General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 4716

Offered by:
SEN. BOUCHER, 26th Dist.

To: House Bill No. 5389
File No. 597
Cal. No. 430

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA."

Strike lines 234 to 237, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 9. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Until such time as the United States Department of Justice provides written notice to the Attorney General, the Chief State's Attorney and the Commissioner of Consumer Protection setting forth that said department shall not initiate a criminal prosecution against (1) a qualifying patient relating to the patient's palliative use of marijuana, or (2) a licensed dispensary, licensed producer, physician or primary caregiver relating to such person's role in facilitating the palliative use of marijuana by a qualifying patient, no person may act as a dispensary or represent that such person is a licensed dispensary. Upon receipt of the written notice described in this subsection from the United States Department of Justice and upon the adoption of regulations as prescribed in subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall establish a pilot program allowing for the
establishment of two licensed dispensaries in the state. The commissioner shall administer the pilot program for a one-year period. Not later than thirty days prior to the expiration of the one-year pilot program, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall complete an assessment on the effectiveness of the pilot program. Such assessment shall include an analysis relating to the resolution of any legal or public health issues that have arisen during the operation of the pilot program. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the General Assembly on the assessment and shall include with the report recommendations concerning the continuation, expansion or termination of the pilot program."