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SENATE BILL NO. 228

BY SENATOR MCMATH

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:826(B)(1) and (2)(c) and (C)(1)(b) and R.S. 40:1046(H) and (L), 1046.2(A), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B)(1)(a), 1046.2(B)(1)(b) through (e), and (B)(2)(a), (C)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(C)(2), and 1046.2(C)(2)(a) and (c), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(D), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(D)(1), and 1046.2(D)(2), (4), and (5), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(E) and 1046.2(E)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(F), 1046.2(F)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(F)(2), and 1046.2(F)(2)(b) and (3), (G), (H)(1) and (2) and the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(H)(3), and the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(I), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(I)(1), and 1046.2(I)(1)(a) and (b), (2), and (3), and 1046.4(A)(1) and (3) and (C)(1) and (2) and to repeal R.S. 28:826(B)(2)(d) and (C)(1)(c), relative to marijuana for therapeutic use; to provide for regulatory administration and licensing; to provide for the allocation of monies collected from the sale of therapeutic marijuana; to extend the sunset; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

1 Section 1. R.S. 28:826(B)(1) and (2)(c) and (C)(1)(b) are hereby amended and  
2 reenacted and R.S. 28:826(B)(2)(d) and (C)(1)(c) are hereby repealed as follows:

3 §826. Disability Services Fund

4 \* \* \*

5 B.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, after  
6 compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and after a sufficient  
8 amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full  
9 faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the  
10 treasurer shall deposit into the fund an amount equal to the amount collected by the  
11 state attributable to the sale or lease of all or part of any movable and immovable  
12 property previously operated by the office for citizens with developmental  
13 disabilities within the Louisiana Department of Health, ~~the proceeds of the fee~~  
14 ~~assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a);~~ and the proceeds of the  
15 taxes levied pursuant to R.S. 47:9105(A) and (B).

16 (2) \* \* \*

17 \* \* \*

18 (c) ~~The state treasurer shall deposit one-half of the monies attributable to the~~  
19 ~~proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a) into~~  
20 ~~a separate account within the fund.~~

21 (d) ~~The state treasurer shall deposit one-half of the monies attributable to the~~  
22 ~~proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a) and~~  
23 ~~the proceeds of the taxes levied pursuant to R.S. 47:9105(A) and (B) into a separate~~  
24 ~~account within the fund.~~

25 \* \* \*

26 C.(1) The legislature shall appropriate monies from the separate accounts of  
27 the fund as follows:

28 \* \* \*

29 (b) ~~The account containing the monies attributable to one-half of the proceeds~~

1 ~~of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a) shall be used~~  
 2 ~~solely to provide funding for the Early Steps intervention program for infants and~~  
 3 ~~toddlers with disabilities and their families as established in R.S. 28:461 et seq.~~

4 (e) The account containing the monies attributable to ~~one-half of the proceeds~~  
 5 ~~of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a) and the~~  
 6 proceeds of the taxes levied pursuant to R.S. 47:9105(A) and (B) shall be used solely  
 7 to support and enhance developmental disabilities services within the Medicaid  
 8 program or the office for citizens with developmental disabilities, or its successor.

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10 Section 2. R.S. 40:1046(H) and (L), 1046.2(A), the introductory paragraph of  
 11 1046.2(B), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B)(1), the introductory paragraph of  
 12 1046.2(B)(1)(a), 1046.2(B)(1)(b) through (e), and (B)(2)(a), (C)(1), the introductory  
 13 paragraph of 1046.2(C)(2), and 1046.2(C)(2)(a) and (c), the introductory paragraph of  
 14 1046.2(D), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(D)(1), and 1046.2(D)(2), (4), and (5), the  
 15 introductory paragraph of 1046.2(E) and 1046.2(E)(1), the introductory paragraph of  
 16 1046.2(F), 1046.2(F)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(F)(2), and 1046.2(F)(2)(b)  
 17 and (3), (G), (H)(1) and (2) and the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(H)(3), and the  
 18 introductory paragraph of 1046.2(I), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(I)(1), and  
 19 1046.2(I)(1)(a) and (b), (2), and (3), and 1046.4(A)(1) and (3) and (C)(1) and (2) are hereby  
 20 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

