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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; providing for the medical use of marijuana; providing civil  
1.3 and criminal penalties; establishing application and renewal fees; appropriating  
1.4 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.3806, by adding a  
1.5 subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 152.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.3806, is amended by adding a  
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 21. **Medical use of marijuana data.** Data collected by the commissioner of  
1.10 health relating to registrations for the medical use of marijuana are classified in section  
1.11 152.25, subdivision 5.

1.12 Sec. 2. [152.22] DEFINITIONS.

1.13 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For purposes of sections 152.22 to 152.31, the terms  
1.14 defined in this section have the meanings given them.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Allowable amount of marijuana.** (a) With respect to a qualifying patient,  
1.16 the "allowable amount of marijuana" means:

- 1.17 (1) 12 marijuana plants;
- 1.18 (2) 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana; and
- 1.19 (3) any amount of other parts of the marijuana plant.

1.20 (b) With respect to a primary caregiver or registered organization, the "allowable  
1.21 amount of marijuana" for each patient means:

- 1.22 (1) 12 marijuana plants;
- 1.23 (2) 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana; and
- 1.24 (3) any amount of other parts of the marijuana plant.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

2.2 Subd. 4. **Debilitating medical condition.** "Debilitating medical condition" means:

2.3 (1) cancer, glaucoma, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, hepatitis C, or the  
2.4 treatment of these conditions;

2.5 (2) a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that  
2.6 produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome; severe or chronic  
2.7 pain; severe nausea; seizures, including, but not limited to, those characteristic of epilepsy;  
2.8 severe and persistent muscle spasms, including, but not limited to, those characteristic of  
2.9 multiple sclerosis and Crohn's disease; or agitation of Alzheimer's disease;

2.10 (3) the condition of an HIV-positive patient when the patient's condition has  
2.11 worsened and the patient's physician believes the patient could benefit from consumption  
2.12 of marijuana; or

2.13 (4) any other medical condition or its treatment approved by the commissioner as  
2.14 provided in section 152.24, paragraph (a).

2.15 Subd. 5. **Department.** "Department" means the Minnesota Department of Health.

2.16 Subd. 6. **Medical use.** "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, cultivation,  
2.17 manufacture, use, delivery, transfer, or transportation of marijuana or paraphernalia  
2.18 relating to the consumption of marijuana to alleviate a registered qualifying patient's  
2.19 debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the medical condition.

2.20 Subd. 7. **Practitioner.** "Practitioner" means a licensed doctor of medicine, licensed  
2.21 doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice medicine, or a licensed registered nurse.

2.22 Subd. 8. **Primary caregiver.** "Primary caregiver" means a person who is at least  
2.23 18 years old and who has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of  
2.24 marijuana. A primary caregiver may assist no more than five qualifying patients with  
2.25 their medical use of marijuana.

2.26 Subd. 9. **Qualifying patient.** "Qualifying patient" means a person who has been  
2.27 diagnosed by a practitioner as having a debilitating medical condition.

2.28 Subd. 10. **Registry identification card.** "Registry identification card" means a  
2.29 document issued by the commissioner that identifies a person as a qualifying patient or  
2.30 primary caregiver.

2.31 Subd. 11. **Usable marijuana.** "Usable marijuana" means the dried leaves and  
2.32 flowers of the marijuana plant, and any mixture or preparation of it, but does not include  
2.33 the seeds, stalks, and roots of the plant.

2.34 Subd. 12. **Written certification.** "Written certification" means a statement signed  
2.35 by a practitioner, stating that in the practitioner's professional opinion the potential  
2.36 benefits of the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the

3.1 qualifying patient. A written certification shall only be made in the course of a bona fide  
3.2 practitioner-patient relationship after the practitioner has completed a full assessment  
3.3 of the qualifying patient's medical history. The written certification shall specify the  
3.4 qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or conditions.

3.5 **Sec. 3. [152.23] PROTECTIONS FOR MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA.**

3.6 **Subdivision 1. Qualifying patient.** A qualifying patient who possesses a registry  
3.7 identification card shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or penalty in any manner, or  
3.8 denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary  
3.9 action by a business or occupational or professional licensing board or entity, for the  
3.10 medical use of marijuana, provided that the qualifying patient possesses an amount of  
3.11 marijuana that does not exceed the allowable amount.

