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COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 2018
Room 427, Blatt Building
9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

I. Report from Rep. Christopher R. Hart, Chair **Health and Environmental Affairs**

H. 3521 -- Reps. McCoy, Bedingfield, Herbkersman, Hill, Long, Norrell, Putnam, Rutherford, J.E. Smith, Stavrinakis, Wheeler, Bernstein, Magnuson, King, Henegan and Taylor: TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH CERTAIN DISEASES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS IN ORDER TO ASSIST QUALIFYING PATIENTS WITH THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS; TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS TO RECOMMEND THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRY OF APPLICANTS AND HOLDERS OF REGISTRY CARDS; TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VERIFICATION SYSTEM FOR USE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND OTHER PROTECTIONS TO, AMONG OTHERS, QUALIFYING PATIENTS, DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS, PHYSICIANS, AND LICENSED MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PRINCIPALS AND AGENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION AND REGULATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING CULTIVATION FACILITIES, DISPENSARIES, INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORIES, AND PROCESSING FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SEED-TO-SALE ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM TO TRACK CANNABIS COMPONENTS FROM CULTIVATION TO POINT OF SALE; TO ESTABLISH FEES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS; TO CREATE A MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM FUND; AND TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL CANNABIS ADVISORY BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE SALE OF CANNABIS BY DISPENSARIES FROM STATE SALES TAX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subcommittee recommendation: Favorable