

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 707

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

DRUGS: Provides relative to the regulation of cannabis

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 32 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised

3 of R.S. 3:4761 through 4770, and Chapter 9 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised

4 Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 26:941 though 946, relative to cannabis;

5 to provide for definitions; to provide relative to the cultivation, processing, and

6 manufacturing of cannabis and cannabis products; to provide for licensing; to

7 provide for the authority of the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for

8 criminal history checks and suitability requirements; to provide for license fees; to

9 provide for transportation restrictions; to provide for personal cultivation permits and

10 fees; to provide relative to the retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products; to

11 provide for retailer permits and fees; to provide for age restrictions regarding the

12 purchase of cannabis and cannabis products; to provide for other restrictions with

13 respect to cannabis; to provide relative to the suspension or revocation of permits;

14 and to provide for related matters.

15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

16 Section 1. Chapter 32 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,

17 comprised of R.S. 3:4761 through 4770, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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CHAPTER 32. CANNABIS

§4761. Purpose

The Louisiana Department of Health is hereby authorized to exercise regulatory authority over the cultivation, processing, and manufacturing of cannabis and cannabis products in Louisiana.

§4762. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Applicant" means a natural person, a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint stock association, sole proprietorship, joint venture, business association, cooperative association, professional corporation, or any other legal entity or organization through which business is conducted who has applied to the Louisiana Department of Health for a license to produce cannabis and cannabis products.

(2) "Bureau" means the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information of the office of state police within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

(3) "Cannabis" means all parts of plants of the genus Cannabis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of such plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds or resin, but shall not include the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake or the sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of germination.

(4) "Cannabis-infused products" means products that contain cannabis or cannabis extracts, are intended for human use, and are derived from cannabis as defined in this Section. The term "cannabis-infused products" shall not include either useable cannabis or cannabis concentrates.

1 (5) "Cannabis products" means useable cannabis and cannabis-infused
2 products as defined in this Section.

3 (6) "Criminal history record information" means information collected by
4 state and federal criminal justice agencies on individuals consisting of identifiable
5 descriptions and notations of arrests, detentions, indictments, bills of information,
6 or any formal criminal charges, and any disposition arising therefrom, including
7 sentencing, criminal correctional supervision, and release. It shall not include
8 intelligence information gathered for investigatory purposes or any identification
9 information which does not indicate involvement of the individual in the criminal
10 justice system.

11 (7) "Cultivate" or "cultivating" means planting, growing, and harvesting
12 cannabis.

13 (8) "Department" means the Louisiana Department of Health.

14 (9) "FBI" means the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States
15 Department of Justice.

16 (10) "Housing unit" means a house, apartment, or mobile home, or a group
17 of rooms or a single room that is occupied as separate living quarters, in which the
18 occupants live and eat separately from any other persons in the building and that has
19 direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall.

20 (11) "Licensee" means a natural person, a corporation, limited liability
21 company, partnership, joint stock association, sole proprietorship, joint venture,
22 business association, cooperative association, professional corporation, or any other
23 legal entity or organization through which business is conducted who has been issued
24 a license by the Louisiana Department of Health to produce cannabis and cannabis
25 products.

26 (12) "Licensure" means any license or permit that the department is
27 authorized to issue for the production of cannabis and cannabis products and the
28 facility producing cannabis and cannabis products.

1 (13) "Production facility" means a facility operating pursuant to a license
2 issued by the Louisiana Department of Health to cultivate and process cannabis,
3 manufacture cannabis products, package and label cannabis products, and sell
4 cannabis to licensed retailers. A production facility shall not sell cannabis directly
5 to consumers.

6 (14) "Retailer" means an entity licensed by the office of alcohol and tobacco
7 control pursuant to R.S. 26:941 et seq. to purchase cannabis products from licensed
8 production facilities and sell cannabis products to a consumer.

9 (15) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

10 (16) "Useable cannabis" means the dried leaves and flowers of the cannabis
11 plant, and any mixture or preparation thereof, but shall not include the seeds, stalks,
12 and roots of the plant.