21 §1046. Recommendation and dispensing of marijuana for therapeutic use; rules and  
 22 regulations of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; production facility  
 23 licensing; permitting by the Louisiana Department of Health

24 \* \* \*

25 H.(1)(a) ~~The legislature hereby recognizes and declares that both the~~  
 26 ~~Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University~~  
 27 ~~Agricultural Center timely exercised and asserted the intent of each university to be~~  
 28 ~~licensed to produce recommended marijuana for therapeutic use in this state in~~  
 29 ~~accordance with the provisions of Act No. 261 of the 2015 Regular Session of the~~

1 Legislature of Louisiana:

2 ~~(b) Each institution identified in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph,~~  
3 ~~respectively, shall select and contract with only one contractor authorized to produce~~  
4 ~~therapeutic marijuana in accordance with this Part. The selection process and~~  
5 ~~contracting provided for in this Subparagraph shall be done in accordance with all~~  
6 ~~applicable provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551 et seq. Each~~  
7 ~~contractor and the university with which it contracts shall execute an agreement for~~  
8 ~~services. The Louisiana Department of Health shall issue no more than two~~  
9 ~~licenses to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic~~  
10 ~~marijuana in this state. Each license shall be issued on July first and shall be~~  
11 ~~effective for a period of one year.~~

12 ~~(b) The licenses issued on July 1, 2024, shall be to the entities who held~~  
13 ~~contracts with the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the~~  
14 ~~Southern University Agricultural Center on January 1, 2024, pursuant to Act~~  
15 ~~No. 261 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature.~~

16 ~~(c) Upon each renewal period, a license in force shall be renewed by the~~  
17 ~~department for the next succeeding period upon proper application for renewal~~  
18 ~~and payment of license fees as required by law and the rules and regulations of~~  
19 ~~the department.~~

20 ~~(d) Subject to the limitation of no more than two licenses to cultivate,~~  
21 ~~extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana in this state, the~~  
22 ~~department shall select a new licensee through a competitive bid process in~~  
23 ~~accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code,~~  
24 ~~R.S. 39:1551 et seq., if any of the following occur:~~

25 ~~(i) After written notice from the department and failure of the licensee~~  
26 ~~to cure within thirty days following receipt of written notice, a licensee fails to~~  
27 ~~comply with the proper application for renewal and payment of license fees as~~  
28 ~~required by law and the rules and regulations of the department, and the license~~  
29 ~~is revoked.~~

1                    **(ii) A license is voluntarily returned or remitted to the department prior**  
2                    **to the expiration of the licensure period.**

3                    ~~(2) The Louisiana Department of Health shall issue all of the following~~  
4                    ~~annually:~~

5                    ~~(a) A nontransferable specialty license for the production of recommended~~  
6                    ~~marijuana for therapeutic use, which the department shall issue only to the Louisiana~~  
7                    ~~State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural~~  
8                    ~~Center:~~

9                    ~~(b) A permit to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic~~  
10                    ~~marijuana, which the department shall issue only to the sole contractor selected by~~  
11                    ~~each university in accordance with Paragraph (1) of this Subsection:~~

12                    ~~(c) The Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, the Southern~~  
13                    ~~University Agricultural Center, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe may~~  
14                    ~~conduct research on marijuana for therapeutic use:~~

15                    ~~(d) On or before February first annually, the Louisiana State University~~  
16                    ~~Agricultural Center, the Southern University Agricultural Center, and the University~~  
17                    ~~of Louisiana at Monroe shall each submit to the Senate and House committees on~~  
18                    ~~health and welfare a report which includes data and outcomes of any research~~  
19                    ~~conducted pursuant to Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph. No such report shall~~  
20                    ~~include any proprietary information, intellectual property, or private financial data:~~

21                    ~~(3) Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 491, §1, eff. August 1, 2022:~~

22                    ~~(4) Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 491, §1, eff. August 1, 2022:~~

23                    ~~(5) Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 491, §1, eff. August 1, 2022:~~

24                    ~~(6)(a) The Louisiana Department of Health shall collect all of the following~~  
25                    ~~information from each licensee:~~

26                    ~~(i) The amount of gross marijuana produced by the licensee during each~~  
27                    ~~calendar year.~~

28                    ~~(ii) The details of all production costs including but not limited to seed,~~  
29                    ~~fertilizer, labor, advisory services, construction, and irrigation.~~

1 (iii) The details of any items or services for which the licensee subcontracted  
2 and the costs of each subcontractor directly or indirectly working for the ~~contractor~~  
3 licensee.

