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Abstract: Removes the prohibition on medical marijuana for inhalation and raw or crude marijuana.

Present law provides that a physician who is in good standing with the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to practice medicine may recommend tetrahydrocannabinols or a chemical derivative of tetrahydrocannabinols for therapeutic use except for inhalation and raw or crude marijuana.

Proposed law deletes present law and removes inhalation and raw or crude marijuana as a prohibition to use tetrahydrocannabinols or a chemical derivative of tetrahydrocannabinols for therapeutic use for a patient clinically diagnosed as suffering from a debilitating medical condition.

Present law provides that present law should not prevent the La. Board of Pharmacy from permitting medical marijuana in a form to be administered by metered-dose inhaler. Further provides that a "metered-dose inhaler" means a device that delivers a specific amount of medication to the lungs in the form of a short burst of medicine that is usually self-administered by the patient via inhalation.

Proposed law retains present law to provide that a "metered-dose inhaler" means any device that delivers any specific amount of medication to the lungs.

(Amends R.S. 40:1046(A)(1))