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HOUSE BILL            ***476-FN***

AN ACT                amending the definition of “qualifying medical condition” in the therapeutic cannabis law.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Stephen Schmidt, Carr 6; Rep. MacKay, Merr 14; Rep. McMahon, Rock 7; Rep. B. French, Merr 6; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21

COMMITTEE:          Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill adds several medical conditions to the definition of “qualifying medical condition” for the purpose of the law governing the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                                Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

AN ACT                    amending the definition of “qualifying medical condition” in the therapeutic cannabis law.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            195:1 Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Definitions. Amend RSA 126-X:1, IX(a) to read  
2 as follows:

3                    (a) “Qualifying medical condition” means the presence of:

4                            (1) Cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired  
5 immune deficiency syndrome, hepatitis C currently receiving antiviral treatment, amyotrophic  
6 lateral sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, Crohn’s disease, [~~agitation of Alzheimer’s disease,~~] multiple  
7 sclerosis, chronic pancreatitis, spinal cord injury or disease, traumatic brain injury, ***epilepsy, lupus,***  
8 ***Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s disease,*** or one or more injuries that significantly interferes  
9 with daily activities as documented by the patient’s provider; and

10                            (2) A severely debilitating or terminal medical condition or its treatment that has  
11 produced at least one of the following: elevated intraocular pressure, cachexia, chemotherapy-  
12 induced anorexia, wasting syndrome, ***agitation of Alzheimer’s disease,*** severe pain that has not  
13 responded to previously prescribed medication or surgical measures or for which other treatment  
14 options produced serious side effects, constant or severe nausea, moderate to severe vomiting,  
15 seizures, or severe, persistent muscle spasms.

16            195:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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18 Approved: July 6, 2015

19 Effective Date: September 4, 2015