
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Luneau to Reengrossed House Bill No. 697 by Representative Magee

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete Amendments No. 4 through 7 proposed by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and adopted by the Senate on May 19, 2022.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 19, delete "to provide for effectiveness;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, delete lines 16 and 17, and insert "marijuana for therapeutic use and, except as provided in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection, shall limit the number of such licenses granted in the state to no more than ten licenses. The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy shall"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 19, delete "a minimum of"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 20, after "Subsection" insert "and one additional license to the region with the highest population density as of August 1, 2022"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 24, after "respectively, the" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 25, and on line 26, delete "and authorities existed on July 1, 2022." and insert "administrative regions of the Louisiana Department of Health as those regions existed on August 1, 2022."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 28 and 29 and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 12 and insert the following:

"(3)(a) After three thousand five hundred active, qualified patients are identified in the prescription monitoring program in a region, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy shall allow the marijuana pharmacy licensee in that region to open one additional marijuana pharmacy location as a satellite location in that region. For the purposes of this Paragraph, "satellite location" shall mean an additional marijuana pharmacy location operated by a marijuana pharmacy licensee within the licensee's geographic region but physically separate from the location of the originally licensed therapeutic marijuana pharmacy.

(b) If the marijuana pharmacy licensee opens a satellite location pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph and the original location and the satellite location are each found to be serving three thousand five hundred active, qualified patients, then the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy shall allow the marijuana pharmacy licensee in that region to open one additional marijuana pharmacy location as a second satellite location in that region.

(c) If a marijuana pharmacy licensee declines to open a second satellite location pursuant to Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, then the

1 Louisiana Board of Pharmacy may issue, pursuant to the provisions of
2 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, an additional marijuana pharmacy license
3 in that region to open one marijuana pharmacy location in lieu of the original
4 licensee's second satellite location in that region.

5 (d) The board shall consider any unserved parishes within the region
6 when approving a satellite location or additional marijuana pharmacy for
7 licensure pursuant to this Paragraph.

8 (e) For the purposes of this Paragraph, the active, qualified patient
9 count shall be conducted on or after August 1 of each year using the
10 preceding twelve-month period of August 1 through July 31.

11 (4)(a) The total number of marijuana pharmacy locations, including
12 satellite locations, approved by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy pursuant
13 to Paragraph (3) of this Subsection shall not be greater than thirty locations.

14 (b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not be construed to
15 authorize a marijuana pharmacy licensee to open more than two satellite
16 locations in a single region.

17 (5) The provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to
18 require the closure of any marijuana pharmacy location, including satellite
19 locations, if the active, qualified patient count drops below three thousand
20 five hundred after the location is approved by the board."

21 AMENDMENT NO. 8

22 On page 5, line 3, after "period" insert "of August 1 through July 31"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 9

24 On page 14, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

25 "(a) Provide proof of accreditation through either of the following:

26 AMENDMENT NO. 10

27 On page 14, line 20, change "(a)" to "(i)"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 11

29 On page 14, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

30 "(ii) Comply with both of the following criteria:

31 (aa) Provide documentation that the owner has operated a
32 state-approved, active medical marijuana laboratory in another state for at
33 least the past twelve months.

34 (bb) Be accredited by the International Organization for
35 Standardization or other accrediting entity approved by the department or
36 have an application pending for International Organization for
37 Standardization accreditation. If the accreditation is not achieved within
38 nine months of the department's inspection, the department shall not accept
39 any additional certificates of analysis from the laboratory until the
40 accreditation is received."

41 AMENDMENT NO. 12

42 On page 16, delete lines 14 through 20 and insert the following:

1 "B. Each batch of medical marijuana finished product shall pass all
2 applicable testing standards, including appropriate microbial and fungal
3 limits, acceptable standards for pesticide chemical residues, appropriate
4 residual solvent and heavy metals limits, homogeneity for concentrates and
5 extracts, and complete active ingredient analysis or potency analysis prior to
6 transportation to a medical marijuana pharmacy. The"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 13

8 On page 17, delete lines 26 through 28 and on page 18, delete lines 1 and 2