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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.

Present law provides that any person who is a patient of the state-sponsored medical marijuana program, and possesses medical marijuana in a form permissible under present law (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 present law 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 present law (the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law).

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

Effective if and when House Bill No. 135 of this 2022 R.S. is enacted and becomes effective.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Provide that proposed law is effective if and when House Bill No. 135 of this 2022 R.S. is enacted and becomes effective.