13 §4763. General requirements; prohibitions; testing; tracking

14 A. No person or entity shall cultivate, process, and manufacture cannabis or
15 cannabis products without a license issued by the department pursuant to this
16 Chapter.

17 B. The department shall test the cannabis products in a facility approved by
18 the department prior to the products being transported from a production facility to
19 a licensed retailer.

20 C. The department shall establish a seed-to-sale tracking system that tracks
21 the cannabis from either the seed or immature plant stage until the product is sold to
22 a consumer by a licensed retailer.

23 §4764. Powers and duties of the secretary

24 In addition to the powers, duties, and responsibilities otherwise vested in the
25 secretary by law, the secretary shall:

26 (1) Adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions
27 of this Chapter. The rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to:

28 (a) Criteria for licensure and procedures for the issuance, renewal,
29 suspension, and revocation of licenses.

- 1 (b) Application, license, and testing fees.
- 2 (c) Security requirements for cultivation and product manufacturing
3 facilities.
- 4 (d) Labeling and packaging requirements, including requirements for child
5 resistant packaging, health and safety warnings, potency, and activation time.
- 6 (e) Health and safety regulations and standards for the cultivation of
7 cannabis and the manufacturing of cannabis products, including pesticide use and
8 allowable extraction methods.
- 9 (2) Collect, administer, and disburse the proceeds of all fees, interest,
10 penalties, and other monies collected pursuant to this Chapter.
- 11 (3) Administer and enforce the provisions of this Chapter and the rules and
12 regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter.
- 13 (4) Develop sampling and testing procedures to ensure safety and verify the
14 potency of cannabis cultivated and cannabis products manufactured pursuant to this
15 Chapter.
- 16 (5) Enter facilities for the purpose of conducting inspections, collecting
17 samples, testing, and examining and copying records.
- 18 (6) Hold hearings on alleged violations of the provisions of this Chapter or
19 of the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter.
- 20 (7) Impose civil penalties for violations of the orders issued pursuant to the
21 provisions of this Chapter or of the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this
22 Chapter.
- 23 (8) Seek and obtain injunctive or other civil relief to restrain and prevent
24 violations of this Chapter, rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter, or
25 orders and rulings issued pursuant to this Chapter.
- 26 (9) Institute civil proceedings to enforce his orders or rulings, collect any
27 fees, fines, penalties, or costs due under this Chapter or to otherwise enforce the
28 provisions of this Chapter or rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter.

1 (10) Appoint and employ all personnel necessary for the efficient and proper
2 administration of this Chapter.

3 §4765. Licensure requirements; authorization to obtain criminal history record
4 information

5 A.(1)(a) The department shall develop an annual, nontransferable production
6 facility license for the cultivation, processing, and manufacturing of cannabis and
7 cannabis products.

8 (b) No production facility shall be located in a "drug free zone" as defined
9 in R.S. 17:405(A).

10 (2) The department shall grant the licenses pursuant to contracts awarded
11 through a competitive sealed bid or a competitive sealed proposal as provided for in
12 R.S. 39:1594 and 1595. The contracts for the licenses shall be subject to the
13 Louisiana Procurement Code. The contract shall not be awarded under the sole
14 source procurement provisions provided for in R.S. 39:1597.

15 (3) Any contract for any license awarded pursuant to this Section shall not
16 exceed five years.

17 B. As a condition of eligibility, the department shall require an applicant to
18 do the following:

19 (1) Submit a full set of fingerprints, in a form and manner prescribed by the
20 department.

21 (2) Permit the department to request and obtain state and national criminal
22 history record information on the applicant.

23 (3) Pay the reasonable costs to be incurred by the department in requesting
24 and obtaining state and national criminal history record information on the applicant.

25 C. Prior to entering into any contract, memorandum of understanding, or
26 cooperative endeavor agreement with a licensee, a subcontractor shall also comply
27 with the provisions in Subsection B of this Section in order to receive contract
28 approval from the department.

