

HOUSE No. 176

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>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2025</i>

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By Representative Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 176) of Michael J. Soter, Brian W. Murray and Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to further regulate eligibility for medical use marijuana. Cannabis Policy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4087 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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 who provides documentation from the Veterans
15 Administration indicating a diagnosis of a debilitating medical condition.