18.35           Subd. 6. **Other violations; civil penalty.** A manufacturer shall be fined up to  
18.36 \$1,000 for any violation of sections 152.22 to 152.37, or the regulations issued pursuant

19.1 to them, where no penalty has been specified. This penalty is in addition to any other  
19.2 applicable penalties in law.

19.3 **Sec. 14. [152.34] NURSING FACILITIES.**

19.4 Nursing facilities licensed under chapter 144A, boarding care homes licensed under  
19.5 section 144.50, and assisted living facilities may adopt reasonable restrictions on the use of  
19.6 medical cannabis by a patient enrolled in the registry program who resides at the facility.  
19.7 The restrictions may include a provision that the facility will not store or maintain the  
19.8 patient's supply of medical cannabis, that the facility is not responsible for providing the  
19.9 medical cannabis for patients, and that medical cannabis be used only in a place specified  
19.10 by the facility. Nothing contained in this section shall require the facilities to adopt such  
19.11 restrictions and no facility shall unreasonably limit a patient's access to or use of medical  
19.12 cannabis to the extent that use is authorized by the patient under sections 152.22 to 152.37.

19.13 **Sec. 15. [152.35] FEES; DEPOSIT OF REVENUE.**

19.14 (a) The commissioner shall collect an enrollment fee of \$200 from patients  
19.15 enrolled under this section. If the patient attests to receiving Social Security disability,  
19.16 Supplemental Security Insurance payments, or being enrolled in medical assistance or  
19.17 MinnesotaCare, then the fee shall be \$50. The fees shall be payable annually and are due  
19.18 on the anniversary date of the patient's enrollment. The fee amount shall be deposited in  
19.19 the state treasury and credited to the state government special revenue fund.

19.20 (b) The commissioner shall collect an application fee of \$20,000 from each entity  
19.21 submitting an application for registration as a medical cannabis manufacturer. Revenue  
19.22 from the fee shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state government  
19.23 special revenue fund.

19.24 (c) The commissioner shall establish and collect an annual fee from a medical  
19.25 cannabis manufacturer equal to the cost of regulating and inspecting the manufacturer  
19.26 in that year. Revenue from the fee amount shall be deposited in the state treasury and  
19.27 credited to the state government special revenue fund.

19.28 (d) A medical cannabis manufacturer may charge patients enrolled in the registry  
19.29 program a reasonable fee for costs associated with the operations of the manufacturer. The  
19.30 manufacturer may establish a sliding scale of patient fees based upon a patient's household  
19.31 income and may accept private donations to reduce patient fees.

19.32 **Sec. 16. [152.36] IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**  
19.33 **THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH.**

20.1 Subdivision 1. **Task force on medical cannabis therapeutic research.** (a) A  
20.2 23-member task force on medical cannabis therapeutic research is created to conduct an  
20.3 impact assessment of medical cannabis therapeutic research. The task force shall consist  
20.4 of the following members:

20.5 (1) two members of the house of representatives, one selected by the speaker of the  
20.6 house, the other selected by the minority leader;

20.7 (2) two members of the senate, one selected by the majority leader, the other  
20.8 selected by the minority leader;

20.9 (3) four members representing consumers or patients enrolled in the registry  
20.10 program, including at least two parents of patients under age 18;

20.11 (4) four members representing health care providers, including one licensed  
20.12 pharmacist;

20.13 (5) four members representing law enforcement, one from the Minnesota Chiefs of  
20.14 Police Association, one from the Minnesota Sheriff's Association, one from the Minnesota  
20.15 Police and Peace Officers Association, and one from the Minnesota County Attorneys  
20.16 Association;

20.17 (6) four members representing substance use disorder treatment providers; and

20.18 (7) the commissioners of health, human services, and public safety.

20.19 (b) Task force members listed under paragraph (a), clauses (3), (4), (5), and (6), shall  
20.20 be appointed by the governor under the appointment process in section 15.0597. Members  
20.21 shall serve on the task force at the pleasure of the appointing authority. All members must  
20.22 be appointed by July 15, 2014, and the commissioner of health shall convene the first  
20.23 meeting of the task force by August 1, 2014.

20.24 (c) There shall be two cochairs of the task force chosen from the members listed  
20.25 under paragraph (a). One cochair shall be selected by the speaker of the house and the  
20.26 other cochair shall be selected by the majority leader of the senate. The authority to  
20.27 convene meetings shall alternate between the cochairs.

20.28 (d) Members of the task force other than those in paragraph (a), clauses (1), (2), and  
20.29 (7), shall receive expenses as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 6.

