

SENATE BILL 2072

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 7, relative to the medical cannabis  
commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-7-109, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) No later than January 1, 2023, the commission shall update its initial recommendations and proposed legislation described in subsection (c) to include provisions that address the following:

(1) The creation of an in-state, supply-based medical cannabis program, including:

(A) An application and licensing process for growing, processing, and dispensing medical cannabis; and

(B) Testing protocols and laboratory certifications for medical cannabis produced or sold in this state;

(2) The ability of a qualified patient to purchase medical cannabis from retail dispensaries and through licensed pharmacists and pharmacies; and

(3) The fair taxation of medical cannabis, including:

(A) Consideration of franchise and excise taxes specific to medical cannabis businesses, wholesale taxes, and sales and use taxes; and

(B) The allocation of revenues generated from medical cannabis.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-7-102(a), is amended by deleting the second sentence and substituting instead the following:

The commission shall serve as a resource for the study of federal and state laws regarding medical cannabis and the preparation of legislation to establish an effective, patient-focused medical cannabis program in this state.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-7-109(a), is amended by deleting all language prior to the colon (:) and substituting instead the following:

The commission shall examine federal laws, the effectiveness of other states' laws and legislation, and laws and legislation in this state relating to the medical use of cannabis, specifically considering issues relating to

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.