

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**SB 228****2024 Regular Session****McMath****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

PHARMACEUTICALS. Provides relative to marijuana for therapeutic use. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Restores current law relative to the allocation of funds from the 7% collected on the gross sale of therapeutic marijuana.
2. Restores current law authorizing the La. State University Agricultural Center, the Southern University Agricultural Center, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe to conduct research on therapeutic marijuana.
3. Removes a provision terminating the agreements between the La. State University Agricultural Center and Southern University Agricultural Center and contractors selected to produce therapeutic marijuana.
4. Changes the qualifying patient count review period for satellite pharmacies.
5. Makes technical changes.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law requires the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to issue annual licenses for a pharmacy to dispense recommended marijuana for therapeutic use, with a limit of ten licenses in the state.

Present law provides for exceptions for satellite pharmacies authorized by the board based on active, qualified patient counts.

Proposed law changes the patient count review period from the preceding three months to the preceding 24 months.

Present law identifies the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural Center as the licensed producers of marijuana for therapeutic use in the state.

Present law authorizes each university to contract with one contractor to produce therapeutic marijuana.

Proposed law removes the universities as the licensees and transfers the licenses to the two contractors who had contracts with the universities on January 1, 2024.

Proposed law establishes procedures for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to renew or revoke the licenses.

Present law establishes a sunset provision for the therapeutic marijuana program to terminate on January 1, 2025.

Proposed law extends the termination date to July 1, 2030.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1046(G)(3)(e), (H), and (L), 1046.2(A), 1046.2(B)(intro para), 1046.2(B)(1)(intro para), 1046.2(B)(1)(a)(intro para), 1046.2(B)(1)(b)-(e), and (B)(2)(a),

(C)(1), 1046.2(C)(2)(intro para), and 1046.2(C)(2)(a) and (c), 1046.2(D)(intro para), 1046.2(D)(1)(intro para), and 1046.2(D)(2), (4), and (5), 1046.2(E) and 1046.2(E)(1), 1046.2(F)(intro para), 1046.2(F)(1), 1046.2(F)(2)(intro para), and 1046.2(F)(2)(b) and (3), (G), (H)(1) and (2) and 1046.2(H)(3)(intro para), and 1046.2(I)(intro para), 1046.2(I)(1)(intro para), and 1046.2(I)(1)(a) and (b), (2), and (3), and 1046.4(A)(1) and (3) and (C)(1) and (2); adds R.S. 40:1046(M)

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