

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB486

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Bill Title: Medical care facilities; expanded access to medical cannabis for terminally ill patients

Bill Summary: The proposed legislation requires medical care facilities to permit terminally ill patients, as defined in the bill, to use medical cannabis. The bill requires medical care facilities to adopt policies facilitating the use of medical cannabis. The provisions of the bill do not apply to the provision of emergency medical services, including in emergency departments of hospitals. The bill requires compliance with applicable drug and medication requirements, specifies that compliance with its provisions shall not be a condition of obtaining, retaining, or renewing a license as a medical care facility, and establishes a protocol for noncompliance in the event of intervention by the federal government. The bill has a delayed effective date contingent on the federal rescheduling of marijuana from a Schedule I to a Schedule III drug.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: No fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: The proposed legislation is not expected to have any fiscal impact.

Other: None