

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 418****2020 Regular Session****LaCombe**

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Provides relative to immunity from prosecution for medical marijuana

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Relative to immunity from prosecution for medical marijuana, provides that certain facilities and physicians shall be exempt from prohibitions provided in present law relative to possession and distribution of marijuana.
2. Provides that proposed 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 for in present law.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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

Proposed law retains present law and adds that any facility licensed by the La. Dept. of Health that has patients in its care using medical marijuana pursuant to present 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 present law shall be exempt from the prohibitions provided for in present law for possession and distribution of marijuana.

Provides that proposed 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 for in present law (R.S. 40:1046).

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