



Issue .....	Possible Points	
<b>PATIENT RIGHTS &amp; CIVIL PROTECTION (total) .....</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>94</b>
Arrest protection .....	40	40
Affirmative defense .....	15	13
Child custody .....	10	10
DUID protections .....	5	5
Employment .....	5	5
Explicit privacy standards.....	7	7
Housing protections .....	5	5
Does not create new criminal penalties for patients .....	5	4
Organ transplants .....	5	5
Reciprocity .....	3	0
<b>EASE OF NAVIGATION (total).....</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>
Comprehensive qualifying conditions.....	50	46
<b>Adding new conditions (total).....</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>
Law/Regs allow for new conditions .....	5	5
System works for adding new conditions.....	5	2
Reasonable access for minors.....	10	8
Reasonable caregiver background check requirements..	4	2
Number of caregivers .....	2	2
Patient/Practitioner focused task force/advisory Board ..	2	0
Reasonable fees (patients & caregivers).....	10	7
Allows multiple-year registrations .....	2	0
Reasonable physician requirements.....	5	4
Does not classify cannabis as medicine of last resort.....	5	4
<b>ACCESS TO MEDICINE (total) .....</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Allows distribution programs (total).....</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>
Allows access to dried flowers.....	15	15
Allows delivery .....	5	0
No sales tax or reasonable sales tax.....	5	3
Reasonable number of dispensing facilities .....	5	5
Does not require vertical integration .....	2	2

Ownership/Employment restrictions .....	2	1
Provisions for labor standards .....	2	2
Environmental impact regulations .....	2	2
Unrestricted choice of dispensary .....	2	0
<b>Non-commercial cultivation (total) .....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>
Personal cultivation.....	15	0
Collective gardens .....	5	0
Explicit right to edibles/concentrates/other forms .....	10	10
Does not impose limits or bans on THC .....	10	10
Does not impose minimum CBD requirements.....	10	10
Municipal bans/zoning .....	10	8
<b>FUNCTIONALITY (total).....</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>
Patients are able to obtain medicine.....	50	40
Free of significant administrative or supply problems..	15	15
Legal protections within reasonable time frame .....	10	8
Reasonable possession limit (ounces) .....	5	4
Reasonable purchase limits.....	5	4
Allows patients to medicate where they chose .....	5	4
Covered by insurance/state health aide .....	3	0
Financial hardship (fee waivers/discount medicine).....	7	5
<b>PRODUCT SAFETY (total - see back for details).....</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>91</b>
Dispensing .....	25	25
Cultivation .....	25	25
Manufacturing .....	25	25
Lab.....	25	16
<b>Improvement Bonus.....</b>	<b>25</b>	
Total out of 500.....	438	
Score percentage .....	88	

**Final Grade = B+**

**Areas for improvement:** The Illinois medical cannabis program has recently seen the opening of its first wave of medical cannabis dispensaries and adopted some of the best product safety regulations in the country. While this shows that the regulatory agencies have done an admirable job at implementing the program, statutory hurdles still are inhibited from better serving patients. The legislature should allow patients the right to cultivate their own medicine and replace the lengthy list of qualifying conditions with a simple provision that allows physicians the right to recommend medical cannabis therapy to any patient for whom the benefits would outweigh the risks. Additionally, the state should remove its fingerprinting background check requirements, which provide no purpose when it comes to improving the lives of patients.

**Background:** In 2013, The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act (HB 1) was enacted to create a temporary statewide distribution program for qualifying patients. HB 1 specifies 35 qualifying conditions, but excludes chronic pain, the leading indication for use of medical cannabis. HB 1 allows patients to obtain up to 2.5 ounces of cannabis every two weeks from one of the 60 dispensing organizations that will be supplied by the 22 cultivation centers. Cultivation by patients or their caregivers is prohibited. Minors, public safety officials, school bus and commercial drivers, police and correctional officers, firefighters, and anyone convicted of a drug-related felony are not eligible for the program. The law has a sunset clause which means the legislature will have to extend it or pass a new law by December 31, 2017. The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules approved the final rules for the pilot program on July 15, 2014 from the Departments of Agriculture, Financial and Professional Regulation, Public Health, and Revenue.