3.12 **Subd. 2. Primary caregiver.** A primary caregiver who possesses a registry  
3.13 identification card shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or penalty in any manner, or  
3.14 denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary  
3.15 action by a business or occupational or professional licensing board or entity, for  
3.16 assisting a qualifying patient to whom the primary caregiver is connected through the  
3.17 commissioner's registration process with the medical use of marijuana, provided that the  
3.18 primary caregiver possesses an amount of marijuana that does not exceed the allowable  
3.19 amount of marijuana for each qualifying patient to whom the primary caregiver is  
3.20 connected through the registration process.

3.21 **Subd. 3. Discrimination prohibited.** No school, employer, or landlord may refuse  
3.22 to enroll, employ, lease to, or otherwise penalize a person solely for the person's status as a  
3.23 registered qualifying patient or a registered primary caregiver.

3.24 **Subd. 4. Presumption.** (a) There is a presumption that a qualifying patient or  
3.25 primary caregiver is engaged in the medical use of marijuana if the qualifying patient or  
3.26 primary caregiver:

3.27 (1) is in possession of a registry identification card; and

3.28 (2) is in possession of an amount of marijuana that does not exceed the amount  
3.29 permitted under sections 152.22 to 152.31.

3.30 (b) The presumption may be rebutted by evidence that conduct related to marijuana  
3.31 was not for the purpose of alleviating the qualifying patient's debilitating medical  
3.32 condition or symptoms associated with the medical condition.

3.33 **Subd. 5. Caregiver's reimbursement.** A primary caregiver may receive  
3.34 reimbursement for costs associated with assisting with a registered qualifying patient's  
3.35 medical use of marijuana. Compensation does not constitute sale of controlled substances.

4.1 Subd. 6. **Practitioner.** A practitioner shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution,  
4.2 or penalty in any manner or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited  
4.3 to, civil penalty or disciplinary action by the Board of Medical Practice or by another  
4.4 business, occupational, or professional licensing board or entity, solely for providing  
4.5 written certifications or otherwise stating that, in the practitioner's professional opinion,  
4.6 the potential benefits of the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health  
4.7 risks for a patient.

4.8 Subd. 7. **Property rights.** (a) Any interest in or right to property that is possessed,  
4.9 owned, or used in connection with the medical use of marijuana, or acts incidental to  
4.10 such use, is not forfeited.

4.11 (b) A law enforcement agency that seizes and does not return usable marijuana to a  
4.12 registered qualifying patient or a registered primary caregiver is liable to the cardholder  
4.13 for the fair market value of the marijuana.

4.14 Subd. 8. **Arrest and prosecution prohibited.** No person is subject to arrest  
4.15 or prosecution for constructive possession, conspiracy, aiding and abetting, being an  
4.16 accessory, or any other offense for being in the presence or vicinity of the medical use  
4.17 of marijuana as permitted under sections 152.22 to 152.31 or for assisting a registered  
4.18 qualifying patient with using or administering marijuana.

4.19 Subd. 9. **Reciprocity.** A registry identification card, or its equivalent, issued under  
4.20 the laws of another state, United States territory, or the District of Columbia to permit the  
4.21 medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient, or to permit a person to assist with the  
4.22 qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana, shall have the same force and effect as a  
4.23 registry identification card issued by the commissioner.

4.24 **Sec. 4. [152.24] RULEMAKING.**

4.25 (a) No later than 90 days after the effective date of this act, the commissioner shall  
4.26 adopt rules governing the manner in which it shall consider petitions from the public to  
4.27 add debilitating medical conditions to those included under section 152.22, subdivision  
4.28 4. In considering such petitions, the commissioner shall include public notice of any  
4.29 petition received and an opportunity for the public to comment on each petition in a public  
4.30 hearing. The commissioner shall, after conducting a public hearing, approve or deny each  
4.31 petition within 180 days of its submission. The approval or denial of such a petition  
4.32 shall be considered a final department action, subject to judicial review. Jurisdiction and  
4.33 venue for judicial review are vested in the district court. The denial of a petition shall  
4.34 not disqualify qualifying patients with that condition if they have a debilitating medical

5.1 condition. The denial of a petition shall not prevent a person with the denied condition  
 5.2 from raising an affirmative defense.

