
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana in raw or crude form and limits the amount of such marijuana that may be dispensed.

Present law authorizes physicians who are licensed by and in good standing with the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to recommend marijuana for therapeutic use, known commonly as "medical marijuana", by patients clinically diagnosed as suffering from any debilitating medical condition defined in present law. Provides that physicians may recommend medical marijuana in any form allowed by the rules and regulations of the La. Board of Pharmacy except for the following forms:

- (1) Inhalation form.
- (2) Raw or crude marijuana.

Proposed law repeals the prohibition on physicians recommending medical marijuana in inhalation form and raw or crude form.

Proposed law prohibits pharmacies authorized by present law to dispense medical marijuana from doing any of the following:

- (1) Dispensing more than two and one-half ounces (71 grams) of raw or crude marijuana every 14 days to any individual patient.
- (2) Dispensing raw or crude marijuana to any person under 21 years of age without a written order from a physician specifically recommending marijuana in raw or crude form for that person.

Effective Jan. 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 40:1046(A)(1); Adds R.S. 40:1046(A)(5) and (C)(2)(1))