

CHAPTER 45

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

SENATE BILL 16-090

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AN ACT**CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO COLLECT DATA ON MARIJUANA HEALTH EFFECTS AT A REGIONAL LEVEL.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-1.5-110 as follows:

25-1.5-110. Monitor health effects of marijuana. (1) The department shall monitor changes in drug use patterns, broken down by county OR REGION, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, and race and ethnicity, and the emerging science and medical information relevant to the health effects associated with marijuana use.

(2) The department shall appoint a panel of health care professionals with expertise in cannabinoid physiology to monitor the relevant information. The panel shall provide a report by January 31, 2015, and every two years thereafter to the state board of health, the department of revenue, and the general assembly. The department shall make the report available on its website. The panel shall establish criteria for studies to be reviewed, reviewing studies and other data, and making recommendations, as appropriate, for policies intended to protect consumers of marijuana or marijuana products and the general public.

(3) The department may collect Colorado-specific data that reports adverse health events involving marijuana use from the all-payer claims database, hospital discharge data, and behavioral risk factors. ~~The department and panel are not required to perform the duties required by this section until the marijuana cash fund, created in section 12-43.3-501, C.R.S., has received sufficient revenue to fully fund the appropriations made to the department of revenue related to articles 43.3 and 43.4 of title 12, C.R.S., and the appropriation to the division of criminal justice~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

~~related to section 24-33.5-516, C.R.S., and the general assembly has appropriated sufficient moneys from the fund to the department to pay for the monitoring required by this section.~~

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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