5.3 (b) No later than 90 days after the effective date of this act, the commissioner shall  
 5.4 promulgate rules governing the manner in which it shall consider applications for and  
 5.5 renewals of registry identification cards for qualifying patients and primary caregivers.  
 5.6 Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, the commissioner shall establish application and  
 5.7 renewal fees that generate revenues sufficient to offset all expenses of implementing and  
 5.8 administering sections 152.22 to 152.31. The commissioner may vary the application  
 5.9 and renewal fees on a sliding scale that accounts for a qualifying patient's income.  
 5.10 The commissioner may accept donations from private sources in order to reduce the  
 5.11 application and renewal fees.

5.12 **Sec. 5. [152.25] REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS; ISSUANCE.**

5.13 Subdivision 1. **Requirements; issuance.** (a) The commissioner shall issue registry  
 5.14 identification cards to qualifying patients who submit:

5.15 (1) a written certification;

5.16 (2) the application or renewal fee;

5.17 (3) the name, address, and date of birth of the qualifying patient, except that if the  
 5.18 applicant is homeless, no address is required;

5.19 (4) the name, address, and telephone number of the qualifying patient's practitioner;  
 5.20 and

5.21 (5) the name, address, and date of birth of each primary caregiver of the qualifying  
 5.22 patient, if any.

5.23 (b) The commissioner shall not issue a registry identification card to a qualifying  
 5.24 patient under the age of 18 unless:

5.25 (1) the qualifying patient's practitioner has explained the potential risks and benefits  
 5.26 of the medical use of marijuana to the qualifying patient and to a parent, guardian, or  
 5.27 person having legal custody of the qualifying patient; and

5.28 (2) a parent, guardian, or person having legal custody consents in writing to:

5.29 (i) allow the qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana;

5.30 (ii) serve as one of the qualifying patient's primary caregivers; and

5.31 (iii) control the acquisition of marijuana, the dosage, and the frequency of the  
 5.32 medical use of marijuana by the qualifying patient.

5.33 (c) The commissioner shall verify the information contained in an application or  
 5.34 renewal submitted under this section and shall approve or deny an application or renewal  
 5.35 within 15 days of receiving it. The commissioner may deny an application or renewal

6.1 only if the applicant did not provide the information required under this section or if the  
6.2 commissioner determines that the information provided was falsified. Rejection of an  
6.3 application or renewal is a final agency action, subject to judicial review. Jurisdiction and  
6.4 venue for judicial review are vested in the district court.

6.5 (d) The commissioner shall issue a registry identification card to each primary  
6.6 caregiver, if any, who is named in a qualifying patient's approved application, up to a  
6.7 maximum of two primary caregivers per qualifying patient.

6.8 (e) The commissioner shall issue a registry identification card within five days of  
6.9 approving an application or renewal. The card expires one year after the date of issuance.

6.10 A registry identification card shall contain:

6.11 (1) the name, address, and date of birth of the qualifying patient;

6.12 (2) the name, address, and date of birth of each primary caregiver of the qualifying  
6.13 patient, if any;

6.14 (3) the date of issuance and expiration date of the registry identification card; and

6.15 (4) a random registry identification number.

6.16 Subd. 2. **Notification of changes; penalties.** (a) A qualifying patient who has been  
6.17 issued a registry identification card shall notify the commissioner within ten days of any  
6.18 change in the qualifying patient's name, address, or primary caregiver or if the qualifying  
6.19 patient ceases to have a debilitating medical condition.

6.20 (b) Failure to notify the commissioner of a change as required under paragraph (a) is  
6.21 a civil violation, punishable by a fine of no more than \$150. If the person has ceased to  
6.22 have a debilitating medical condition, the card is null and void and the person is liable for  
6.23 any other penalties that may apply to the person's nonmedical use of marijuana.

6.24 (c) A registered primary caregiver shall notify the commissioner within ten days of  
6.25 any change in the caregiver's name or address. Failure to notify the commissioner of the  
6.26 change is a civil violation, punishable by a fine of no more than \$150.

