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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 271** SLS 16RS 366

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 12, 2016 2:51 PM	<b>Author:</b> MILLS
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Board of Pharmacy	<b>Analyst:</b> Willis Brewer
<b>Subject:</b> Provisions regarding medical marijuana	

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Provides for medical marijuana. (gov sig)

Present law provides for medical marijuana to be prescribed by a licensed physician practicing medicine in the state. Proposed law provides for medical marijuana to be recommended by a licensed physician that is licensed by the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners, domiciled in Louisiana, and in good standing with the board.

Proposed law changes the present law from certain specified diseases related to marijuana prescriptions to "debilitating medical conditions" which means cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that produces cachexia or wasting syndrome, seizure disorders, epilepsy, severe muscle spasms, including those characteristic of Crohn's disease or multiple sclerosis.

Proposed law instructs the boards to update rules to reflect proposed law changes.

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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

This bill changes language from "prescribed" to "recommended" which is anticipated to legally allow physicians to instruct applicable pharmacies to dispense medical marijuana. Currently, it is a federal violation to prescribe cannabis for medical use since it is a Schedule 1 drug under the Controlled Substances Act. In addition, this measure expands the list of medical conditions in which a pharmacist can recommend medical marijuana to patients. Currently, only three medical conditions can be prescribed.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate      Dual Referral Rules      House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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