

## Patient-Focused Medical Cannabis Bill Introduced

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***83% of the people in Wisconsin are in favor of medical cannabis legalization.***

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MADISON - Monday Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-West Point) and Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) circulated LRB 5981, a bill that would allow access to cannabis for medical use.

The bill recognizes that people should not have to engage in a criminal act to access medicine for debilitating conditions. It also recognizes the need to regulate the industry in order to provide a safe, legal path for people to obtain that medicine. We recognize that people don't want or need politicians dictating what form that medicine comes in or creating unnecessary, politically appointed entities to delay their care.

The proposed bill creates a tightly regulated process that requires a recommendation from a doctor with whom a patient has an established relationship. The bill also requires the Department of Health Services to create a registry system, and requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to create a licensing system for growers, producers, and sellers to ensure safety and quality. Finally, the bill makes sure patients can access legally available medicine no matter where they live, even if it is far from a dispensary.

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