

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1341**

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MEDICAL CANNABIS AUTHORIZATION DATABASE—USE TO VERIFY EXCISE TAX  
EXEMPTIONS

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**Speaker of the House of  
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**President of the Senate**

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BOB FERGUSON

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1341** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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By Representative Wylie; by request of Liquor and Cannabis Board

Read first time 01/16/25. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Business.

1 AN ACT Relating to allowing the liquor and cannabis board to  
2 verify excise tax exemptions through the medical cannabis  
3 authorization database; and amending RCW 69.51A.230.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.51A.230 and 2022 c 16 s 127 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department must contract with an entity to create,  
8 administer, and maintain a secure and confidential medical cannabis  
9 authorization database that allows:

10 (a) A cannabis retailer with a medical cannabis endorsement to  
11 add a qualifying patient or designated provider and include the  
12 amount of cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, cannabis-infused  
13 products, or plants for which the qualifying patient is authorized  
14 under RCW 69.51A.210;

15 (b) Persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled  
16 substances to access health care information on their patients for  
17 the purpose of providing medical or pharmaceutical care for their  
18 patients;

19 (c) A qualifying patient or designated provider to request and  
20 receive his or her own health care information or information on any  
21 person or entity that has queried their name or information;

1 (d) Appropriate local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement  
2 or prosecutorial officials who are engaged in a bona fide specific  
3 investigation of suspected cannabis-related activity that may be  
4 illegal under Washington state law to confirm the validity of the  
5 recognition card of a qualifying patient or designated provider;

6 (e) A cannabis retailer holding a medical cannabis endorsement to  
7 confirm the validity of the recognition card of a qualifying patient  
8 or designated provider;

9 (f) The department of revenue to verify tax exemptions under  
10 chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW;

11 (g) The liquor and cannabis board to verify excise tax exemptions  
12 under RCW 69.50.535;

13 (h) The department and the health care professional's  
14 disciplining authorities to monitor authorizations and ensure  
15 compliance with this chapter and chapter 18.130 RCW by their  
16 licensees; and

17 ~~((h))~~ (i) Authorizations to expire six months or one year after  
18 entry into the medical cannabis authorization database, depending on  
19 whether the authorization is for a minor or an adult.

20 (2) A qualifying patient and his or her designated provider, if  
21 any, may be placed in the medical cannabis authorization database at  
22 a cannabis retailer with a medical cannabis endorsement. After a  
23 qualifying patient or designated provider is placed in the medical  
24 cannabis authorization database, he or she must be provided with a  
25 recognition card that contains identifiers required in subsection (3)  
26 of this section.

27 (3) The recognition card requirements must be developed by the  
28 department in rule and include:

29 (a) A randomly generated and unique identifying number;

30 (b) For designated providers, the unique identifying number of  
31 the qualifying patient whom the provider is assisting;

32 (c) A photograph of the qualifying patient's or designated  
33 provider's face taken by an employee of the cannabis retailer with a  
34 medical cannabis endorsement at the same time that the qualifying  
35 patient or designated provider is being placed in the medical  
36 cannabis authorization database in accordance with rules adopted by  
37 the department;

38 (d) The amount of cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis,  
39 cannabis-infused products, or plants for which the qualifying patient  
40 is authorized under RCW 69.51A.210;

1 (e) The effective date and expiration date of the recognition  
2 card;

3 (f) The name of the health care professional who authorized the  
4 qualifying patient or designated provider; and

5 (g) For the recognition card, additional security features as  
6 necessary to ensure its validity.

7 (4)(a) For qualifying patients who are eighteen years of age or  
8 older and their designated providers, recognition cards are valid for  
9 one year from the date the health care professional issued the  
10 authorization. For qualifying patients who are under the age of  
11 eighteen and their designated providers, recognition cards are valid  
12 for six months from the date the health care professional issued the  
13 authorization. Qualifying patients may not be reentered into the  
14 medical cannabis authorization database until they have been  
15 reexamined by a health care professional and determined to meet the  
16 definition of qualifying patient. After reexamination, a cannabis  
17 retailer with a medical cannabis endorsement must reenter the  
18 qualifying patient or designated provider into the medical cannabis  
19 authorization database and a new recognition card will then be issued  
20 in accordance with department rules.

