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## Proposed S.B. No. 813 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE PRICE, COST AND QUALITY TRANSPARENCY.

## Proposed S.B. No. 6832 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA FOR CHILDREN

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First, I will speak about 813. ObamaCare in CT is a disaster if you only qualify for Medicaid. Back in 1993/1994, Governor Rowland circumvented the Federal Welfare Act creating his own version now called Chapter 319s, Sec 17b-77. A version that was NOT and is still not provided to prospective DSS clients. Short of the long is that if you get Medicaid in the State of CT, it is a loan from the state of CT that has no statute of limitations. Unbeknown to prospective clients and present clients is the fact that the state can place a lien on your property, inheritance and your extended family for reimbursement. No where in any of the applications does it state this. It only states that if you win the lottery (which I agree with) or have a Medical Lawsuit for which Medicaid has footed the bill (which I also agree with), that they can obtain reimbursement for Medicaid. NO WHERE in any of the papers we sign does it say there is no statute of limitations despite Federal and State Law being 3 years for verbal contract and 6 years for written. This is a violation of our constitutional rights to have all the necessary information in written in the documents we sign in a legible and easy to read format or to ensure that if verbal, that we understand our rights and what they are demanding of us. In essence this makes any Medicaid recipient in debt for the rest of their lives to the state of CT even though they never officially signed any loan papers or contracts stating they agreed to this.

But this is further complicated by the fact that under Obamacare, if we do not take insurance then we get fined. And if we do not want to be indebt to the state of CT, our only other choice is to pay a full premium price of hundreds of dollars a month. Or we can try to get a waiver to have no medical insurance, but then how does this help us? In reality, this is a form of entrapment. We are damned if we do and damned if we don't.

As to Bill No. 6832, for a study on medicinal use of marijuana in children, I strongly believe this is necessary. There are case studies out there, though limited, that prove the use of medicinal marijuana have helped their children. I am not talking about smoking it, which we know harms the lungs. I am talking about tinctures or oils made specially for

treatment of various known things such as ADHD, Pain, Inflammation, Glaucoma, Cancer/Stomach issues, Wasting disease and more.

Children with ADD/ADHD take horrific drugs that have terrible side effects such as stunting of their growth. I have a case with a child who's mother finally put him on a tincture. This child is not only thriving and growing, but is now excelling in school.

Then there are children who have IBS or Irritable Bowel Disease. The drugs for this have toxic effects but also do not work well. When given a tincture, these children are able to eat and not feel nausea all day long.

For many of these families, their children live in extreme pain or discomfort that could be easily resolved with a tincture or oil put on their tongues or in their foods. No inhaling necessary. But without appropriate studies of the affects on children, we have no way of knowing what other benefits are available or for that matter what detriments might be. Worse, we are forcing these innocent children and their families to suffer needlessly with toxic drugs that are expensive and do not provide the necessary help and benefits these children need.