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HOUSE BILL NO. 455

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BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

DRUGS/CONTROLLED: Authorizes recommendation of medical marijuana by physicians for patients in hospice or palliative care

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)(xvii), relative to recommendation by physicians of
3	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 any
6	condition for which a patient is receiving hospice care or palliative care; and to
7	provide for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)(xvii) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§1046. Recommendation and dispensing of marijuana for therapeutic use; rules and
11	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
16	A.
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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) Any condition for which a patient is receiving hospice care or

2 palliative care.

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## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana by a physician for any condition for which a patient is receiving hospice care or palliative care.

<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> any condition for which a patient is receiving hospice care or palliative care.

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