

2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 24**AMENDMENT 24G FOR THE SENATE ENGROSSED BILL**

1 **An Act to establish a maximum number of cannabis plants that may be cultivated**
2 **by a medical cannabis cardholder.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 34-20G-1 be AMENDED:**

5 **34-20G-1.** ————Terms used in this chapter mean:

6 (1) "Allowable amount of cannabis," means:

7 (a) Three ounces of cannabis or less;

8 (b) The quantity of cannabis products as established by rules promulgated by
9 the department under § 34-20G-72;

10 (c) If the cardholder has a registry identification card allowing cultivation, ~~three~~
11 flowering zero cannabis plants ~~minimum or as prescribed by physician~~ and
12 three cannabis plants that are not flowering; and

13 (d) If the cardholder has a registry identification card allowing cultivation, the
14 amount of cannabis and cannabis products that were produced from the
15 cardholder's allowable plants, if the cannabis and cannabis products are
16 possessed at the same property where the plants were cultivated;

17 (2) "Bona fide practitioner-patient relationship,":

18 (a) A practitioner and patient have a treatment or consulting relationship,
19 during the course of which the practitioner has completed an assessment
20 of the patient's medical history and current medical condition, including an
21 appropriate in-person physical examination;

22 (b) The practitioner has consulted with the patient with respect to the patient's
23 debilitating medical condition; and

24 (c) The practitioner is available to or offers to provide follow-up care and
25 treatment to the patient, including patient examinations;

- 1 (3) "Cannabis products," any concentrated cannabis, cannabis extracts, and products
2 that are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof, and are intended for use or
3 consumption by humans. The term includes edible cannabis products, beverages,
4 topical products, ointments, oils, and tinctures;
- 5 (4) "Cannabis product manufacturing facility," an entity registered with the
6 department pursuant to this chapter that acquires, possesses, manufactures,
7 delivers, transfers, transports, supplies, or sells cannabis products to a medical
8 cannabis dispensary;
- 9 (5) "Cannabis testing facility" or "testing facility," an independent entity registered
10 with the department pursuant to this chapter to analyze the safety and potency of
11 cannabis;
- 12 (6) "Cardholder," a qualifying patient or a designated caregiver who has been issued
13 and possesses a valid registry identification card;
- 14 (7) "Cultivation facility," an entity registered with the department pursuant to this
15 chapter that acquires, possesses, cultivates, delivers, transfers, transports,
16 supplies, or sells cannabis and related supplies to a medical cannabis
17 establishment;
- 18 (8) "Debilitating medical condition,":
19 (a) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that
20 produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome;
21 severe, debilitating pain; severe nausea; seizures; or severe and persistent
22 muscle spasms, including those characteristic of multiple sclerosis; or
23 (b) Any other medical condition or its treatment added by the department, as
24 provided for in § 34-20G-26;
- 25 (9) "Department," ~~means~~ the Department of Health;
- 26 (10) "Designated caregiver," a person who:
27 (a) Is at least twenty-one years of age;
28 (b) Has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis;
29 (c) Has not been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense; and
30 (d) Assists no more than five qualifying patients with the medical use of
31 cannabis, unless the designated caregiver's qualifying patients each reside
32 in or are admitted to a health care facility or residential care facility where
33 the designated caregiver is employed;
- 34 (11) "Disqualifying felony offense," a violent crime that was classified as a felony in the
35 jurisdiction where the person was convicted;

