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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing research into the use of marijuana for
2 medicinal purposes.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 124.509A STUDY OF MARIJUANA FOR
2 MEDICINAL PURPOSES.

3 1. INTENT. The general assembly finds that it is
4 important to conduct research into the use of marijuana for
5 medicinal purposes to determine if or to substantiate that
6 marijuana can be safely used under medical supervision and
7 that the cannabis plant, in its natural form, has therapeutic
8 benefits that are often of critical medical importance to
9 persons afflicted with a variety of life-threatening and
10 sense-threatening illnesses.

11 2. The state university of Iowa hospitals and clinics, in
12 conjunction with the board of pharmacy examiners, may perform
13 or supervise the performance of research concerning the use of
14 marijuana for medicinal purposes. The research may address
15 but is not limited to any of the following areas:

16 a. Development of laboratory methods for the analysis of
17 marijuana confiscated from criminal activities. The analysis
18 shall be for the purposes of determining whether the marijuana
19 would meet United States food and drug administration
20 standards to be used for medical research purposes.

21 b. Identification of a tamper-free means of cultivating
22 effective and safe marijuana plants to be used for medicinal
23 purposes.

24 c. Identification of entities appropriate for the
25 manufacturing and processing of marijuana for medicinal
26 purposes.

27 d. Examination of the possible benefits for patients to
28 utilize marijuana for medicinal purposes.

29 3. Research conducted under this section shall be
30 performed under the supervision of the state university of
31 Iowa hospitals and clinics, in conjunction with the board of
32 pharmacy examiners. The research shall be subject to approval
33 of the United States food and drug administration, national
34 institute of drug abuse, and other appropriate state and
35 federal regulatory authorities.

1 4. Notwithstanding contrary provisions of this chapter, it
2 is lawful for a person who is approved by the state university
3 of Iowa hospitals and clinics, in conjunction with the board
4 of pharmacy examiners, to conduct research in accordance with
5 this section or to knowingly or intentionally possess
6 marijuana for use in connection with the research.

7 5. The state university of Iowa hospitals and clinics and
8 the board of pharmacy examiners may convene an advisory panel
9 consisting of medical experts, law enforcement personnel,
10 attorneys, educators, and other interested persons to provide
11 guidance to the research conducted under this section.

12 6. A report concerning research conducted under this
13 section shall be submitted to the governor and the general
14 assembly annually in December.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill provides for research concerning the use of
17 marijuana for medicinal purposes and makes an appropriation.

18 The bill includes a statement as to legislative findings.

19 The study may be performed by or supervised by the state
20 university of Iowa hospitals and clinics in conjunction with
21 the board of pharmacy examiners. The research may address
22 various areas specified by the bill. The research is subject
23 to approval by designated federal agencies and by other
24 federal and state regulatory agencies.

25 The bill provides that knowing or intentional possession of
26 marijuana in connection with approved research is lawful. An
27 advisory panel consisting of various regulatory and
28 professional entities may be used to provide guidance to the
29 research. A report concerning any research conducted is to be
30 submitted to the governor and the general assembly annually in
31 December.

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