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Sponsor(s): Senator Kohl

Brief Title: Authorizing the use of medical marijuana.

**SB 6271 - DIGEST**

Finds that the medical utility of marijuana is worth studying, and encourages public and private research organizations and physicians to research such use, including efficacy, and availability of pharmaceutical quality marijuana.

Declares an intent that seriously ill patients, who, in the judgment of their physicians would benefit from the use of medical marijuana, be exempt from liability and criminal prosecution for limited, personal possession and use of marijuana.

Declares an intent that physicians also be immune for liability and prosecution for the authorization of marijuana use to patients for whom, in the individual physician's professional judgment, medical marijuana may prove beneficial.

Proposes to strictly limit the legalization of marijuana to medical use, upon authorization of a physician. The legislature does not condone the nonmedical, recreational use of marijuana under any circumstances.