1 D. In accordance with the provisions and procedure prescribed by this
2 Section, the department shall request and obtain state and national criminal history
3 record information from the bureau and the FBI relative to any applicant for
4 licensure whose fingerprints the department has obtained pursuant to this Section for
5 the purpose of determining the applicant's suitability and eligibility for licensure.

6 E. Upon request by the department and upon submission of an applicant's
7 fingerprints, and such other identifying information as may be required, the bureau
8 shall survey its criminal history records and identification files and make a
9 simultaneous request of the FBI for similar or related information from other
10 jurisdictions. The bureau may charge the department a reasonable processing fee for
11 conducting and reporting on any such search.

12 §4766. Suitability requirements

13 A. The department shall not grant any license or issue any other contract
14 approval pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter if the applicant or subcontractor
15 or any officer, director, or any person having a five percent or more economic
16 interest in the entity seeking licensure or contract approval has been disqualified on
17 the basis of the following criteria:

18 (1) Has been convicted or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for any
19 of the following:

20 (a) Any offense punishable by imprisonment of more than one year,
21 provided the offense was not marijuana related.

22 (b) Theft or attempted theft, illegal possession of stolen things, or any
23 offense or attempt involving the misappropriation of property or funds.

24 (c) Any offense involving fraud or attempted fraud or false statements or
25 declarations.

26 (d) A crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B).

27 (e) Any offense involving schedule I narcotics, provided the offense was not
28 marijuana related.

1 (2) There is a current prosecution or pending charge against the person in
2 any jurisdiction for any offense listed in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

3 (3) The applicant or any person required to be suitable pursuant to this
4 Section fails to provide information and documentation to reveal any fact material
5 to a suitability determination or supplies information which is untrue or misleading
6 as to a material fact pertaining to the suitability criteria.

7 B. No person shall obtain a license pursuant to this Section if the applicant,
8 subcontractor, or any of the service providers in the chain of subcontractors, is
9 owned wholly or in part by any state employee or member of a state employee's
10 immediate family, including but not limited to any legislator, statewide public
11 official, university or community or technical college employee, Louisiana State
12 University Agricultural Center employee, or Southern University Agricultural Center
13 employee. For the purposes of this Paragraph, "immediate family" has the same
14 meaning as provided in R.S. 42:1102.

15 C. No person licensed pursuant to this Section shall give or receive anything
16 of value in connection with any contract, memorandum of understanding, or
17 cooperative endeavor agreement executed pursuant to this Section except the value
18 that is expressed in the contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative
19 endeavor agreement.

20 D. Any contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative endeavor
21 agreement entered into with any licensee or subcontractor pursuant to this Section
22 shall be a public record subject to disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Law,
23 R.S. 44:1 et seq.

24 §4767. Fees; disposition of funds

25 A. Each licensee shall pay an annual license fee to the department.

26 (1) The annual license fee shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

27 (2) The license fee shall be payable to the department upon issuance of the
28 license and annually thereafter.

1 B. All fees collected and retained by the department shall be used to fund the
2 expenses relating to the regulation and control of cannabis and cannabis products as
3 provided for in this Chapter.

4 §4768. Transportation

5 A licensee shall only be allowed to transport cannabis or cannabis products
6 to the following locations:

7 (1) From its production facility to a testing facility approved by the
8 department pursuant to this Chapter.

9 (2) From its production facility to a retailer approved by the department
10 pursuant to this Chapter.

11 (3) When a specific nonroutine transport request from the licensee is
12 approved in writing by the department.

13 §4769. Personal cultivation permits

14 A. The department shall develop an annual personal cultivation permit for
15 individuals to cultivate and possess cannabis plants for personal use.

16 (1) The permit shall authorize the permittee to cultivate and possess up to six
17 cannabis plants for personal consumption.

18 (2) The permit shall not authorize the permittee to sell any part of the
19 cannabis plants to any other person.

20 (3) The annual permit fee shall be seventy-five dollars.

21 B. An individual shall be twenty-one years of age or older to be eligible for
22 a permit.

23 C. An individual shall apply with the secretary on a form prescribed by the
24 secretary that, at a minimum, shall include proof of age, residence, and a description
25 of the location and security plan for the proposed cannabis grow site.