4 (iv) The amount of therapeutic chemicals produced resulting from the  
5 marijuana grown pursuant to this Section.

6 (v) The amounts paid each year to the licensee related to the licensee's  
7 production of therapeutic marijuana pursuant to this Section.

8 (vi) The amount of therapeutic marijuana distributed to each pharmacy  
9 licensed to dispense therapeutic marijuana in this state during each calendar year.

10 (b) The Louisiana Department of Health shall provide the information  
11 collected as required by this Paragraph for the previous calendar year in the form of  
12 a written report to the legislature no later than February first of each year. The  
13 department shall also make a copy of the report required by this Subparagraph  
14 available to the public on the internet.

15 ~~(7)~~(3) No company that has made a contribution to a candidate in a Louisiana  
16 election governed by the provisions of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act within  
17 the five years prior to bidding for the license, or is controlled wholly or in part by a  
18 person who made such a contribution within the five years prior to the company  
19 bidding for the license, may be eligible for the license.

20 ~~(8)(a)~~(4) The Louisiana Department of Health department shall perform the  
21 following:

22 ~~(i)~~(a) Establish and collect an annual license fee of one hundred thousand  
23 dollars from each ~~contractor~~ licensee permitted to cultivate, extract, process,  
24 produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana.

25 (ii)(b) Collect a nonrefundable application fee of ten thousand dollars.

26 (iii)(c) Assess a fee of seven percent of the gross sales of therapeutic  
27 marijuana. The fee shall be reported and paid by the ~~licensed production facility or~~  
28 ~~permitted contractor that sells therapeutic marijuana to marijuana pharmacies~~  
29 licensee. The fee shall be collected by the Department of Revenue and shall be

1 subject to the provisions of Chapter 18 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana  
 2 Revised Statutes of 1950 as amended. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of~~  
 3 ~~Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the~~ **The** Department of Revenue shall transfer  
 4 **any monies collected in accordance with this Item** monthly to the state treasury  
 5 ~~deposit into the Disability Services Fund, as established in R.S. 28:826, the amount~~  
 6 ~~of revenues collected in accordance with this Item.~~ **on a monthly basis. The**  
 7 **treasurer shall allocate the monies as follows:**

8 **(i) One percent shall be allocated to the Louisiana State University**  
 9 **Agricultural Center.**

10 **(ii) One percent shall be allocated to the Southern University**  
 11 **Agricultural Center.**

12 **(iii) Five percent shall be allocated to the Department of Public Safety**  
 13 **and Corrections, office of state police.**

14 ~~An amount shall be allocated to the department, pursuant to legislative appropriation,~~  
 15 ~~for regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, legal, and other such~~  
 16 ~~expenses as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter and for~~  
 17 ~~activities associated with the enforcement of law and regulations governing the~~  
 18 ~~therapeutic marijuana program.~~

19 ~~(b) All fees collected by the department shall be used to fund the expenses~~  
 20 ~~relating to the regulation and control of therapeutic marijuana.~~

21 **(5) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary**  
 22 **to implement the provisions of this Subsection.**

23 \* \* \*

24 L. The provisions of this Section shall terminate on ~~January 1, 2025~~ **July 1,**  
 25 **2030.**

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27 §1046.2. ~~Contractors; selection;~~ **Licensees;** minimum standards

28 A. ~~The contractor selected by the licensed university through a competitive~~  
 29 ~~bid process~~ **licensee** to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic

1 marijuana shall be subject to oversight and inspections by the Louisiana Department  
2 of Health as provided in this Section.

