General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 5429

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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
REP. SHANNON, 117th Dist.
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AN ACT CONCERNING CAREGIVERS, QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND THE PALLIATIVE USE OF CANNABIS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

That chapter 420f of the general statutes be amended to, for purposes of the state's palliative-use cannabis market, (1) redefine "caregiver" as "medical cannabis caregiver", (2) redefine "qualifying patient", (3) define "plant canopy" and "incidental cannabis material", (4) authorize qualifying patients and medical cannabis caregivers to engage in additional cultivation activities subject to area, security, privacy, odor mitigation and fee requirements, (5) cap certain cannabis testing laboratory fees, (6) provide additional anti-discrimination protections to qualifying patients and medical cannabis caregivers, (7) modify the Department of Consumer Protection's enforcement powers and the duration and terms of qualifying patient registration certificates, and (8) modify, and establish new, penalties.

Statement of Purpose:

To, for purposes of the state's palliative-use cannabis market, (1) define and redefine certain terms, (2) authorize qualifying patients and medical cannabis caregivers to engage in additional cultivation activities, (3) cap certain cannabis testing laboratory fees, (4) provide additional anti-discrimination protections to qualifying patients and caregivers, (5) modify the Department of Consumer Protection's enforcement powers and the duration and terms of qualifying patient registration certificates, and (6) modify, and establish new, penalties.