

#### Health and Human Services: SF4782

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#### Overview

The goal of our legislative recommendations is to strengthen the underlying foundation of Chapter 342 and to build upon the intent of last year's legislation as developed together by legislators and advocates.

# Health and Human Services Proposals

#### 1. Changes to Office Structure

- Accelerate transfer of Office of Medical Cannabis from MDH to OCM on July 1, 2024
- Modify Division of Medical Cannabis Structure
- 2. Streamline the Supply Chain and Enhance Patient Access
- 3. Expansion of Protections & Medical Program Modifications

## Changes to Office Structure

- ➤ Accelerate transfer of Office of Medical Cannabis from MDH to OCM on July 1, 2024 to support continuity
  - Moves the planned transfer of OMC and the medical program from the Department of Health to the Office of Cannabis Management to July 1, 2024

- ➤ Modify Division of Medical Cannabis Structure to clarify Office authority
  - Replaces references to Division of Medical Cannabis with reference to Office of Cannabis Management

### Streamline the Supply Chain and Enhance Patient Access

- > Consolidates adult-use and medical supply chains to contain costs for consumers, patients, and operators
  - Removes specific definitions throughout language
- ➤ Establishes medical retail endorsement for mezzobusinesses, microbusinesses, and retailers to expand patients' access to their products
  - Strikes medical specific license types throughout language

# Expansion of Protections & Medical Program Modifications

- Enhances protections for patients, caregivers, and persons in the medical cannabis registry program
- > Eliminates undue financial burden for caregivers

- ➤ Establishes Certified Medical Cannabis Consultant to enhance patient access to product
- > Modifies patient supply limits to support differing needs



# Thank You!

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