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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2018 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill  
No. 627 by Representative Lyons

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, delete "R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)" and insert in lieu thereof "R.S.  
3 40:1046(A)(2)"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 9, delete "R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)" and insert in lieu thereof "R.S.  
6 40:1046(A)(2)"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 2, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

9 "(b) No physician shall recommend medical marijuana for treatment of any  
10 condition associated with autism spectrum disorder for a patient who is under the age  
11 of eighteen unless the physician is a pediatric subspecialist licensed by the Louisiana  
12 State Board of Medical Examiners and credentialed by the Louisiana Board of  
13 Pharmacy.

14 (c) If the United States Food and Drug Administration approves the use of  
15 medical marijuana in the same form provided for in this Part for any debilitating  
16 medical condition specifically identified in this Paragraph, that medical condition  
17 shall no longer be covered by the provisions of this Part.

18 ~~(c)~~ (d) If the United States Food and Drug Administration approves the use  
19 of medical marijuana in a form or derivative different than provided for in this Part  
20 for any debilitating medical condition specifically identified in this Paragraph, the  
21 disease state shall remain covered by the provisions of this Part. The patient shall  
22 first be treated by the approved form or derivative of medical marijuana through  
23 utilization of step therapy or fail first protocols. If, after use of the United States  
24 Food and Drug Administration approved form or derivative of medical marijuana,  
25 the physician determines that the preferred treatment required under step therapy or  
26 fail first protocol has been ineffective in the treatment of the patient's debilitating  
27 medical condition, he may recommend the form of medical marijuana provided for  
28 in this Part for use by the patient as medically necessary."

29 AMENDMENT NO. 4

30 On page 4, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

31 "(b) No physician shall recommend medical marijuana for  
32 treatment of any condition associated with autism spectrum disorder for  
33 a patient who is under the age of eighteen unless the physician is a  
34 pediatric subspecialist licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical  
35 Examiners and credentialed by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy."

36 AMENDMENT NO. 5

37 On page 4, at the beginning of line 11, change "(b)" to "(c)"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 6

2 On page 4, at the beginning of line 16, change "(c)" to "(d)"