

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 119**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Soter***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Stephen Mandile</i>	<i>27 Henry St, Uxbridge, MA</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/23/2023</i>

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By Representative Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 119) of Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to further regulate eligibility for medical use marijuana. Cannabis Policy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 179 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 94I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Debilitating medical  
3 condition” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

4           “Debilitating medical condition”, cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human  
5 immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral  
6 sclerosis, Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, post-traumatic stress disorder,  
7 opioid use disorder, and other conditions as determined in writing by a registered qualifying  
8 patient's registered healthcare professional.

9           SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 94I of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
10 hereby further amended by striking out the definition of “Qualifying patient” and inserting in  
11 place thereof the following definition:-

12           “Qualifying patient”, (1) a person who has been diagnosed by a registered healthcare  
13 professional as having a debilitating medical condition, or (2) a veteran receiving their health  
14 care at a federal Veterans Administration facility provides their Veterans Administration "Blue  
15 Button Report Problem List" indicating an existing debilitating medical condition to the  
16 commission.