26 D. Each housing unit shall be limited to twelve cannabis plants regardless
27 of how many persons twenty-one years of age or older reside in the housing unit.

1 E. Personal cultivation of cannabis shall only occur in an enclosure that is
2 screened from public view and is secure so that access is limited to the cultivator and
3 persons twenty-one years of age or older who have permission from the cultivator.

4 §4770. Therapeutic marijuana

5 Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to limit any privileges or rights of
6 a medical marijuana patient or production facility as provided for in R.S. 40:966(F)
7 and 1046.

8 Section 2. Chapter 9 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
9 comprised of R.S. 26:941 though 946, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 9. CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS

11 §941. Definitions

12 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following
13 meanings:

14 (1) "Cannabis" means all parts of plants of the genus Cannabis, whether
15 growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of such plant, and
16 every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant,
17 its seeds or resin, but shall not include the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced
18 from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other compound,
19 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such mature stalks (except
20 the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake or the sterilized seed of such plant
21 which is incapable of germination.

22 (2) "Cannabis-infused products" means products that contain cannabis or
23 cannabis extracts, are intended for human use, and are derived from cannabis as
24 defined in this Section. The term "cannabis-infused products" shall not include
25 either useable cannabis or cannabis concentrates.

26 (3) "Cannabis products" means usable cannabis and cannabis-infused
27 products as defined in this Section.

1 (4) "Cannabis retailer" means any person, other than a wholesaler, who sells,
2 offers for sale, exposes for sale, or has in his possession for sale or distribution any
3 cannabis in any quantity.

4 (5) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of alcohol or tobacco control
5 who shall be the assistant secretary of the office of alcohol and tobacco control in the
6 Department of Revenue.

7 (6) "Production facility" means person who sells cannabis and cannabis
8 products to a licensed cannabis retailer exclusively, within the state, who conducts
9 a bona fide wholesale business and maintains a warehouse or warehouses for the
10 storage and warehousing of cannabis and cannabis products in the area where
11 domiciled and licensed by the state, and conducts and maintains systematic and
12 regular solicitations, distribution, deliveries, and sales of cannabis and cannabis
13 products to licensed retail dealers located within the boundary of this state.

14 (7) "Usable cannabis" means the dried leaves and flowers of the cannabis
15 plant, and any mixture or preparation thereof, but shall not include the seeds, stalks,
16 and roots of the plant.

17 §942. Permits

18 A. The commissioner shall issue, as authorized by this Chapter, a cannabis
19 retailer permit and shall adopt rules and regulations that specify the identifying
20 information that is required to appear on the face of each of permit. Prior to selling,
21 offering for sale, exposing for sale, or possessing for sale or distribution cannabis in
22 any quantity, a person shall obtain a permit in accordance with the provisions of this
23 Section.

24 B.(1) The commissioner shall issue permits that are valid for a period of two
25 years unless suspended or revoked pursuant to R.S. 26:946.

26 (2) Applicants shall contact the commissioner regarding the renewal of all
27 permits prior to the end of the term of the permit in accordance with the provisions
28 of this Chapter.

1 C. The fee for each retailer permit shall be established by rules promulgated
2 pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, but shall not exceed
3 one thousand dollars per year.

4 §943. General requirements; qualifications; location; ratios; and tracking

5 A. An applicant for a retailer permit shall meet the following qualifications:

6 (1) Be twenty-one years of age or older.

7 (2) Provide proof of valid lease or ownership of premises in which the
8 business will be located.

9 (3) Shall not be convicted of any offense involving a narcotic listed in
10 Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, provided the
11 offense was not marijuana related.

12 B. No retail location shall be located in a "drug free zone" as defined in R.S.
13 17:405(A).

14 C. Retail locations shall contain a restricted area where cannabis and
15 cannabis products are stored and sold. The restricted areas shall have the following
16 provisions:

17 (1) The restricted areas must be supervised by a retailer employee at all
18 times when customers are present to ensure only persons who are twenty-one years
19 of age and older are permitted to enter.

