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HOUSE BILL NO. 819

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana for treating traumatic brain injuries and concussions

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)(xvii) and (xviii), relative to recommendation by physicians
3	of marijuana for therapeutic use, known commonly as medical marijuana; to provide
4	for medical conditions which qualify a patient for treatment with medical marijuana;
5	to authorize the recommendation of medical marijuana by a physician in treating
6	traumatic brain injuries and concussions; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)(xvii) and (xviii) are hereby enacted to read as
9	follows:
0	§1046. Recommendation and dispensing of marijuana for therapeutic use; rules and
1	regulations; of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and
12	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; and the adoption of rules and regulations
13	relating to the dispensing of recommended marijuana for therapeutic use; the
14	Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the licensure of a production
15	facility licensing by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry
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18	(2)(a) For purposes of this Subsection, "debilitating medical condition"
19	means any of the following:
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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1 (xvii) Traumatic brain injury.

(xviii) A concussion diagnosed by a physician.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana by a physician in treating traumatic brain injury and physician-diagnosed concussion.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes physicians who are licensed by and in good standing with the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to recommend medical marijuana for therapeutic use by patients clinically diagnosed as suffering from a debilitating medical condition. Defines "debilitating medical condition" to mean cancer, glaucoma, Parkinson's disease, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, cachexia or wasting syndrome, seizure disorders, epilepsy, spasticity, severe muscle spasms, intractable pain, Crohn's disease, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, post traumatic stress disorder, and certain conditions associated with autism spectrum disorder.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds to the list of debilitating medical conditions provided in <u>present law</u> traumatic brain injury and concussions diagnosed by a physician.

(Adds R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)(xvii) and (xviii))