

HB 722 – Access to Medical Cannabis

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Highlights of HB 722

Limited licensees for a minimum of 2 and maximum of 6 medical cannabis producers

Seed to sell tracking system required for tight security

Limited medical conditions, with some additions (see chart), removal of end stage qualifiers, and ability to add more conditions through appeal to Dept. of Public Health

Smoking prohibited - only application by liquid, pill or oil

Strict regulatory structure administered by Dept. of Public Health

Patient has to be certified by their physician

All product has to be lab tested by independent third party

Only licensed pharmacists may provide patients with medicine

Patients are provided protection against discrimination in employment, child custody, and organ transplants

Tougher criminal penalties for violations of this new law

Original conditions under HB 1	Additional conditions under HB 722
Cancer	Glaucoma
Mitochondrial Disease	Tourette's Syndrome
Parkinson's Disease	Epidermolysis Bullosa
Sickle Cell Disease	Terminal Illness
Seizures	PTSD
Multiple Sclerosis	Intractable Pain*
Crohn's Disease	Autism
ALS	AIDS
	Alzheimer's

*Includes new definition in code that is more stringent than chronic pain



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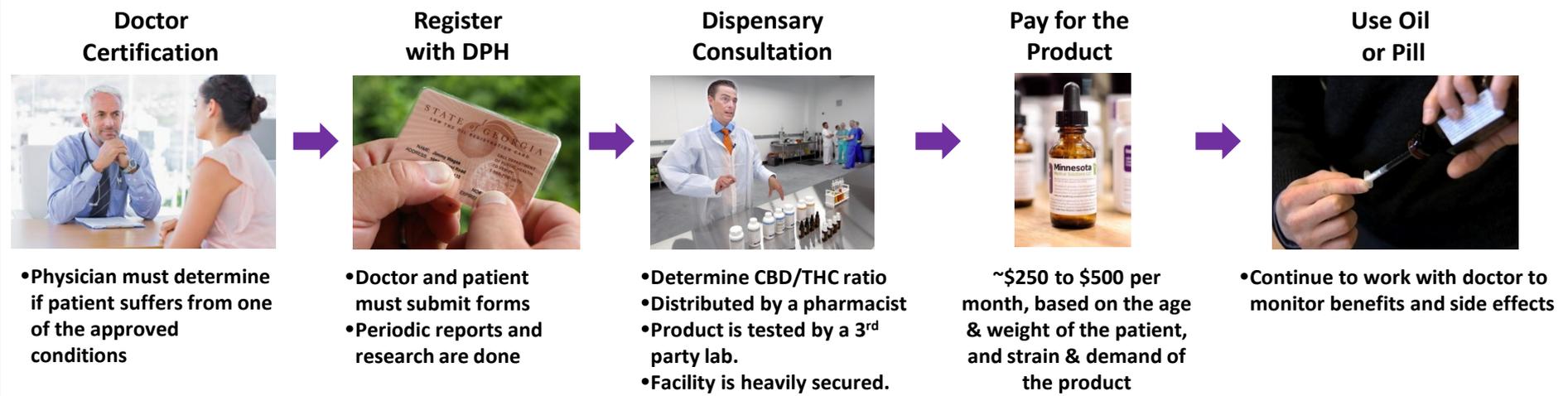
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HB 722 – Access to Medical Cannabis – The Process

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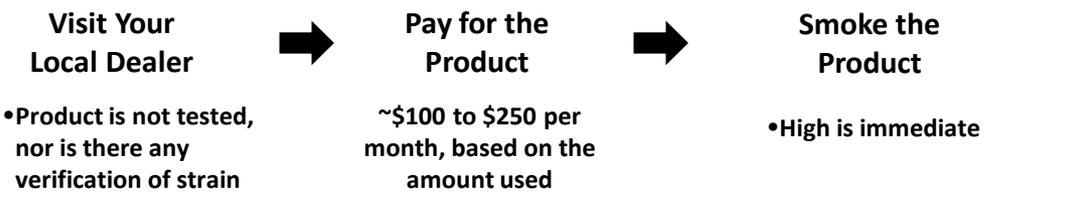
This is the process for medical use that HB 722 will create:



Georgians helped = ~50,000 to 200,000

Based on the percentage of patients registering in other legal states, once the program is established. Georgia is likely to be on the lower end of this range due to more proposed restrictions. Minnesota is ramping slowly with just over 700 patients in 6 months – Georgia can expect the same.

This is the process for recreational use that occurs today, and will continue to occur regardless of whether HB 722 passes:



Georgians ALREADY using recreationally = ~700,000

Based on percentage of citizens who already use marijuana on a regular basis.

Why would a regulated, restrictive, and more expensive medical program have any impact on recreational use at all?

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