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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to parental rights of qualified
3	patients; amending s. 39.806, F.S.; prohibiting a
4	court from denying or restricting certain parental
5	rights based solely on a parent's status as a
6	qualified patient for purposes of medical marijuana
7	use; prohibiting the presumption of neglect or child
8	endangerment based solely on a parent's status as a
9	qualified patient for purposes of medical marijuana
10	use; providing construction; providing an effective
11	date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Present subsections (2), (3), and (4) of
16	section 39.806, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
17	subsections (3), (4), and (5), respectively, and a new
18	subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:
19	39.806 Grounds for termination of parental rights
20	(2) A court may not deny or otherwise restrict a parent's
21	custody of a minor child or the parent's visitation rights or
22	parenting time with a minor child based solely on the parent's
23	status as a qualified patient pursuant to s. 381.986. There is
24	no presumption of neglect or child endangerment based solely on
25	the person's status as a qualified patient pursuant to s.
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26		381.986.]		In	determining	the best		interests	of	the	child	with	
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27	respect	to	custody	or	dependency,	the	provisions	of	this	section

- 28 <u>apply</u>.
- 29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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