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An Act To Add Conditions That Qualify for Medical Marijuana Use

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2422, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 407, Pt. B, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Debilitating medical condition. "Debilitating medical condition" means:

A. Cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Crohn's disease, agitation of Alzheimer's disease, nail-patella syndrome or the treatment of these conditions;

B. A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that produces intractable pain, which is pain that has not responded to ordinary medical or surgical measures for more than 6 months;

C. A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome; severe nausea; seizures, including but not limited to those characteristic of epilepsy; or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to those characteristic of multiple sclerosis; ~~or~~

D. Any other medical condition or its treatment as provided for in section 2424, subsection 2;

E. Post-traumatic stress disorder;

F. Opiate or pharmaceutical drug addiction and recovery; or

G. Any other medical condition or its treatment as determined by a physician.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to add to the list of debilitating medical conditions for which a physician may certify the use of medical marijuana. The conditions added are post-traumatic stress disorder, opiate or pharmaceutical drug addiction and recovery and any other medical condition or its treatment as determined by a physician.