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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C.  
SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Quattrocchi, Filippi, Nardone, Place, and Price

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 21-28.6 of the General Laws entitled "The Edward O. Hawkins and  
2 Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following  
3 section:

4           **21-28.6-4.1. Non-discrimination.**

5           (a) All departments and units of Rhode Island state government, including all public and  
6 quasi-public agencies, commissions, boards and authorities are prohibited from refusing to hire or  
7 promote or render any punishment or decision in regards to any person exclusively for their use of  
8 medical marijuana or their status as a registered patient cardholder.

9           (b) All departments and units of Rhode Island state government, including all public and  
10 quasi-public agencies, commissions, boards and authorities are required to reasonably  
11 accommodate any employee's or prospective employee's medical marijuana use.

12          SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit employment discrimination by the state of Rhode Island against  
2 medical marijuana users. The act would also require reasonable accommodations be provided by  
3 the state employer.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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