20.30 Subd. 2. **Impact assessment.** The task force shall hold hearings to conduct  
20.31 an assessment that evaluates the impact of the use of medical cannabis and evaluates  
20.32 Minnesota's activities and other states' activities involving medical cannabis, and offer  
20.33 analysis of:

20.34 (1) program design and implementation;

20.35 (2) the impact on the health care provider community;

20.36 (3) patient experiences;

- 21.1 (4) the impact on the incidence of substance abuse;
- 21.2 (5) access to and quality of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products;
- 21.3 (6) the impact on law enforcement and prosecutions;
- 21.4 (7) public awareness and perception; and
- 21.5 (8) any unintended consequences.

21.6 Subd. 3. **Cost assessment.** By January 15 of each year, beginning January 15, 2015,  
21.7 and ending January 15, 2019, the commissioners of state departments impacted by the  
21.8 medical cannabis therapeutic research study shall report to the cochairs of the task force  
21.9 on the costs incurred by each department on implementing sections 152.22 to 152.37. The  
21.10 reports must compare actual costs to the estimated costs of implementing these sections  
21.11 and must be submitted to the task force on medical cannabis therapeutic research.

21.12 Subd. 4. **Reports to the legislature.** (a) The cochairs of the task force shall submit  
21.13 the following reports to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
21.14 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over health and human services, public safety,  
21.15 judiciary, and civil law:

21.16 (1) by February 1, 2015, a report on the design and implementation of the registry  
21.17 program; and every two years thereafter, a complete impact assessment report; and

21.18 (2) upon receipt of a cost assessment from a commissioner of a state agency, the  
21.19 completed cost assessment.

21.20 (b) The task force may make recommendations to the legislature on whether to add  
21.21 or remove conditions from the list of qualifying medical conditions.

21.22 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The task force on medical cannabis therapeutic research  
21.23 does not expire.

21.24 Sec. 17. **[152.37] FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS; PRICING REVIEWS.**

21.25 Subdivision 1. **Financial records.** A medical cannabis manufacturer shall maintain  
21.26 detailed financial records in a manner and format approved by the commissioner, and shall  
21.27 keep all records updated and accessible to the commissioner when requested.

21.28 Subd. 2. **Certified annual audit.** A medical cannabis manufacturer shall submit  
21.29 the results of an annual certified financial audit to the commissioner no later than May  
21.30 1 of each year. The annual audit shall be conducted by an independent certified public  
21.31 accountant and the costs of the audit are the responsibility of the medical cannabis  
21.32 manufacturer. Results of the audit shall be provided to the medical cannabis manufacturer  
21.33 and the commissioner. The commissioner may also require another audit of the medical  
21.34 cannabis manufacturer by a certified public accountant chosen by the commissioner with  
21.35 the costs of the audit paid by the medical cannabis manufacturer.

22.1            Subd. 3. **Power to examine.** (a) The commissioner or designee may examine the  
22.2 business affairs and conditions of any medical cannabis manufacturer, including but not  
22.3 limited to a review of the financing, budgets, revenues, sales, and pricing.

22.4            (b) An examination may cover the medical cannabis manufacturer's business affairs,  
22.5 practices, and conditions including but not limited to a review of the financing, budgets,  
22.6 revenues, sales, and pricing. The commissioner shall determine the nature and scope of  
22.7 each examination and in doing so shall take into account all available relevant factors  
22.8 concerning the financial and business affairs, practices, and conditions of the examinee.  
22.9 The costs incurred by the department in conducting an examination shall be paid for by  
22.10 the medical cannabis manufacturer.

22.11           (c) When making an examination under this section, the commissioner may retain  
22.12 attorneys, appraisers, independent economists, independent certified public accountants,  
22.13 or other professionals and specialists as designees. A certified public accountant retained  
22.14 by the commissioner may not be the same certified public accountant providing the  
22.15 certified annual audit in subdivision 2.

22.16           (d) The commissioner shall make a report of an examination conducted under this  
22.17 section and provide a copy to the medical cannabis manufacturer. The commissioner  
22.18 shall then post a copy of the report on the department's Web site. All working papers,  
22.19 recorded information, documents, and copies produced by, obtained by, or disclosed to  
22.20 the commissioner or any other person in the course of an examination, other than the  
22.21 information contained in any commissioner official report, made under this section are  
22.22 private data on individuals or nonpublic data, as defined in section 13.02.

22.23           Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13d, is amended to  
22.24 read:

22.25           **Subd. 13d. Drug formulary.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a drug  
22.26 formulary. Its establishment and publication shall not be subject to the requirements of the  
22.27 Administrative Procedure Act, but the Formulary Committee shall review and comment  
22.28 on the formulary contents.

