

West Virginia Medical Cannabis Advisory Board Recommendation



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INTRODUCTION

The West Virginia Medical Cannabis Advisory Board was created by the passage of Senate Bill No. 386, The Medical Cannabis Act, (Act) in 2017. Under the Act, the board has the following duties:

- 1) Examine and analyze the statutory and regulatory law relating to medical cannabis within this state.
- 2) Examine and analyze the law and events in other states and the nation with respect to medical cannabis.
- 3) Accept and review written comments from individuals and organizations about medical cannabis.
- 4) Issue a written report to the Governor, the Senate and the House of Delegates that includes recommendations on:
 - a) Whether to change the types of medical professionals who can issue certifications to patients.
 - b) Whether to change, add or reduce the types of medical conditions which qualify as serious medical conditions under the Act.
 - c) Whether to change the form of medical cannabis permitted under the Act.
 - d) Whether to change, add or reduce the number of growers, processors or dispensaries.
 - e) How to ensure affordable patient access to medical cannabis.
 - f) Whether to permit medical cannabis to be dispensed in dry leaf or plant form, for administration by vaporization.

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The West Virginia Medical Cannabis Advisory Board met on Thursday, June 24, 2021, and approved the following recommendation for consideration by the Governor and West Virginia Legislature during its 2022 Legislative Session.

Recommendation

Amend the Act to add to the definition of serious medical conditions enumerated in §16A-2-1(a)(30) to include an additional subparagraph (O) “Or any other serious medical condition for which the physician believes the patient may benefit from the use of medical cannabis.”