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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-342)
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to
HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to/H.P. 523, L.D. 665, Bill, "AN ACT
to Establish a Marijuana Therapeutic Research Program."

Amend the amendment in that part designated "§2405" in
the 3rd line by inserting before the underlined word "practitioners"
the underlined words 'patients and'

Further
/amend the amendment in that part designated "§2406" in
subsection 1, in the first line, by inserting after the under-
lined word "Any" the underlined words 'patient or'

Further amend the amendment in that part designated "§2406"
by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the
following:

'3. Qualifications. The following persons shall be eligible
to participate in the program:

- A. Cancer chemotherapy patients and glaucoma patients who are
in a life-threatening or sense-threatening situation, and who are
not responding to conventional treatment or who are suffering
servere side effects even though conventional treatment is
proving effective;
- B. Other patients whose participation is warranted by the medical
evidence presented; and

C. Practitioners whose patients have been approved by the board for participation.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that patients as well as physicians are reviewed on a case-by-case basis for participation in the program. Tightening controls in this way brings this research program into line with those in other states and eliminates the risk that Maine might have special difficulties in dealing with the federal government because of unique provisions in our law.

Filed by Mr. Brenerman of Portland
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