

Governor signs medical marijuana dispensary bill

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It's official, Oregon is the thirteenth state to legalize medical marijuana dispensaries.

On August 14, Governor Kitzhaber signed House Bill 3460, which mandates creation of regulations for medical marijuana retail shops soon-to-be licensed by the state. The bill is designed to allow medical marijuana users to get their medicine without hassles and to make it more difficult for the black market to acquire

Oregon-grown pot.

Back in 1998, Oregon voters approved a statewide initiative directing lawmakers to enable physicians to authorize qualified patients to grow and consume marijuana; however the law neglected to provide legal protections for outlets to dispense medical marijuana to patients. Two previous ballot initiatives to create a regulated dispensary system were defeated by Oregon voters.

Currently, about 200 unlicensed dispensaries operate statewide, and more than 55,000 Oregonians are registered with the state to consume marijuana for therapeutic purposes.

Oregon's total population is about 3.8 million. Approximately one out of every seventy Oregonians currently holds a medical marijuana card.

Many medical marijuana users have long-complained that state rules requiring patients to either grow their own marijuana or have someone do it for them were unrealistic and troublesome. Others, including many in law enforcement, claim the state's minimal regulation of medical marijuana has allowed widespread diversion of marijuana into the black market.

Not everyone is pleased with the new law and Kitzhaber says he shares some concerns expressed by the bills' opponents, but noted how the legislation gives power to the Oregon Health Authority to audit dispensaries' financial records.

"I believe it will be critical to set fees for dispensaries that will provide sufficient funding to OHA so that they can be extraordinarily vigorous in their enforcement of the rules that are developed," Kitzhaber said. The law empowers OHA to conduct inspections at the dispensaries.

Supporters say the bill creates infrastructure within the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program to enable the state to better regulate the medicinal pot retail industry and ensure safety. OHA will craft rules and regulations over the next nine months to govern statewide distribution and will include regulations on marijuana testing, security and other issues. The

pot will be tested for mold, mildew and pesticides.

It's expected about 225 medical marijuana retail outlets will be licensed in the next two years. Dispensaries will be prohibited from existing within 1,000 feet of each other or a school and will also be banned from residential areas, operating only in agricultural, industrial or commercial areas.

Current medical marijuana shops will not gain legal status until March 2014, after the bill's new rules are drafted. Initially, HB 3640 included a provision potentially limiting criminal liability for existing medical marijuana dispensaries, but Oregon prosecutors successfully lobbied to strip that protection from the bill.

OHA is expected to charge each dispensary \$4,000 a year to operate. Dispensaries will be allowed to set prices reflecting costs related to transferring, handling, security, insuring, testing, packaging and processing marijuana as well as the costs of supplies, utilities, rent or mortgage. Operators will also be allowed to reimburse state-registered marijuana growers for expenses.

People convicted of felony manufacturing or delivery of a controlled substance will be prohibited from operating dispensaries and only medical marijuana patients will be allowed to purchase marijuana from the newly licensed pot shops.

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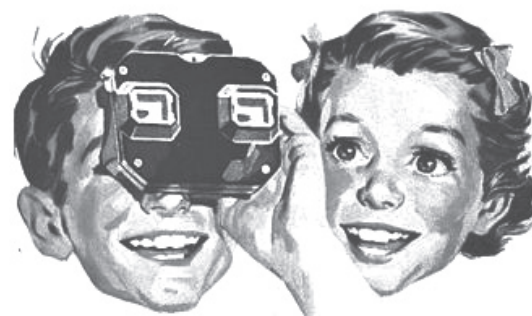
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