

# Comment Report

HSB 683

A bill for an act relating to medical cannabidiol by providing deductions from the individual and corporate income taxes for expenses incurred by medical cannabidiol manufacturers and dispensaries, and including retroactive applicability provisions.(See HF 2650.)

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**Comment:** We should be removing the federal tax penalty under 26 U.S.C. 280E, instead of just this short sighted state piece of the problem. Congress has suspended criminal enforcement for medical cannabis since 2014, and the DEA could suspend the civil enforcement as well. You apply for a license to drive an automobile, and the state must apply for a federal exemption the exact same way. The federal authority for it is 21 U.S.C. 822(d) and the federal application for it is 21 C.F.R. 1307.03. Why on earth would we create a program that licenses federal racketeering organizations in our state and entraps the patients by giving them an ID card that identifies them as federal criminals? Get some backbone, grow a spine.