3 B. Initial inspections of ~~contractor~~ facilities shall be conducted in accordance  
4 with the following procedures and requirements:

5 (1) Prior to commencement of operations, the Louisiana Department of  
6 Health shall conduct an initial inspection of the ~~contractor's~~ facility, limited strictly  
7 to a determination of the following:

8 (a) That the ~~contractor~~ facility adheres to all of the following:

9 \* \* \*

10 (b) That the ~~contractor~~ **licensee** possesses and maintains accurate, detailed  
11 plans and elevation drawings of all operational areas involved with the cultivation,  
12 extraction, processing, and production of therapeutic marijuana.

13 (c) That the ~~contractor~~ **licensee** possesses and maintains a written operations  
14 plan, which shall be limited to standard operating procedures for the cultivation of  
15 marijuana in each facility production area, instructions for making each product  
16 produced on the premises, equipment operations manuals, procedures for conducting  
17 necessary safety checks, sanitization procedures for working surfaces and equipment,  
18 quality control procedures, and emergency preparedness procedures.

19 (d) That the ~~contractor~~ **licensee** has connection and access to the Louisiana  
20 Medical Marijuana Tracking System, **hereafter referred to in this Section as**  
21 **LMMTS.**

22 (e) That the ~~contractor~~ **licensee** has security against unauthorized entry via  
23 the presence of operational alarm and video surveillance systems, limited access  
24 areas, secure locking systems, and door controls throughout the facility.

25 \* \* \*

26 (2)(a) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, nothing in this  
27 Section shall be construed to obstruct or impede the lawful activity of any licensee  
28 ~~or permittee.~~

29 \* \* \*



1 C.(1) Inspections of ~~contractor~~ facilities other than initial inspections shall  
2 be conducted in accordance with the procedures and requirements provided in  
3 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

4 (2) After a ~~contractor~~ **licensee** commences producing therapeutic marijuana  
5 in an approved facility, the Louisiana Department of Health shall inspect each  
6 ~~contractor~~ facility at least twice annually to verify the existence or accuracy of the  
7 following:

8 (a) Possession and accuracy of detailed plans and elevation drawings of all  
9 operational areas involved with the cultivation, extraction, processing, and  
10 production of ~~medical~~ **therapeutic** marijuana.

11 \* \* \*

12 (c) Connection and accessibility to the ~~Louisiana Medical Marijuana~~  
13 ~~Tracking System~~ **LMMTS**.

14 \* \* \*

15 D. All of the following standards and requirements for security shall apply  
16 with respect to ~~contractor~~ facilities:

17 (1) Any ~~contractor~~ facility alarm or surveillance system shall include the  
18 following:

19 \* \* \*

20 (2) Each ~~contractor~~ facility shall maintain on-site security personnel, at a  
21 minimum, during standard United States business hours of eight o'clock a.m. to five  
22 o'clock p.m. and shall maintain off-site, electronic security monitoring at all other  
23 times.

24 \* \* \*

25 (4) Each ~~contractor~~ **licensee** shall limit access to and post limited-access  
26 signage where marijuana is cultivated, extracted, processed, produced, or stored.  
27 Limited access areas shall remain locked and accessible only by authorized  
28 personnel.

29 (5) Each employee, supervisor, or agent of each ~~contractor~~ **licensee** shall

1 keep a current identification card, in a form approved by the department, on his  
2 person when present at a ~~contractor~~ facility.

3 E. All of the following procedures, restrictions, and authorizations shall apply  
4 relative to visitors at ~~contractor~~ facilities:

5 (1) Persons who do not possess a ~~contractor~~ **licensee** identification card shall  
6 be issued a visitor identification badge after signing a log maintained by the  
7 ~~contractor~~ **licensee** that properly identifies the visitor to the premises. The visitor  
8 shall wear the badge for the duration of his time on the premises, and the visitor shall  
9 not be left unaccompanied in any area where marijuana or marijuana products are  
10 present.

