



HOPE 4
CHILDREN
with epilepsy

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**Hope 4 Children with Epilepsy
Announces Passage of HB105 Plant Extract Amendments &
Naming of "Charlee's Law"**

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - *Friday, March 14, 2014*

The families of Hope 4 Children with Epilepsy (H4CE) are pleased to announce the passage of HB105, now known as "Charlee's Law".

The Law, which allows for the possession of a High-CBD/Low-THC oil for use in intractable epilepsy, is the first of its kind in the nation. The oil has been used for over two years in Colorado and has seen an 80% efficacy rate in reducing seizures by 50% on average. Against all odds, the little bill that could steadily climbed the hill.

"All it takes is just a few minutes with a child who has intractable epilepsy to know the mountains they need to move but cannot; you will - and we did", said Laura Warburton, legislative guru and every child's adopted Nana. "We moved mountains."

Passing the House with a 62-11 vote and receiving a glowing thumbs up from the Senate with a unanimous vote of 26-0, the bill was sent back to concurrence and overcame that hurdle this morning, 57-9.

"The words of support from legislators, along with their affirmative votes on our behalf, show an immense understanding and compassion for the suffering of the children and families of Hope 4 Children With Epilepsy," said Jennifer May, H4CE co-founder and mother to Stockton, who has Dravet syndrome. "We are grateful to Utah for stepping up and helping open the way for research into the possibilities behind this treatment option."

This morning, Rep. Froerer entered into record intent language that names HB105 "Charlee's Law." The language reads:

"It is the intent of the legislature that H.B. 105, Plant Extract Amendments, will be known as "Charlee's Law," in honor of Charlee Nelson, a six-year-old girl from Utah who suffers from Batten Disease, a rare neurological disorder that leads to seizures, mental impairment, blindness, loss of bodily control, and, tragically, death. The hemp extract that Charlee's Law allows Utah parents to administer to their children might have helped improve Charlee's quality of life and prolong her time with her parents, Jeff and Catrina Nelson. The Legislature dedicates Charlee's law to Charlee, her family, and all of the sick Utah children searching for a cure."

It is anticipated that Governor Herbert will officially sign Charlee's Law on March 25th, 2014 in recognition of International Purple Day, celebrating epilepsy awareness.

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ABOUT HOPE 4 CHILDREN WITH EPILEPSY

We are parents of children with severe forms of epilepsy. Most have multiple types of seizures every day, varying in intensity and length from seconds to hours. The seizures take a toll on the children's over-all health, ability to function, and quality of life. These children also have 10 times increased risk for sudden death. We *desperately* need new treatment options that hold hope for controlling the seizures, stopping the deterioration, and improving quality of life for our kids. We are working to get Alepsia in Utah for oral distribution: as an oil, tablet or tincture. It is NOT smoked and it CANNOT get anyone 'high', but it CAN save the lives of our children.

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