## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that visiting qualifying patients shall be exempt from prosecution for certain violations of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that any person who is a patient of the state-sponsored medical marijuana program, and possesses medical marijuana in a form permissible under <u>present law</u> (R.S. 40:1046) for a qualifying condition, a caregiver, or any person who is a domiciliary parent of a minor child who possesses medical marijuana on behalf of his minor child in a form permissible under <u>present law</u> for a qualifying condition pursuant to a legitimate medical marijuana prescription or recommendation issued by a physician licensed by and in good standing with the La. State Board of Medical Examiners shall be exempt from prosecution for certain violations of <u>present law</u> (the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law).

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that visiting qualifying patients shall also be exempt from prosecution for certain violations of <u>present law</u> (the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law).

Effective if and when House Bill No. of this 2022 R.S. is enacted and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 40:966(F)(1))