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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 7287**

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill adds opioid use disorder to the list of qualifying debilitating conditions for adult medical marijuana patients. By law, before a patient may buy medical marijuana from a dispensary, he or she must receive a (1) medical certification from a physician or advanced practice registered nurse and (2) Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) registration certificate, which is valid for the length of the medical certification. The patient's primary caregiver must also obtain a registration certificate.

Additionally, the bill requires DCP to eliminate the (1) \$25 registration fee for patient and primary caregiver applications and patient renewals and (2) \$75 administrative fee for patient applications and renewals. The department must also amend its regulations to eliminate these fees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

sHB 7371, favorably reported by the General Law Committee, also requires the DCP commissioner to eliminate the administrative and registration fees related to patient and caregiver registration applications and renewals and amend the department's regulations to eliminate these fees.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 11 Nay 7 (03/25/2019)