21 (b) A qualifying patient's registration in the medical cannabis  
22 authorization database and his or her recognition card may be renewed  
23 by a qualifying patient's designated provider without the physical  
24 presence of the qualifying patient at the retailer if the  
25 authorization from the health care professional indicates that the  
26 qualifying patient qualifies for a compassionate care renewal, as  
27 provided in RCW 69.51A.030. A qualifying patient receiving renewals  
28 under the compassionate care renewal provisions is exempt from the  
29 photograph requirements under subsection (3)(c) of this section.

30 (5) If a recognition card is lost or stolen, a cannabis retailer  
31 with a medical cannabis endorsement, in conjunction with the database  
32 administrator, may issue a new card that will be valid for six months  
33 to one year if the patient is reexamined by a health care  
34 professional and determined to meet the definition of qualifying  
35 patient and depending on whether the patient is under the age of  
36 eighteen or eighteen years of age or older as provided in subsection  
37 (4) of this section. If a reexamination is not performed, the  
38 expiration date of the replacement recognition card must be the same  
39 as the lost or stolen recognition card.

1       (6) The database administrator must remove qualifying patients  
2 and designated providers from the medical cannabis authorization  
3 database upon expiration of the recognition card. Qualifying patients  
4 and designated providers may request to remove themselves from the  
5 medical cannabis authorization database before expiration of a  
6 recognition card and health care professionals may request to remove  
7 qualifying patients and designated providers from the medical  
8 cannabis authorization database if the patient or provider no longer  
9 qualifies for the medical use of cannabis. The database administrator  
10 must retain database records for at least five calendar years to  
11 permit the state liquor and cannabis board and the department of  
12 revenue to verify eligibility for tax exemptions.

13       (7) During development of the medical cannabis authorization  
14 database, the database administrator must consult with the  
15 department, stakeholders, and persons with relevant expertise to  
16 include, but not be limited to, qualifying patients, designated  
17 providers, health care professionals, state and local law enforcement  
18 agencies, and the University of Washington computer science and  
19 engineering security and privacy research lab or a certified  
20 cybersecurity firm, vendor, or service.

21       (8) The medical cannabis authorization database must meet the  
22 following requirements:

23       (a) Any personally identifiable information included in the  
24 database must be nonreversible, pursuant to definitions and standards  
25 set forth by the national institute of standards and technology;

26       (b) Any personally identifiable information included in the  
27 database must not be susceptible to linkage by use of data external  
28 to the database;

29       (c) The database must incorporate current best differential  
30 privacy practices, allowing for maximum accuracy of database queries  
31 while minimizing the chances of identifying the personally  
32 identifiable information included therein; and

33       (d) The database must be upgradable and updated in a timely  
34 fashion to keep current with state of the art privacy and security  
35 standards and practices.

36       (9)(a) Personally identifiable information of qualifying patients  
37 and designated providers included in the medical cannabis  
38 authorization database is confidential and exempt from public  
39 disclosure, inspection, or copying under chapter 42.56 RCW.

1 (b) Information contained in the medical cannabis authorization  
2 database may be released in aggregate form, with all personally  
3 identifiable information redacted, for the purpose of statistical  
4 analysis and oversight of agency performance and actions.

5 (c) Information contained in the medical cannabis authorization  
6 database shall not be shared with the federal government or its  
7 agents unless the particular qualifying patient or designated  
8 provider is convicted in state court for violating this chapter or  
9 chapter 69.50 RCW.

10 (10) The department must charge a one dollar fee for each initial  
11 and renewal recognition card issued by a cannabis retailer with a  
12 medical cannabis endorsement. The cannabis retailer with a medical  
13 cannabis endorsement shall collect the fee from the qualifying  
14 patient or designated provider at the time that he or she is entered  
15 into the database and issued a recognition card. The department shall  
16 establish a schedule for cannabis retailers with a medical cannabis  
17 endorsement to remit the fees collected. Fees collected under this  
18 subsection shall be deposited into the dedicated cannabis account  
19 created under RCW 69.50.530.

20 (11) If the database administrator fails to comply with this  
21 section, the department may cancel any contracts with the database  
22 administrator and contract with another database administrator to  
23 continue administration of the database. A database administrator who  
24 fails to comply with this section is subject to a fine of up to five  
25 thousand dollars in addition to any penalties established in the  
26 contract. Fines collected under this section must be deposited into  
27 the health professions account created under RCW 43.70.320.

28 (12) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

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