11 \* \* \*

12 F. All of the following requirements shall apply with respect to data  
13 management by ~~contractors~~ **licensees**:

14 (1) Each ~~contractor~~ **licensee** shall acquire and maintain all software,  
15 hardware, and communications infrastructure necessary to ensure connectivity to and  
16 implementation of the ~~Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System, referred to~~  
17 ~~hereafter in this Subsection as the~~ LMMTS, to track therapeutic marijuana from seed  
18 to distribution to an approved laboratory, to licensed pharmacies, to another  
19 cultivation ~~contractor~~ **licensee** or to destruction, tagging each plant and product with  
20 a unique identification number, and entering the number into the LMMTS for  
21 tracking. The ~~contractor~~ **licensee** shall bear the cost of all expenses related to  
22 tracking, tagging, and implementation of the LMMTS.

23 (2) Within twenty-four hours of the respective qualifying event, the  
24 ~~contractor~~ **licensee** shall record the following in the LMMTS:

25 \* \* \*

26 (b) The sale, transfer, or transport of therapeutic marijuana or its derivatives  
27 to another ~~contractor~~ **licensee**, approved laboratory, or therapeutic marijuana  
28 pharmacy.

29 \* \* \*

1 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, each ~~contractor~~  
2 **licensee** shall keep all documents and information required by this Part for at least  
3 the current year and the three preceding calendar years, including but not limited to  
4 business records necessary to fully account for each business transaction conducted  
5 by the ~~contractor~~ **licensee**.

6 G. All of the following standards and requirements shall apply to ~~contractors'~~  
7 **the licensees'** inventory:

8 (1) Each ~~contractor~~ **licensee** shall maintain a comprehensive inventory of all  
9 marijuana, including without limitation usable marijuana available for dispensing,  
10 mature marijuana plants, and seedlings at each authorized location. Following an  
11 initial inventory, all marijuana shall be inventoried on a weekly basis.

12 (2) Any therapeutic marijuana waste product shall be properly weighed and  
13 recorded in the ~~Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System~~ **LMMTS** and stored  
14 in a limited access area of a ~~contractor~~ facility until rendered unusable.

15 H. Material safety data sheet requirements shall include all of the following:

16 (1) Any pesticides or chemicals used by a ~~contractor~~ **licensee** in the  
17 production of therapeutic marijuana shall be used and stored according to the  
18 ~~contractor's~~ **licensee's** written operations plan.

19 (2) Each ~~contractor~~ **licensee** shall maintain a material safety data sheet in  
20 each facility area where toxic cleaning compounds, sanitizing agents, solvents used  
21 in the production of therapeutic marijuana extracts and concentrates, pesticide  
22 chemicals, or other agricultural chemicals are used or stored.

23 (3) Each ~~contractor~~ **licensee** shall record the following information when  
24 applying a pesticide or other agricultural chemical to therapeutic marijuana at any  
25 cultivation stage:

26 \* \* \*

27 I. All of the following requirements shall apply to transportation of  
28 therapeutic marijuana by ~~contractors~~ **licensees**:

29 (1) Prior to transporting therapeutic marijuana, a ~~contractor~~ **licensee** shall

1 generate an inventory manifest in ~~the Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking~~  
2 ~~System, referred to hereafter in this Subsection as~~ the LMMTS, including all of the  
3 following information:

4 (a) The name of the ~~contractor~~ **licensee** originating the transport.

5 (b) The name of the ~~contractor~~ **licensee**, approved laboratory, or licensed  
6 pharmacy receiving the transport.

7 \* \* \*

8 (2) The ~~contractor~~ **licensee** originating the transport shall provide the  
9 contractor, approved laboratory, or licensed pharmacy receiving the transport with  
10 a copy of the LMMTS inventory manifest, which shall not be altered after departing  
11 the originating ~~contractor's~~ **licensee's** facility.

12 (3) The ~~contractor~~ **licensee**, approved laboratory, or licensed pharmacy  
13 receiving the transport shall record the quantities of all therapeutic marijuana  
14 products in the LMMTS. However, any ~~contractor~~ **licensee**, approved laboratory, or  
15 licensed pharmacy receiving a therapeutic marijuana transport shall refuse the  
16 transport if it is not accompanied by an unaltered LMMTS inventory manifest.

