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Abstract: Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana to patients by physicians for treating chronic pain associated with sickle cell disease.

Present law authorizes physicians who are licensed by and in good standing with the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to recommend medical marijuana for therapeutic use by patients clinically diagnosed as suffering from a debilitating medical condition. Defines "debilitating medical condition" to mean cancer, glaucoma, Parkinson's disease, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, cachexia or wasting syndrome, seizure disorders, epilepsy, spasticity, severe muscle spasms, intractable pain, Crohn's disease, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, post traumatic stress disorder, and certain conditions associated with autism spectrum disorder.

Proposed law retains present law and adds chronic pain associated with sickle cell disease to the set of debilitating medical conditions which qualify a patient for a recommendation of medical marijuana.

(Adds R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)(xvii))