

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 391

2021 Regular Session

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MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana in raw or crude form and limits the dispensing of such product

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Amends present law requiring that the La. Board of Pharmacy establish standards, procedures, and protocols to ensure that medical marijuana dispensed is consistently pharmaceutical grade to provide that raw or crude marijuana is not subject to these standards, procedures, and protocols.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law authorizes physicians who are licensed by and in good standing with the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to recommend marijuana for therapeutic use, known commonly as "medical marijuana", by patients clinically diagnosed as suffering from any debilitating medical condition defined in present law. Provides that physicians may recommend medical marijuana in any form allowed by the rules and regulations of the La. Board of Pharmacy except for the following forms:

- (1) Inhalation form.
- (2) Raw or crude marijuana.

Proposed law repeals the prohibition on physicians recommending medical marijuana in inhalation form and raw or crude form.

Proposed law prohibits pharmacies authorized by present law to dispense medical marijuana from doing any of the following:

- (1) Dispensing more than two and one-half ounces (71 grams) of raw or crude marijuana every 14 days to any individual patient.
- (2) Dispensing raw or crude marijuana to any person under 21 years of age without a written order from a physician specifically recommending marijuana in raw or crude form for that person.

Present law requires the La. Board of Pharmacy to establish, through administrative rules, standards, procedures, and protocols to ensure that medical marijuana dispensed is consistently pharmaceutical grade. Proposed law creates an exception providing that raw or crude marijuana is not subject to these standards, procedures, and protocols.

Effective Jan. 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 40:1046(A)(1) and (C)(2)(e); Adds R.S. 40:1046(A)(5) and (C)(2)(l))