## PRODUCT SAFETY point breakdown

(Point totals by section included in grade calculation on reverse)

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<b>DISPENSING (total) .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	
Dispensary training .....	5	5	
<b>Operating Procedures and Protocols.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
Facility sanitary conditions .....	Y or N	Y	
Storage protocols .....	Y or N	Y	
Reasonable security protocols .....	Y or N	Y	
Inventory control .....	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting .....	5	5	
<b>Product Labeling .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
Product contents including source material ID .....	Y or N	Y	
Allergens .....	Y or N	Y	
Potency/compound identification .....	Y or N	Y	
<b>Required Testing .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
Active ingredient identification .....	Y or N	Y	
Contaminants .....	Y or N	Y	
Potency .....	Y or N	Y	
Sample retention .....	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting: .....	5	5	
<b>CULTIVATION (total).....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	
Cultivation training.....	5	5	
<b>Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions .....	Y or N	Y	
Workforce safety protocols .....	Y or N	Y	
Storage protocols (short and long term) .....	Y or N	Y	
Reasonable security protocols .....	Y or N	Y	
Batch and lot tracking .....	Y or N	Y	
Disposal/waste .....	Y or N	Y	
Water management .....	Y or N	Y	
<b>Pesticide Guidance and Protocols .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
Pesticide guidance.....	Y or N	Y	
Product labeling .....	Y or N	Y	
Required testing .....	5	5	
Active ingredient identification .....	Y or N	Y	
Contaminants .....	Y or N	Y	
Potency .....	Y or N	Y	
Sample retention .....	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting.....	5	5	
<b>MANUFACTURING (total).....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	
Manufacturing training .....	5	5	
<b>Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions .....	Y or N	Y	
Workforce safety protocols .....	Y or N	Y	
Storage protocols .....	Y or N	Y	
Reasonable security protocols .....	Y or N	Y	
Batch and lot tracking .....	Y or N	Y	
<b>Product Labeling .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
Product contents with source material ID .....	Y or N	Y	
Allergens .....	Y or N	Y	
Potency/compound identification .....	Y or N	Y	
<b>Required Testing .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
Active ingredient identification .....	Y or N	Y	
Contaminants .....	Y or N	Y	
Potency .....	Y or N	Y	
Shelf life testing .....	Y or N	Y	
Sample retention .....	Y or N	Y	
Recall protocol and adverse event reporting: .....	5	5	
<b>LABORATORY (total).....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	
Lab operations training.....	5	5	
Method validation in accordance with AHP guidelines .....	5	5	
Result reporting - disclose the type of testing used.....	5	0	
Independent or third party certification .....	5	2	
<b>Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	
Equipment and instrument calibration .....	Y or N	N	
Sample tracking .....	Y or N	Y	
Facility and equipment sanitary conditions .....	Y or N	N	
Disposal/waste protocols .....	Y or N	N	
Storage protocols .....	Y or N	N	
Workforce safety protocols .....	Y or N	N	
<b>Total out of 100 .....</b>		<b>91</b>	

### Tools for Success:

Improving your state law has never been easier. In the appendix of this report you will find model legislation and regulators guides for product safety protocols. ASA staff are all also available to draft and/or review legislative and regulatory language. Our website has many resources online including access to our policy shop at [http://www.safeaccessnow.org/policy\\_shop](http://www.safeaccessnow.org/policy_shop), information for regulators available at <http://patientfocusedcertification.org/about/information-for-regulators/> and a breakdown of all the state laws at [http://www.safeaccessnow.org/state\\_and\\_federal\\_law](http://www.safeaccessnow.org/state_and_federal_law).