6.27 (d) When a qualifying patient or primary caregiver notifies the commissioner of any  
6.28 changes under this subdivision, the commissioner shall issue the qualifying patient and  
6.29 each primary caregiver a new registry identification card within ten days of receiving the  
6.30 updated information and a \$10 fee.

6.31 (e) When a registered qualifying patient ceases to use the assistance of a registered  
6.32 primary caregiver, the commissioner shall notify the primary caregiver within ten days.  
6.33 The primary caregiver's protections as provided under section 152.23 expire ten days after  
6.34 notification by the commissioner.

6.35 Subd. 3. **Lost cards.** If a registered qualifying patient or a registered primary  
6.36 caregiver loses a registry identification card, the patient or caregiver shall notify the

7.1 commissioner and submit a \$10 fee within ten days of losing the card. Within five days of  
7.2 receiving notification and the required fee, the commissioner shall issue a new registry  
7.3 identification card with a new random identification number.

7.4 Subd. 4. **Card as probable cause.** Possession of, or application for, a registry  
7.5 identification card does not constitute probable cause or reasonable suspicion, nor shall it  
7.6 be used to support a search of the person or property of the person possessing or applying  
7.7 for the registry identification card, or otherwise subject the person or property of the  
7.8 person to inspection by any governmental agency.

7.9 Subd. 5. **Data practices.** (a) Applications and supporting information submitted  
7.10 by qualifying patients, including information regarding their primary caregivers and  
7.11 practitioners, are confidential.

7.12 (b) The commissioner shall maintain a confidential list of the persons to whom the  
7.13 department has issued registry identification cards. Individual names and other identifying  
7.14 information on the list shall be confidential, exempt from the Minnesota Freedom of  
7.15 Information Act, and not subject to disclosure, except to authorized employees of the  
7.16 department as necessary to perform official duties of the department.

7.17 (c) The commissioner shall verify to law enforcement personnel whether a registry  
7.18 identification card is valid solely by confirming the random registry identification number.

7.19 (d) It shall be a crime, punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine, for  
7.20 any person, including an employee or official of the department or another state agency  
7.21 or local government, to breach the confidentiality of information obtained pursuant to  
7.22 this act. Notwithstanding this provision, the department employees may notify law  
7.23 enforcement about falsified or fraudulent information submitted to the department.

7.24 Subd. 6. **Report.** The commissioner shall report annually to the legislature on the  
7.25 number of applications for registry identification cards, the number of qualifying patients  
7.26 and primary caregivers approved, the nature of the debilitating medical conditions of the  
7.27 qualifying patients, the number of registry identification cards revoked, and the number of  
7.28 practitioners providing written certification for qualifying patients. The commissioner  
7.29 must not include identifying information on qualifying patients, primary caregivers, or  
7.30 practitioners in the report.

7.31 Subd. 7. **Official sanctions.** State or local law enforcement officials who knowingly  
7.32 cooperate with federal law enforcement agents to arrest, investigate, prosecute, or search a  
7.33 registered qualifying patient or a registered primary caregiver or their property for acting  
7.34 in compliance with this act shall have their employment suspended or terminated.

7.35 Sec. 6. **[152.26] CONSTRUCTION.**

8.1 (a) Sections 152.22 to 152.31 do not permit:

8.2 (1) a person to undertake a task under the influence of marijuana, when doing so  
8.3 would constitute negligence or professional malpractice;

8.4 (2) smoking of marijuana:

8.5 (i) in a school bus or other form of public transportation;

8.6 (ii) on school grounds;

8.7 (iii) in a correctional facility; or

8.8 (iv) in any public place; or

8.9 (3) a person to operate, navigate, or be in actual physical control of any motor  
8.10 vehicle, aircraft, or motorboat while under the influence of marijuana. However, a  
8.11 registered qualifying patient shall not be considered to be under the influence solely for  
8.12 having marijuana metabolites in the patient's system.

8.13 (b) Nothing in sections 152.22 to 152.31 shall be construed to require:

8.14 (1) a government medical assistance program or private health insurer to reimburse a  
8.15 person for costs associated with the medical use of marijuana; or

8.16 (2) an employer to accommodate the medical use of marijuana in any workplace.