20 (2) Retailer employees shall make reasonable efforts to limit the number of
21 customers in relation to the number of employees present in the restricted area at any
22 time.

23 D. Retailers shall implement a system of tracking the sale of all products to
24 customers. Records shall include the name and date of birth of all customers.
25 Retailers are required to keep records of all sales on file for at least two years.

26 E. The commissioner shall promulgate rules pursuant to the provisions of the
27 Administrative Procedure Act regarding any additional requirements.

1 §944. Age requirements

2 No person under twenty-one years of age shall enter the premises of, or be
3 employed in, a cannabis retail establishment.

4 §945. Cannabis retailer restrictions

5 Cannabis retailers are prohibited from all of the following activities:

6 (1) The sale of more than one ounce of cannabis or cannabis related products
7 to any individual per calendar day.

8 (2) The sale of cannabis or cannabis products over the internet. All sales of
9 cannabis and cannabis products must take place within a cannabis retail location.

10 (3) The sale or giving away any consumable that is not cannabis or cannabis
11 product, including but not limited to cigarettes or tobacco products, alcohol
12 beverages, food products, and non-alcohol beverages.

13 §946. Suspension or revocations of retailer permits

14 A. No person holding a permit and no agent, associate, employee,
15 representative, or servant agent of any person, shall do or permit any of the following
16 acts to be done on or about the licenced premises:

17 (1)(a) Sell or serve cannabis or cannabis products to any person under
18 twenty-one years of age. To determine the age of the consumer, each person shall
19 submit any one of the following:

20 (i) A valid, current Louisiana driver's license which contains a photograph
21 of the person presenting the driver's license.

22 (ii) A valid, current driver's license of another state which contains a
23 photograph of the person and birth date of the person submitting the driver's license.

24 (iii) A valid, current special identification card issued by the state of
25 Louisiana pursuant to R.S. 40:1321 containing a photograph of the person submitting
26 the identification card.

27 (iv) A valid, current passport or visa issued by the federal government or
28 another country or nation, that contains a permanently attached photograph of the
29 person and the date of birth of the person submitting the passport or visa.

1 (v) A valid, current military or federal identification card issued by the
2 federal government containing a photograph of the person and date of birth of the
3 person submitting the identification card.

4 (vi) A valid, current special identification card of another state which
5 contains a photograph of the person and birth date of the person submitting the
6 identification card.

7 (b) Each form of identification listed above shall on its face establish the age
8 of the person as twenty-one years of age or older, and there must be no reason to
9 doubt the authenticity or correctness of the identification. No form of identification
10 mentioned above shall be accepted as proof of age if it is expired, defaced, mutilated,
11 or altered. If the state identification card or lawful identification submitted is a
12 duplicate, the person shall submit additional identification which contains the name,
13 date of birth, and photograph of the person. A duplicate driver's license shall be
14 considered lawful identification for the purposes of this Paragraph, and a person shall
15 not be required to submit additional information containing the name, date of birth,
16 and picture of the person. In addition, an educational institution identification card,
17 check cashing identification card, or employee identification card shall not be
18 considered as lawful identification for the purposes of this Paragraph.

19 (2)(a) Intentionally entice, aid, or permit any person under the age of twenty-
20 one to visit or loiter in or about any place where cannabis or cannabis products are
21 the principal commodities sold, handled, or given away. The provisions of this
22 Section shall in no way prohibit the presence of any person under the age of twenty-
23 one years of age on or about licensed premises for any function sponsored by a
24 religious or charitable organization with tax exempt status under Section 501(3) of
25 the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, or by a fraternal beneficiary society
26 with tax exempt status under 501(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United
27 States, and no cannabis or cannabis products are sold, handled, given away, or
28 accessible during the presence of any such person.

1 (b) Permit any person under eighteen years of age to work in any capacity
2 unless that person is a musician performing in a band on the premises under written
3 contract for a specified period of time by the permittee, and the musician is under
4 direct supervision of his parent or legal guardian.

5 (3) Permit any prostitution activities on the licensed premises.

