



# HB 2233: Ric Smith Memorial Act

*Protecting Patient Rights & Ensuring Affordable Access to Medical Cannabis in Washington State*



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## Features

**Compliance With Federal Priorities**

**Allowance for Small, Private Residential Gardens**

**Licensing & Regulation for Commercial Outlets**

**Clarity for Cooperative Cultivation**

**Parity for PTSD**

**Equal Rights for Cannabis Patients**

The partial veto of Senate Bill 5073 in 2011 by Governor Gregoire is forcing medical cannabis patients to navigate a treacherous minefield of confusing and contradictory regulations. Among the legal loopholes:

- Arrest protection granted, but linked to registry that doesn't exist
- Vague collective garden provision that is ripe for misinterpretation
- Licensing and regulatory framework eliminated, leaving businesses without any oversight
- Patients can still be denied housing, employment, life-saving medical treatments and equal justice under the law

The Ric Smith Memorial Act offers compassion, clarity and consistency through the following changes to RCW 69.51A:

- Brings Washington law into compliance with DOJ priorities
- Maintains private, residential gardens and creates clear boundaries for cooperative cultivation of 45 plants or less
- Provides licensing mechanism for commercial production, processing and dispensing of medical cannabis
- Establishes regulations and tax structure based on other botanical medicines, dietary supplements and herbal remedies
- Adds Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder to list of qualifying conditions
- Gives medical cannabis patients the same criminal and civil protections extended to prescription drug users
- Restores vital provisions approved by the Legislature in 2011, but later vetoed by Governor Gregoire

**Take Action to Restore Fairness and Common Sense to Medical Cannabis Laws!  
Contact Representative Appleton TODAY to Sign On to House Bill 2233!**