- 1 (12) "Edible cannabis products," any product that:
- 2 (a) Contains or is infused with cannabis or an extract thereof;
- 3 (b) Is intended for human consumption by oral ingestion; and
- 4 (c) Is presented in the form of foodstuffs, beverages, extracts, oils, tinctures,
- 5 or other similar products;
- 6 (13) "Enclosed, locked facility," any closet, room, greenhouse, building, or other
- 7 enclosed area that is equipped with locks or other security devices that permit
- 8 access only by a cardholder or a person allowed to cultivate the plants. Two or
- 9 more cardholders who reside in the same dwelling may share one enclosed, locked
- 10 facility for cultivation;
- 11 (14) "Flowering cannabis plant," the reproductive state of the cannabis plant in which
- 12 the plant shows physical signs of flower budding out of the nodes of the stem;
- 13 ~~(15)~~—"Medical cannabis" or "cannabis," marijuana as defined in § 22-42-1;
- 14 ~~(15)(16)~~ "Medical cannabis dispensary" or "dispensary," an entity registered with the
- 15 department pursuant to this chapter that acquires, possesses, stores, delivers,
- 16 transfers, transports, sells, supplies, or dispenses cannabis, cannabis products,
- 17 paraphernalia, or related supplies and educational materials to cardholders;
- 18 ~~(16)(17)~~ "Medical cannabis establishment," a cultivation facility, a cannabis testing
- 19 facility, a cannabis product manufacturing facility, or a dispensary;
- 20 ~~(17)(18)~~ "Medical cannabis establishment agent," an owner, officer, board member,
- 21 employee, or volunteer at a medical cannabis establishment;
- 22 ~~(18)(19)~~ "Medical use," includes the acquisition, administration, cultivation,
- 23 manufacture, delivery, harvest, possession, preparation, transfer, transportation,
- 24 or use of cannabis or paraphernalia relating to the administration of cannabis to
- 25 treat or alleviate a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or
- 26 symptom associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition. The term
- 27 does not include:
- 28 (a) The cultivation of cannabis by a nonresident cardholder;
- 29 (b) The cultivation of cannabis by a cardholder who is not designated as being
- 30 allowed to cultivate on the cardholder's registry identification card; or
- 31 (c) The extraction of resin from cannabis by solvent extraction unless the
- 32 extraction is done by a cannabis product manufacturing facility;
- 33 ~~(19)(20)~~ "Nonresident cardholder," a person who:
- 34 (a) Has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition, or is the parent,
- 35 guardian, conservator, or other person with authority to consent to the

- 1 medical treatment of a person who has been diagnosed with a debilitating
2 medical condition;
- 3 (b) Is not a resident of this state or who has been a resident of this state for
4 fewer than forty-five days;
- 5 (c) Was issued a currently valid registry identification card or its equivalent by
6 another state, district, territory, commonwealth, insular possession of the
7 United States, or country recognized by the United States that allows the
8 person to use cannabis for medical purposes in the jurisdiction of issuance;
9 and
- 10 (d) Has submitted any documentation required by the department, and has
11 received confirmation of registration;
- 12 ~~(20)~~(21) "Practitioner," a physician who is licensed with authority to prescribe drugs to
13 humans. In relation to a nonresident cardholder, the term means a person who is
14 licensed with authority to prescribe drugs to humans in the state of the patient's
15 residence;
- 16 ~~(21)~~(22) "Qualifying patient," a person who has been diagnosed by a practitioner as
17 having a debilitating medical condition;
- 18 ~~(22)~~(23) "Registry identification card," a document issued by the department that
19 identifies a person as a registered qualifying patient or registered designated
20 caregiver, or documentation that is deemed a registry identification card pursuant
21 to §§ 34-20G-29 to 34-20G-42, inclusive; and
- 22 ~~(23)~~(24) "Written certification," a document dated and signed by a practitioner, stating
23 that in the practitioner's professional opinion the patient is likely to receive
24 therapeutic or palliative benefit from the medical use of cannabis to treat or
25 alleviate the patient's debilitating medical condition or symptom associated with
26 the debilitating medical condition. This document shall affirm that it is made in the
27 course of a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship and shall specify the
28 qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition.

29 **Section 2. That § 34-20G-51 be AMENDED:**

- 30 **34-20G-51.** Except as provided in § 34-20G-18 and this section, a person may
31 assert the medical purpose for using cannabis as a defense to any prosecution involving
32 cannabis, and such defense is presumed valid where the evidence shows that:
- 33 (1) A practitioner has stated that, in the practitioner's professional opinion, after
34 having completed a full assessment of the person's medical history and current

- 1 medical condition made in the course of a bona fide practitioner-patient
2 relationship, the patient has a debilitating medical condition and the potential
3 benefits of using cannabis for medical purposes would likely outweigh the health
4 risks for the person;
- 5 (2) The person was in possession of no more than three ounces of cannabis, the
6 amount of cannabis products allowed by department rules, ~~six~~ three flowering zero
7 ~~cannabis plants minimum or as prescribed by a physician,~~ three cannabis plants
8 that are not flowering, and the cannabis produced by those plants;
- 9 (3) The person was engaged in the acquisition, possession, use, manufacture,
10 cultivation, or transportation of cannabis, paraphernalia, or both, relating to the
11 administration of cannabis to treat or alleviate the person's debilitating medical
12 condition or symptoms associated with the person's debilitating medical condition;
13 and
- 14 (4) Any cultivation of cannabis and storage of more than three ounces of cannabis
15 occurred in a secure location that only the person asserting the defense could
16 access.