

1 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the state of Louisiana to consider the legalization
2 of cannabis; however, prior to legalizing cannabis, the Louisiana Legislature should consider
3 many factors, including but not limited to the following:

- 4 (1) Establishing and maintaining procedures to regulate and produce cannabis.
- 5 (2) Establishing public safety protections for minors.
- 6 (3) Establishing public safety protections to identify and prosecute illicit cannabis
7 markets and those who misuse legal cannabis.
- 8 (4) Creating rigorous testing and detailed labeling requirements.
- 9 (5) Providing equity and economic opportunities for the communities of Louisiana.
- 10 (6) Evaluating effects and impacts of potential legalization of cannabis on Louisiana's
11 existing medical marijuana program and illicit cannabis markets.
- 12 (7) Evaluating best practices for potential tax structure, rates, and economic impacts
13 on potential legal framework and illicit markets.
- 14 (8) Evaluating economic development, encouragement of private capitalization and
15 investment, quality jobs created, and banking issues related to potential legalization of
16 cannabis.
- 17 (9) Establishing a commission to appropriate funds generated from recreational
18 cannabis.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on Administration of Criminal
21 Justice or a subcommittee thereof to study the impact of legalizing the possession and use
22 of cannabis for the citizens of this state and to report its findings to the legislature at least
23 fourteen days prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of
24 Louisiana.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on Administration of
26 Criminal Justice or a subcommittee thereof shall work in conjunction with and obtain input
27 from the chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or his
28 designee; the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and
29 Rural Development, or his designee; the chairman of the House Committee on Health and
30 Welfare, or his designee; the chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, or his

1 designee; the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association; the Louisiana District Attorneys Association;
2 the medical marijuana cultivation business community; the medical marijuana pharmacy
3 business community; Louisiana State University Agriculture Center; Southern University
4 Agriculture Center; Voice of the Experienced; and the author of this legislation.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall work in conjunction
6 with and obtain input from the states who have legalized recreational cannabis including but
7 not limited to their findings regarding the following:

8 (1) Establishing and maintaining procedures to regulate and produce cannabis.

9 (2) Establishing public safety protections for minors.

10 (3) Establishing public safety protections to identify and prosecute illicit cannabis
11 markets and those who misuse legal cannabis.

12 (4) Creating rigorous testing and detailed labeling requirements.

13 (5) Providing equity and economic opportunities for the communities of Louisiana.

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15 existing medical marijuana program and illicit cannabis markets.

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19 investment, quality jobs created, and banking issues related to potential legalization of
20 cannabis.

21 (9) Establishing a commission to appropriate funds generated from recreational
22 cannabis.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee, for the purposes of
24 conducting its meetings and accomplishing its goals, shall be staffed by the House
25 Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and staff of the House Fiscal Division.

DIGEST

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Requests the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice or a subcommittee thereof to study the impact of legalizing the possession and use of cannabis and to report its findings to the House of Representatives at least fourteen days prior to the convening of the 2022 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Change the number of states that have currently legalized the possession of cannabis from 14 to 17.
2. Rephrase the statement of intent of the legislature.
3. Add elements for consideration by the legislature when conducting the study.
4. Specify the time for submission of the report.
5. Specify the organizations with which the committee or subcommittee is to work.
6. Specify that House employees are to staff the committee or subcommittee.