17 \* \* \*

18 §1046.4. Testing; sample collection; minimum standards; reporting; remediation

19 A.(1) Each ~~contractor permitted~~ **licensee authorized** to cultivate, extract,  
20 process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana pursuant to this Part shall  
21 comply with approved minimum standards by making each batch of therapeutic  
22 marijuana subject to random selection, sampling, and analysis conducted by an  
23 independent approved laboratory collector in a volume sufficient to ensure  
24 compliance.

25 \* \* \*

26 (3) The laboratory shall record test results in the Louisiana Medical  
27 Marijuana Tracking System and produce a certificate of analysis to be delivered to  
28 the Louisiana Department of Health and ~~contractor~~ **licensee** permitted to cultivate,  
29 extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana within twenty-four

1 hours of test completion.

2 \* \* \*

3 C.(1) Neither a ~~contractor~~ **licensee** nor an approved laboratory authorized  
4 pursuant to this Part shall release or approve a therapeutic marijuana product for  
5 delivery or sale until a sample from the applicable product batch has complied with  
6 all required testing standards.

7 (2) A ~~contractor~~ **licensee** may resubmit to an approved laboratory any sample  
8 that fails one or more initial tests required by this Part. The sample may be released  
9 for delivery and sale only if it passes all tests conducted by an approved laboratory  
10 in duplicate. The sample may be remediated according to any reasonably acceptable  
11 industry methods if it fails one or more tests conducted by an approved laboratory.

12 \* \* \*

13 Section 3. The existing agreements between the Louisiana State University  
14 Agricultural Center and Southern University Agricultural Center and the contractors selected  
15 to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana shall terminate  
16 on July 1, 2024.

17 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
21 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

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SB 228 Engrossed DIGEST 2024 Regular Session McMath

Present law identifies the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural Center as the licensed producers of marijuana for therapeutic use in the state.

Present law authorizes each university to contract with one contractor to produce therapeutic marijuana.

Proposed law removes the universities as the licensees and transfers the licenses to the two contractors who had contracts with the universities on January 1, 2024.

Proposed law establishes procedures for the Louisiana Department of Health to renew or revoke the licenses.

Present law establishes a sunset provision for the therapeutic marijuana program to terminate on January 1, 2025.

Proposed law extends the termination date to July 1, 2030.

Present law establishes a seven percent fee collected from the gross sales of therapeutic marijuana and provides for the dedication of the funds collected from the fee.

Proposed law changes the dedication of the funds.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 28:826(B)(1) and (2)(c) and (C)(1)(b) and R.S. 40:1046(H) and (L), 1046.2(A), 1046.2(B)(intro para), 1046.2(B)(1)(intro para), 1046.2(B)(1)(a)(intro para), 1046.2(B)(1)(b) through (e), and (B)(2)(a), (C)(1), 1046.2(C)(2)(intro para), and 1046.2(C)(2)(a) and (c), 1046.2(D)(intro para), 1046.2(D)(1)(intro para), and 1046.2(D)(2), (4), and (5), 1046.2(E) and 1046.2(E)(1), 1046.2(F)(intro para), 1046.2(F)(1), the 1046.2(F)(2)(intro para), and 1046.2(F)(2)(b) and (3), (G), (H)(1) and (2) and 1046.2(H)(3)(intro para), and 1046.2(I)(intro para), 1046.2(I)(1)(intro para), and 1046.2(I)(1)(a) and (b), (2), and (3), and 1046.4(A)(1) and (3) and (C)(1) and (2); repeals R.S. 28:826(B)(2)(d) and (C)(1)(c))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Removes the LSU Ag Center and Southern Ag Center as the two therapeutic marijuana licensees and transfers the licenses to the current contractors, effective July 1, 2024.
2. Provides for procedures for the Louisiana Department of Health to renew or revoke the licenses.
3. Changes the allocation of funds collected from the 7% fee collected on the gross sale of therapeutic marijuana.
4. Makes technical changes.