

HB 1658 -- MEDICAL MARIJUANA LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS

SPONSOR: Hicks

This bill establishes the "Reduction of Illegal Public Consumption by Allowing for Compassionate Access to Medical Marijuana Act". The Department of Health and Senior Services shall establish a medical marijuana lodging establishment licensing system whereby lodging establishments and residential dwelling rentals, as defined in the bill, may apply for licenses to become medical marijuana lodging establishments (MMLEs). Properly licensed MMLEs may allow guests with qualifying patient identification cards to consume medical marijuana in the establishment, subject to provisions provided in the bill.

The bill also creates a dedicated fund, the "Medical Marijuana Lodging Establishment Fund". Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the administration of the licensing system established in the bill.

This bill contains penalty provisions.

This bill is similar to HB 486 (2021).