22.29           (b) The formulary shall not include:

22.30           (1) drugs, active pharmaceutical ingredients, or products for which there is no  
22.31 federal funding;

22.32           (2) over-the-counter drugs, except as provided in subdivision 13;

22.33           (3) drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients used for weight loss, except that  
22.34 medically necessary lipase inhibitors may be covered for a recipient with type II diabetes;

23.1 (4) drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients when used for the treatment of  
23.2 impotence or erectile dysfunction;

23.3 (5) drugs or active pharmaceutical ingredients for which medical value has not  
23.4 been established; ~~and~~

23.5 (6) drugs from manufacturers who have not signed a rebate agreement with the  
23.6 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 1927 of title XIX of the  
23.7 Social Security Act.; and

23.8 (7) medical cannabis as defined in section 152.22, subdivision 6.

23.9 (c) If a single-source drug used by at least two percent of the fee-for-service  
23.10 medical assistance recipients is removed from the formulary due to the failure of the  
23.11 manufacturer to sign a rebate agreement with the Department of Health and Human  
23.12 Services, the commissioner shall notify prescribing practitioners within 30 days of  
23.13 receiving notification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that a  
23.14 rebate agreement was not signed.

23.15 Sec. 19. **RULES; ADVERSE INCIDENTS.**

23.16 (a) The commissioner of health shall adopt rules to establish requirements for  
23.17 reporting incidents when individuals who are not authorized to possess medical cannabis  
23.18 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 152.22 to 152.37, are found in possession of medical  
23.19 cannabis. The rules must identify professionals required to report, the information they  
23.20 are required to report, and actions the reporter must take to secure the medical cannabis.

23.21 (b) The commissioner of health shall adopt rules to establish requirements for  
23.22 law enforcement officials and health care professionals to report incidents involving an  
23.23 overdose of medical cannabis to the commissioner of health.

23.24 (c) Rules must include the method by which the commissioner will collect and  
23.25 tabulate reports of unauthorized possession and overdose.

23.26 Sec. 20. **INTRACTABLE PAIN.**

23.27 The commissioner of health shall consider the addition of intractable pain, as  
23.28 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 152.125, subdivision 1, to the list of qualifying  
23.29 medical conditions under Minnesota Statutes, section 152.22, subdivision 14, prior to the  
23.30 consideration of any other new qualifying medical conditions. The commissioner shall  
23.31 report findings on the need for adding intractable pain to the list of qualifying medical  
23.32 conditions to the task force established under Minnesota Statutes, section 152.36, no  
23.33 later than July 1, 2016.

24.1 Sec. 21. **APPROPRIATIONS; MEDICAL CANNABIS RESEARCH.**

24.2 Subdivision 1. **Health Department.** \$2,795,000 is appropriated in fiscal year  
24.3 2015 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the costs of administering  
24.4 Minnesota Statutes, sections 152.22 to 152.37. The base for this appropriation is \$829,000  
24.5 in fiscal year 2016 and \$728,000 in fiscal year 2017.

24.6 Subd. 2. **Legislative Coordinating Commission.** \$24,000 is appropriated in  
24.7 fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the Legislative Coordinating Commission to  
24.8 administer the task force on medical cannabis therapeutic research under Minnesota  
24.9 Statutes, section 152.36, and for the task force to conduct the impact assessment on the  
24.10 use of cannabis for medicinal purposes.

24.11 Subd. 3. **Health Department.** \$100,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2015  
24.12 from the state government special revenue fund to the commissioner of health for the  
24.13 costs of implementing Minnesota Statutes, sections 152.22 to 152.37. The base for this  
24.14 appropriation is \$834,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$729,000 in fiscal year 2017.

24.15 Sec. 22. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

24.16 Sections 1 to 21 are effective the day following final enactment."

24.17 Delete the title and insert:

24.18 "A bill for an act  
24.19 relating to health; providing for medical cannabis registry program; authorizing  
24.20 rulemaking; establishing duties of patients, health care practitioners, and  
24.21 manufacturer of medical cannabis; establishing patient protections; imposing  
24.22 penalties; establishing fees; requiring impact assessment of medical cannabis  
24.23 therapeutic research; requiring audits; appropriating money; amending Minnesota  
24.24 Statutes 2012, sections 13.3806, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0625, subdivision  
24.25 13d; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 152."



We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

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House Conferees:

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Carly Melin

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Erin Murphy

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Rod Hamilton