8.17 **Sec. 7. [152.27] PENALTIES.**

8.18 Fraudulent representation to a law enforcement official of any fact or circumstance  
8.19 relating to the medical use of marijuana to avoid arrest or prosecution is punishable by a  
8.20 fine of \$500, which shall be in addition to any other penalties that may apply for making a  
8.21 false statement and for the nonmedical use of marijuana.

8.22 **Sec. 8. [152.28] FEES.**

8.23 Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, the commissioner of health shall establish  
8.24 application and renewal fees that generate revenues sufficient to offset all expenses of  
8.25 implementing and administering sections 152.22 to 152.31. The commissioner of health  
8.26 may vary the application and renewal fees on a sliding scale that accounts for a qualifying  
8.27 patient's income. Fee receipts shall be credited to the general fund. The commissioner of  
8.28 health may accept donations from private sources to reduce the application and renewal  
8.29 fees.

8.30 **Sec. 9. [152.29] AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE AND DISMISSAL FOR MEDICAL**  
8.31 **MARIJUANA.**

8.32 (a) Except as provided in section 152.26, a person and a person's primary caregiver,  
8.33 if any, may assert the medical purpose for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution

9.1 involving marijuana, and such defense shall be presumed valid where the evidence shows  
9.2 that:

9.3 (1) a practitioner has stated that, in the practitioner's professional opinion, after  
9.4 having completed a full assessment of the person's medical history and current medical  
9.5 condition made in the course of a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship, the potential  
9.6 benefits of using marijuana for medical purposes would likely outweigh the health risks  
9.7 for the person; and

9.8 (2) the person and the person's primary caregiver, if any, were collectively in  
9.9 possession of a quantity of marijuana that was not more than was reasonably necessary  
9.10 to ensure the uninterrupted availability of marijuana for the purpose of alleviating the  
9.11 person's medical condition or symptoms associated with the medical condition.

9.12 (b) A person may assert the medical purpose for using marijuana in a motion to  
9.13 dismiss, and the charges shall be dismissed following an evidentiary hearing where the  
9.14 defendant shows the elements listed in paragraph (a).

9.15 (c) Any interest in or right to property that was possessed, owned, or used in  
9.16 connection with a person's use of marijuana for medical purposes shall not be forfeited if  
9.17 the person or the person's primary caregiver demonstrates the person's medical purpose for  
9.18 using marijuana under this section.

9.19 **Sec. 10. [152.30] SEVERABILITY.**

9.20 Any provision of sections 152.22 to 152.31 being held invalid as to any person or  
9.21 circumstances shall not affect the application of any other provision of sections 152.22 to  
9.22 152.31 that can be given full effect without the invalid section or application.

9.23 **Sec. 11. [152.31] REGISTERED ORGANIZATION.**

9.24 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "registered organization"  
9.25 means a nonprofit entity registered with the commissioner under this section that acquires,  
9.26 possesses, cultivates, manufactures, delivers, transfers, transports, supplies, or dispenses  
9.27 marijuana, cultivation equipment, related supplies and educational materials, or marijuana  
9.28 seeds to registered qualifying patients and their registered primary caregivers. A registered  
9.29 organization is a primary caregiver, although it may supply marijuana to any number of  
9.30 registered qualifying patients who have designated it as one of their primary caregivers.

9.31 Subd. 2. **Registration requirements.** (a) The commissioner shall issue a registered  
9.32 organization license within 20 days to any person who complies with rules adopted by  
9.33 the commissioner and provides:

10.1 (1) a fee in an amount established by the commissioner notwithstanding section  
 10.2 16A.1283, which shall not exceed \$1,000;

10.3 (2) the name of the registered organization;

10.4 (3) the physical addresses of the registered organization and any other real property  
 10.5 where marijuana is to be possessed, cultivated, manufactured, supplied, or dispensed  
 10.6 relating to the operations of the registered organization; and

10.7 (4) the name, address, and date of birth of any person who is an agent of or employed  
 10.8 by the registered organization.

