



TEXANS FOR RESPONSIBLE MARIJUANA POLICY



House Bill 3703 Overview

Limited Expansion of the Texas Compassionate Use Program

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Patient Access and Protections

- Maintains dosing restriction of .5% THC, but removes restrictions on all other cannabinoids.
- Expands qualifying conditions to include all epileptic disorders, multiple sclerosis, and spasticity.
- Protects students who are registered T.CUP patients from discipline at/by the school for using low-THC cannabis.

Physicians

- Limits physician participation to only neurophysiology specialists, neurologists, and psychiatrists who are registered with the Compassionate Use Registry of Texas.
- Maintains problematic requirement for participating doctors to "prescribe" cannabis, jeopardizing the doctor's ability to prescribe controlled substances to patients.
- All "prescriptions" must be confirmed by a second physician (does not have to be a specialist).

Research

- Establishes an in-state low-THC cannabis research program managed by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
- Authorizes HHSC to establish research permitting requirements for health-related institutions, determine which conditions can be studied, and create all necessary rules to comply with the federal government.
- Requires that all research be done through federal channels and is dependent upon federal approval.

Cannabis Business Licensing

- Allows dispensary license holders to operate multiple locations throughout the state if DPS determines it is necessary to ensure patient access needs.
- Requires dispensary license holders provide a suitable sample for testing if requested by DPS.

Takes effect on September 1, 2019.