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Offered by:

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA."

1 Strike sections 3 and 4 in their entirety and substitute the following
2 in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) Each qualifying patient
4 who is issued a written certification for the medical use of marijuana,
5 and the primary caregiver of such qualifying patient, shall register
6 with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection. Such
7 registration shall be effective until the expiration of the written
8 certification issued by the physician. The qualifying patient and the
9 primary caregiver shall provide sufficient identifying information, as
10 determined by the department, to establish the personal identity of the
11 qualifying patient and the primary caregiver. The qualifying patient or
12 the primary caregiver shall report any change in such information to
13 the department not later than five business days after such change. The
14 department shall issue a registration certificate to the qualifying

15 patient and to the primary caregiver.

16 (b) Upon the request of a law enforcement agency, the Department
17 of Agriculture and Consumer Protection shall verify whether a
18 qualifying patient or a primary caregiver has registered with the
19 department in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and may
20 provide reasonable access to registry information obtained under this
21 section for law enforcement purposes. Except as provided in this
22 subsection, information obtained under this section shall be
23 confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom
24 of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes.

25 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) The Commissioner of
26 Agriculture and Consumer Protection may adopt regulations, in
27 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish (1) a
28 required form for written certifications for the medical use of
29 marijuana issued by physicians under section 2 of this act, and (2)
30 requirements for registrations under section 3 of this act.

31 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Protection
32 shall collect a user fee from each qualifying patient to whom a written
33 certification for the medical use of marijuana is issued under section 2
34 of this act for the purpose of offsetting the direct and indirect costs of
35 administering the provisions of sections 1 to 9, inclusive, of this act.
36 Such user fee shall be established by regulation adopted by the
37 commissioner in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes. All
38 user fees collected by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection
39 shall be paid to the State Treasurer and credited to the account
40 established pursuant to section 10 of this act."