10.9 (b) The commissioner shall issue each agent and employee of a registered  
 10.10 organization a registry identification card for a cost of \$10 each within ten days of receipt  
 10.11 of the person's identifying information and the fee. Each card shall specify that the  
 10.12 cardholder is an employee or agent of a registered organization.

10.13 Subd. 3. **Expiration.** A license for a registered organization and each employee or  
 10.14 agent registry identification card expires one year after the date of issuance.

10.15 Subd. 4. **Rulemaking.** No later than 90 days after the effective date of this section,  
 10.16 the commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this section, including:

10.17 (1) procedures for the oversight of registered organizations, record keeping and  
 10.18 reporting requirements for registered organizations, procedures for the transference or sale  
 10.19 of seized cultivation equipment and related supplies from law enforcement agencies  
 10.20 to registered organizations, and procedures for suspending or terminating the licenses  
 10.21 of registered organizations; and

10.22 (2) the form and content of the license and renewal applications.

10.23 Subd. 5. **Inspection.** Registered organizations are subject to reasonable inspection  
 10.24 by the commissioner to determine that any applicable rules are being followed.  
 10.25 Reasonable notice shall be given prior to an inspection.

10.26 Subd. 6. **Organization requirements.** (a) Registered organizations must be  
 10.27 established as nonprofit entities. Registered organizations are subject to all applicable state  
 10.28 laws governing nonprofit entities, but need not be recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization  
 10.29 by the Internal Revenue Service.

10.30 (b) Registered organizations may not be located within 500 feet of the property line  
 10.31 of a public school, private school, or structure used primarily for religious services or  
 10.32 worship.

10.33 (c) The operating documents of a registered organization shall include procedures  
 10.34 for the oversight of the registered organization and procedures to ensure adequate record  
 10.35 keeping.

11.1 (d) A registered organization shall notify the commissioner within ten days of when  
11.2 an employee or agent ceases to work at the registered organization.

11.3 (e) The registered organization shall notify the commissioner before a new agent or  
11.4 employee begins working at the registered organization, in writing, and the organization  
11.5 shall submit a \$10 fee for the person's registry identification card.

11.6 (f) No registered organization shall be subject to prosecution, search, seizure, or  
11.7 penalty in any manner or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil  
11.8 penalty or disciplinary action by a business, occupational, or professional licensing board  
11.9 or entity, for acting according to sections 152.22 to 152.31 and rules adopted thereunder to  
11.10 assist registered qualifying patients to whom it is connected through the commissioner's  
11.11 registration process with the medical use of marijuana, provided that the registered  
11.12 organization possesses an amount of marijuana that does not exceed 12 marijuana plants  
11.13 and 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana for each registered qualifying patient.

11.14 (g) No employees, agents, or board members of a registered organization shall  
11.15 be subject to arrest, prosecution, search, seizure, or penalty in any manner or denied  
11.16 any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, civil penalty or disciplinary action  
11.17 by a business, occupational, or professional licensing board or entity, for working for a  
11.18 registered organization according to sections 152.22 to 152.31.

11.19 (h) The registered organization is prohibited from:

11.20 (1) obtaining marijuana from outside the state in violation of federal law; or

11.21 (2) acquiring, possessing, cultivating, manufacturing, delivering, transferring,  
11.22 transporting, supplying, or dispensing marijuana for any purpose except to assist registered  
11.23 qualifying patients with the medical use of marijuana directly or through the qualifying  
11.24 patients' other primary caregivers.

11.25 (i) A municipality may not prevent a registered organization from operating  
11.26 according to sections 152.22 to 152.31 in an area where zoning permits retail businesses.

11.27 Subd. 7. **Penalty.** The registered organization may not possess an amount of  
11.28 marijuana that exceeds the total of the allowable amounts of marijuana for the registered  
11.29 qualifying patients for whom the organization is a registered primary caregiver. The  
11.30 registered organization may not dispense, deliver, or otherwise transfer marijuana to a  
11.31 person other than a qualifying patient or the patient's primary caregiver. An intentional  
11.32 violation of this subdivision is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two  
11.33 years or by payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both. This penalty is in addition  
11.34 to any other penalties applicable in law.

11.35 Sec. 12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12.1 Sections 1 to 11 are effective the day following final enactment.