

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 147 (HB 418)

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Existing law provides that certain persons are exempt from prosecution for certain violations of existing law (the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law).

New law retains existing law and adds that any facility licensed by the La. Dept. of Health that has patients in its care using medical marijuana pursuant to existing law (R.S. 40:1046) and physicians who provide information on marijuana for therapeutic use within a bona fide doctor-patient relationship or who issue a recommendation to a patient for marijuana for therapeutic use pursuant to existing law shall be exempt from the prohibitions provided by existing law for possession and distribution of marijuana.

Provides that new law shall not prohibit the arrest or prosecution of any person for diversion of medical marijuana or any other conduct outside the scope of the state-sanctioned medical marijuana program provided by existing law (R.S. 40:1046).

Effective Aug. 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 40:966(F)(6); Adds R.S. 40:966(F)(7) and (8))