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## **An Overview of Wyoming’s CBD Extract-Only Medical Marijuana Law**

On July 1, 2015, HB 32 became law after Gov. Matt Mead neither signed nor vetoed the bill. This CBD hemp extract bill will exempt registered individuals with intractable epilepsy from certain criminal penalties for the use and possession of marijuana extracts that are very low in tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and sufficiently high in cannabidiol (CBD). The new law does not provide for in-state cultivation of marijuana or production of hemp oil. Because the law only applies to low-THC marijuana, MPP does **not** consider Wyoming a medical marijuana state.

***What type of marijuana does the bill apply to?*** The bill will only apply to “hemp extracts,” marijuana extracts with **less** than 0.3% THC and **at least** 5% CBD by weight.

***Who qualifies for this limited program?*** Only Wyoming residents who suffer from intractable epilepsy or seizure disorders. Intractable epilepsy is “epilepsy that, as determined by a neurologist, does not respond to other treatment options overseen by the neurologist.”

***Can minors with intractable epilepsy use CBD oils under this law?*** Yes, but the parent or legal guardian must be responsible for the child’s CBD use.

***What’s a “hemp extract registration card?”*** Hemp extract registration cards are issued to either a patient, or, in the case of minors, their parent/legal guardian. To obtain a card, the patient or parent must submit to the state department of health a statement signed by a neurologist specifying that the patient has intractable epilepsy or a seizure disorder and that he or she may benefit from using hemp extract.

***Can qualified patients grow their own industrial hemp for the purposes of making their own extracts?*** No, the law makes no allowances for how patients will obtain CBD extract.

***How does a qualified patient access hemp extracts?*** The bill does not contain any provision creating in-state access for hemp extracts. However, any extracts the person possesses must be accompanied by a certificate of analysis or other proof of the percentages of THC and CBD. Most medical marijuana states have residency requirements, and it’s unknown how patients will be able to obtain the CBD oils, particularly with the proof needed. Even if they can do so, traveling out-of-state to obtain one’s medicine is onerous and costly.

***When does this law take effect?*** The law is effective July 1, 2015.