
DIGEST

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HB 698 Engrossed

2022 Regular Session

Magee

Abstract: Provides for fees and charges to be assessed in connection with regulation of production and testing of marijuana for therapeutic use.

Proposed law authorizes the state entity with responsibility for regulating the testing of marijuana for therapeutic use, known commonly as medical marijuana, to establish by rule a reasonable fee schedule for testing of medical marijuana samples.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to collect the following nonrefundable charges relating to regulation and control of medical marijuana:

- (1) An annual license fee of \$100,000 from each contractor permitted to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport medical marijuana.
- (2) A charge of no more than \$10,000 for services related to the initial inspection of a therapeutic marijuana laboratory.
- (3) A charge of no more than \$10,000 for services related to a subsequent inspection of a therapeutic marijuana laboratory.
- (4) A charge of no more than \$10,000 for services related to at least one annual renewal inspection.

Proposed law provides that a licensed marijuana production facility or its contractor shall remit to the La. Dept. of Revenue the proceeds of the fee on gross sales of therapeutic marijuana established in present law (R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a)(iii)).

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1046(C)(2)(intro. para.) and (H)(8)(a)(intro. para.), (i), (iii), and (b); Adds R.S. 40:1046(C)(2)(m) and (H)(8)(c) and (d))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Delete all references to the La. Board of Pharmacy appearing in connection with testing of medical marijuana in proposed law and replace them with references to the La. Dept. of Health.
2. Restore present law providing for an annual fee of \$100,000 per license for production of medical marijuana (deleting proposed law decreasing the fee to \$50,000).
3. Delete proposed law providing for an annual license charge of \$50,000 to each contractor permitted to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana.
4. Provide that the licensed marijuana production facility or its contractor shall remit to the La. Dept. of Revenue the proceeds of the fee on gross sales of therapeutic marijuana established in present law.