

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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Referred to Committee: Senate 1

Sponsors: Madelin Shelton, Lydia Hobbs, Haileigh Noll	Action on the Bill	
School: Owen Co. HS	House	Senate
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AN ACT relating to the legalization of medicinal cannabis

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 218A.276 is amended to read as follows: A court may request the Div. of Probation and Parole to perform a risk and needs assessment for any person found guilty of possession of marijuana pursuant to KRS 218A.1422 with the exception of those in possession of a medicinal cannabis card as issued by an unrestricted, validly licensed physician.

Section 2: KRS 218A.500 is amended to read as follows: "Drug paraphernalia" means all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance in violation of this chapter. With an exception being made to those who possess a medicinal cannabis card issued to them by an unrestricted, validly licensed physician.

Section 3: KRS 218A.510 is to be amended to read as follows: In determining whether an object is drug paraphernalia, a court or other authority should consider, in addition to all other logically relevant factors, the following: one is in possession of a medicinal cannabis card issued to them by an unrestricted, validly licensed physician.

Section 4: This bill will legalize the production and dissemination of medicinal cannabis by licensed dispensaries and the consumption of medicinal cannabis by patients 18 years of age and older who are deemed as needing and/or helped by its use by their personal physician.

Section 5: Those eligible for the treatment of medicinal cannabis include persons 18 years of age or older who are given an individual medicinal cannabis card by their physician. This card may only be used in such that it is given directly to the dispensary so that the patient's daily maximum is not exceeded. All individuals daily purchases will be registered through their personal medicinal cannabis card to prevent excessive illegal purchases. Prescriptions for medicinal cannabis can only be issued by physicians that have an unrestricted valid license in the state of Kentucky. Patients are not permitted to purchase more than a daily maximum of 5 grams of flower or 2 total grams of wax and concentrates or the equivalent of 100 milligrams of THC in ingestibles.

Section 6: Acceptable uses of consumption include vaping, ingesting, utilizing tinctures, smoking, oil-based products and topicals, and transdermal patches. An individual with a medicinal cannabis card is only permitted to consume the cannabis on private property. Individuals who consume cannabis on private property and then enter public property cannot automatically be charged with public intoxication. Those under the influence of medicinal cannabis are not permitted to drive. If one is suspected of driving under the influence a field sobriety test shall be conducted. If the test is failed, then a DUI will be issued.

Section 7: Cannabis used strictly for medicinal purposes will be cultivated by licensed dispensary centers and distributed directly to individual patients. Dispensary centers will be required to apply for a license from the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture will be designated as in charge of the licensing of the dispensaries. The licensing fee will include a one-time fee of \$5,000 and an annual license renewal fee of \$250.00. Individuals who grow cannabis for the dispensaries must be either employed by or of the same entity as the licensed dispensaries. The Department of Agriculture will create the regulatory policies that both the licensed dispensaries and the coinciding growers of cannabis must follow.

Section 8: An 8% sales tax will be placed on the sale of medicinal cannabis from the dispensary to the individuals who possess a medicinal cannabis card. This sales tax will be collected and regulated by the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

Section 9: This bill will not require government funding.

Section 10: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2018.