

Summary of Vermont's S. 16, as Approved by the Legislature and Signed by Gov. Phil Scott in June 2017



S. 16 makes the following changes to Vermont's medical marijuana law, effective on July 1, 2017:

- Adds post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Parkinson's disease, and Crohn's disease to the list of qualifying conditions.
- Authorizes one additional dispensary, bringing the statewide total to five.
- When the patient registry reaches 7,000, authorizes a sixth dispensary.
- Allows existing dispensaries to open one additional location each.
- Allows dispensaries to reorganize as for-profit business entities.
- Requires the Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets and the Department of Public Safety to make recommendations relative to independent testing of marijuana and marijuana products by October 15, 2017.
- Requires the Department of Safety and the Agency of Digital Services to develop an independent, user-friendly webpage for the medical marijuana program by September 30, 2017.