

portunity to appear and present their objections to the Public Service Commission in a customary regulatory proceeding.

For the foregoing reasons, I cannot allow this bill to become law.

Sincerely,

Albert H. Quie, Governor

May 29, 1979

The Honorable Edward J. Gearty  
President of the Senate

Dear Sir:

I am vetoing S.F. 607 which establishes in Sections 2 and 3 a research program on the therapeutic use of marijuana. S.F. 607 does not provide any funds for research and in my judgment does not establish sufficient research guidelines or clarify investigational procedures to merit status as a research program.

The Federal Government has established procedures for the scientific experimental use of drugs, with protective research criteria clearly defined for experimentation. These current Federal programs investigating the use of marijuana permit physician participation without the need of enabling state legislation.

In addition it is my view that the "qualifications review board" which this bill establishes to certify patients, practitioners, and pharmacies for participation in the program will be administratively cumbersome and expensive and of questionable usefulness for either the individual patient or for research purposes.

Finally, not only are there no appropriations for research but no appropriation is included to address the costs of promulgating rules, administering the program, funding per diem and travel for the qualifications review board and writing contracts with the National Institute on Drug Abuse. If the State were to participate in such a research effort, an appropriation would be needed.

The negative effects of therapeutic research program contained in Sections 2 and 3 warrant a veto. I anticipate that Section 1 which prescribes increased penalties for the possession of controlled substances on school premises will be able to stand on its own merit next year.

Sincerely,

Albert H. Quie, Governor

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