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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**RELATING TO THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL
MARIJUANA ACT**

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Segal, Lewiss, Handy, and Diaz

Date Introduced: February 26, 2008

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1 SECTION 1. Creation and composition of commission. – (a) There is hereby created a
2 joint commission to study and to make recommendations to the general assembly regarding the
3 merits of allowing for the licensure of non-profit medical marijuana compassion centers in Rhode
4 Island. The commission shall meet with the purpose of evaluating and making recommendations
5 regarding patients' access to medical marijuana, efficacy of compassion centers throughout the
6 country, physician participation in the medical marijuana program, the definition of qualifying
7 medical conditions, and research studies regarding the health effects of medical marijuana for
8 patients. The commission shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows: two (2) members of
9 the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker; one member of the House of
10 Representatives to be appointed by the House Minority Leader; two (2) members of the Senate to
11 be appointed by the Senate President; one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate
12 Minority Leader; one patient advocate from the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition; one
13 physician selected from a list provided by the Rhode Island Medical Society; one nurse selected
14 from a list provided by the Rhode Island State Nurses Association; two (2) registered qualifying
15 patients enrolled in the state's medical marijuana program; one registered qualified caregiver
16 enrolled in the state's medical marijuana program; and one representative of the law enforcement
17 community.

18 (b) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, and all other
19 departments and agencies of the state government are hereby authorized and directed to cooperate

1 with the commission and to furnish such information as the commission shall require.

2 (c) The commission shall meet at the call of the Speaker, shall make its recommendations
3 to the General Assembly on or before January 31, 2009, and shall expire on February 1, 2009.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION
RELATING TO THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL
MARIJUANA ACT

1 This joint resolution would create a thirteen (13) member joint study commission for the
2 purpose of evaluating the merits of allowing the licensure of non-profit medical marijuana
3 compassion centers in the state. The resolution would require that the commission make its
4 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before January 31, 2009, and would expire on
5 February 1, 2009.

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