

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 247

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO

MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Continues and provides with respect to the special legislative commission on medical marijuana created by HR No. 113 of the 2021 RS

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To continue and provide with respect to the special legislative commission on medical
3 marijuana created by House Resolution No. 113 of the 2021 Regular Session of the
4 Legislature.

5 WHEREAS, through House Resolution No. 113 of the 2021 Regular Session, the
6 House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana created a special legislative
7 commission to study the laws and regulations of this state pertaining to cultivation,
8 extraction, pharmaceutical and therapeutic use, distribution, and researching of marijuana
9 and to evaluate and identify best practices and regulatory improvements to effectuate the
10 legislatively authorized expansion of Louisiana's medical marijuana program; and

11 WHEREAS, the special commission held public meetings on August 27, October 1,
12 October 29, and November 18, 2021, at which all major aspects of Louisiana's medical
13 marijuana program were vetted; and

14 WHEREAS, through its work, the special commission has proven itself a valuable
15 resource to the legislature and the public as policy issues relating to medical marijuana draw
16 increasing levels of interest from a diverse array of stakeholders; and

17 WHEREAS, in this 2022 Regular Session, the legislature has considered numerous
18 proposals for reforming our state's regulatory systems for medical marijuana production and
19 dispensing; and

20 WHEREAS, as of the date of filing of this Resolution, House Bill No. 697 of this
21 2022 Regular Session, a bill proposing significant reforms to Louisiana's essential medical

1 marijuana regulatory functions, has achieved final passage in both the House and Senate
2 with over a two-thirds majority of the elected members of the legislature voting yea on the
3 measure; and

4 WHEREAS, it is vitally important that patient access to medical marijuana does not
5 diminish during the implementation of any regulatory reforms that may be enacted in law.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby continue the special legislative commission on medical
8 marijuana created by House Resolution No. 113 of the 2021 Regular Session.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duties of the special commission shall
10 continue as provided in House Resolution No. 113 of the 2021 Regular Session, and that the
11 special commission shall have the additional duty of oversight and monitoring of the
12 transition of any medical marijuana regulatory function of this state for the purpose of
13 ensuring that patient access to medical marijuana in Louisiana continues uninterrupted or
14 improves through the transition.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana
16 Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, Department of
17 Economic Development, Louisiana Department of Revenue, and legislative auditor may
18 continue to provide to the special commission any support necessary for the commission to
19 perform its duties.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special commission shall report its findings
21 and recommendations concerning medical marijuana policy and regulation to the speaker
22 of the House of Representatives no later than February 1, 2023.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the commissioner of agriculture, the
25 executive director of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the secretary of the Department of
26 Economic Development, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue, and the
27 legislative auditor.

DIGEST

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