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In Senate, February 18, 2014

An Act Relating to Nursing Facility and Inpatient Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and
Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, JOHNSON of Lincoln,
VALENTINO of York, Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, McGOWAN of York,
SANDERSON of Chelsea.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Use in inpatient hospice or nursing facility permitted. A qualifying patient may use forms of marijuana or prepared marijuana that are not smoked, including, but not limited to, vaporized marijuana, edible marijuana and tinctures and salves of marijuana, in an inpatient hospice licensed under chapter 1681 or nursing facility licensed under chapter 405 and may keep forms of marijuana or prepared marijuana that are not smoked in that qualifying patient's room. The qualifying patient is not required to obtain a registry identification card in order to use a form of marijuana or prepared marijuana that is not smoked in the inpatient hospice or nursing facility.

11 SUMMARY

 This bill allows a qualifying patient to use forms of marijuana or prepared marijuana that are not smoked, including, but not limited to, vaporized marijuana, edible marijuana and tinctures and salves of marijuana, in an inpatient hospice or nursing facility and to keep forms of marijuana or prepared marijuana that are not smoked in that qualifying patient's room. The qualifying patient is not required to obtain a registry identification card in order to use a form of marijuana or prepared marijuana that is not smoked in the inpatient hospice or nursing facility.