

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2888

BY: Senator(s) Blackwell

1 **AMEND** on line 18 by deleting the words "Center for"

2 **AMEND** on line 19 by inserting the word "Program" after the
3 word "Research" and by inserting the words "Center for" after the
4 word "National"

5 **AMEND** on line 20 by deleting the word "program"

6 **AMEND** on lines 21, 55, 59, 62, 73, 76, 77, 80 and 86, by
7 deleting the word "center" and inserting the word "Program" in
8 lieu thereof.

9 **AMEND** on line 174-175 by deleting the words "center for" and
10 inserting the word "Program" after the word "Research"

11 **FURTHER**, amend on lines 87-170 by deleting SECTION 2 in its
12 entirety and substituting the following language in lieu thereof:

13 **SECTION ***. (1) There is established the Medical Cannabis
14 Research Advisory Board, which shall be the board that is required
15 to advise and review research about medical cannabis and



16 cannabinoid research activities, status of research plans and
17 research budget, and research findings of the Mississippi Medical
18 Cannabis Research Program at the National Center for Cannabis
19 Research and Education at the University of Mississippi.

20 (2) The advisory board shall consist of eleven (11) members,
21 as follows:

22 (a) The Governor shall appoint four (4) members to the
23 committee, as follows:

24 (i) Two (2) Medical Cannabis Researchers from the
25 University of Mississippi's NCCRE;

26 (ii) One (1) registered qualifying patient
27 enrolled in medical cannabis research in Mississippi; and

28 (iii) One (1) physician who is a Mississippi
29 registered cannabis practitioner with over one hundred (100)
30 cannabis patients.

31 (b) The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint four (4)
32 members, as follows:

33 (i) One (1) medical cannabis research scientist;

34 (ii) One (1) representative from the MDOH who is
35 involved in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program;

36 (iii) One (1) advanced practice registered nurse
37 who is a Mississippi registered cannabis practitioner with over
38 one hundred (100) patients; and

39 (iv) One (1) medical cannabis research
40 technologist.



41 (c) The Speaker of the House shall appoint three (3)
42 members, as follows:

43 (i) One (1) physician experienced as a principal
44 investigator in cannabinoid research and/or clinical trials;

45 (ii) One (1) epidemiologist; and

46 (iii) One (1) patient care advocate.

47 (3) The advisory board shall meet at least every three (3)
48 months or as often as necessary for the purpose of evaluating and
49 making recommendations to the Legislature and the MDOH and MDOR
50 regarding:

51 (a) Developing evidence-based guidance for treatment
52 with medical cannabis based on the latest medical research that
53 shall include:

54 (i) For each qualifying condition, a summary of
55 the latest medical research regarding the treatment of the
56 qualifying condition with medical cannabis;

57 (ii) Risks, contraindications, side effects, and
58 adverse reactions that are associated with medical cannabis use;
59 and

60 (iii) Potential drug interactions between medical
61 cannabis and medications that have been approved by the United
62 States Food and Drug Administration; and

63 (b) Educate recommending medical providers, pharmacy
64 medical providers, medical cannabis cardholders, and the public
65 regarding:



66 (i) The evidence-based guidance for treatment with
67 medical cannabis;

68 (ii) Relevant warnings and safety information
69 related to medical cannabis use; and

70 (iii) Other topics related to medical cannabis use
71 as determined by the department.

72 (4) The Chairman of the Medical Cannabis Research Advisory
73 Board shall be elected by the voting members of the board annually
74 and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive years as
75 chairman.

76 (5) The members of the Medical Cannabis Research Advisory
77 Board specified in subsection (2) of this section shall serve for
78 terms that are concurrent with the terms of members of the
79 Legislature, and any member appointed under subsection (2) of this
80 section may be reappointed to the advisory board. The members of
81 the advisory board specified in subsection (2) of this section
82 shall serve without compensation but shall receive reimbursement
83 to defray actual expenses incurred in the performance of board
84 business as authorized by law.

85 The board shall:

86 (a) Nominate a board member to serve as chairperson of
87 the board by a majority vote of the board members; and

88 (b) Meet as often as necessary to accomplish the duties
89 assigned to the board under this act.



90 (6) Each board member, including the chair, has one (1)
91 vote.

92 (7) (a) A majority of board members constitutes a quorum.

93 (b) A vote of a majority of the quorum at any board
94 meeting is necessary to take action on behalf of the board.

95 (8) Subject to appropriation, a board member:

96 (a) Shall receive a per diem in the amount provided in
97 Section 25-3-69 for each day engaged in the business of the board;
98 and

99 (b) Shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses
100 incurred while engaged in official business of the board in
101 accordance with Section 25-3-41.

102 (9) The MDOH and MDOR shall act swiftly to assist the
103 Advisory Board with any request.

104 **FURTHER, AMEND the title to conform.**