6 (4) Sell, offer for sale, possess, or permit the consumption on or about the
7 licensed premises of any kind or type of cannabis or cannabis products.

8 (5) Intentionally conduct illegal gambling, as defined by law, on the
9 premises described in the application for the permit.

10 (6) Fail to keep the premises clean and sanitary.

11 (7) Illegally sell, offer for sale, possess, or permit the consumption on or
12 about the licensed premises of any kind or type of controlled dangerous substances
13 or other illegal substances.

14 (8) Permit any disturbance of the peace or obscenity, or any lewd, immoral,
15 or improper entertainment, conduct, or practices on the licensed premises.

16 B. A violation of the provisions of this Section by a retail dealer's agent,
17 associate, employee, representative, or servant shall be considered an act of the
18 retailer for purposes of suspension or revocation of a permit.

19 C. A violation of the provisions of this Section or any rule or regulation of
20 the commissioner, where no other penalty is provided for in this Section, shall be
21 fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars,
22 imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both. It is also
23 sufficient cause for the suspension or revocation of a permit.

24 D. Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit by way of renewal, the
25 commissioner may revoke or suspend such permit, as prescribed by this Chapter, for
26 violations of this Section occurring during the permit period immediately preceding
27 the issuance of such permit.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the regulation of the cultivation, manufacturing, and retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to create and issue up to cannabis production facility licenses.

Proposed law defines "applicant", "bureau", "cannabis", "cannabis-infused products", "cannabis products", "secretary", "criminal history record information", "cultivate", or "cultivating", "department", "FBI", "housing unit", "licensee", "licensure", "production facility", "retailer", and useable cannabis".

Proposed law requires applicants and subcontractors to undergo a state and national criminal background check and prohibits the department from issuing a license or approving a contract if the applicant, subcontractor, or any officer, director, or person with a 5% or more economic interest in the license has been convicted of or entered a guilty or nolo contendere plea for certain criminal offenses.

Proposed law requires each licensee to pay LDH an annual license fee not to exceed \$100,000.

Proposed law allows for the transportation of cannabis and cannabis products in limited situations between licensees.

Proposed law authorizes LDH to issue annual personal cultivation permits to individuals to cultivate and possess cannabis plants for personal use.

Proposed law provides for a \$75 annual permit fee.

Proposed law prohibits selling cannabis plants grown under a personal cultivation permit.

Proposed law limits one permit per household and limits personal cultivation to areas that are screened from public view and have restricted access to minors.

Proposed law clarifies that proposed law does not interfere with the rights of medical marijuana patients or licensed medical marijuana production facilities.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control to issue cannabis retailer permits and requires such a permit prior to selling cannabis or cannabis products. Specifies that the retailer permit is valid for a two-year period, and the retailer permit fee shall not exceed one thousand dollars per year, subject to administrative rule.

Proposed law requires applicants for a retailer permit to be at least 21 years of age or older, and prohibits them from being convicted of any offense involving a Schedule I narcotic, provided the offense was not marijuana related.

Proposed law restricts retail locations from being located in a "drug free zone."

Proposed law requires retailer to implement a tracking system for the sale of cannabis and cannabis products to all retail customers.

Proposed law includes additional restrictions, including the following prohibitions:

- (1) Selling more than one ounce of cannabis or cannabis products to any individual per calendar day.
- (2) Selling cannabis or cannabis products to persons under the age of 21. Requires certain forms of identification to be presented to the retailer.
- (3) Selling cannabis or cannabis products on the internet.
- (4) Giving away or selling any consumable that is not cannabis or cannabis products, including but not limited to, tobacco and alcohol products.

(Adds R.S. 3:4761-4770 and R.S. 26:941-946)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Transfer the administration and registration of the cannabis program from the La. Dept. of Ag. and Forestry to the La. Dept. of Health.
2. Remove the 15 facility cap on licenses that the La. Dept. of Health may issue to cannabis product producers.
3. Provide that an person shall not be disqualified as a stakeholder in a cannabis production facility solely on the basis that the person was convicted or plead guilty to a felony if the felony was marijuana related.
4. Remove civil penalties from proposed law.