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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to Original House Bill No. 553 by Representative McKnight

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before the comma "," delete "R.S. 40:1047" and insert "R.S. 40:1047(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (B) and (C), and to repeal R.S. 40:1047(A)(3) through (6), (B)(1) through (3), (D), and (E)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "marijuana;" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 4 through 7 in their entirety and insert the following:

"to provide for definitions; to prohibit government agencies from conducting suitability investigations and criminal background checks as a requirement for licensure to produce therapeutic marijuana; to permit contractors to conduct background checks as a condition of employment; to provide"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "Section 1." and before "hereby" delete "R.S. 40:1047 is" and insert "R.S. 40:1047(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (B) and (C) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 13, after "authorization" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 14 delete "and Forestry"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, delete lines 17 through 20 in their entirety and insert a set of asterisks "\*\*\*\*"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the beginning of line 1, change "~~(2)~~" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, at the beginning of line 4, delete "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, delete lines 10 through 29 in their entirety and insert the following:

~~"B. In addition to any other requirements established by department rules, the department shall require an applicant, as a condition of eligibility for licensure: No applicant for a specialty license or permit for the production of recommended marijuana for therapeutic use issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1046(H) or a contractor shall be required to undergo a suitability investigation or submit to a criminal history background check conducted by any government agency as a prerequisite to obtaining a license or permit.~~

~~C. In accordance with the provisions and procedure prescribed by this Section, the department shall request and obtain state and national criminal history~~

1 ~~record information from the bureau and the FBI relative to any applicant for~~  
2 ~~licensure whose fingerprints the department has obtained pursuant to this Section for~~  
3 ~~the purpose of determining the applicant's suitability and eligibility for licensure.~~  
4 Unless otherwise provided by law, nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit  
5 or prohibit a contractor from considering the results of a background check of a  
6 prospective employee in making the final determination of whether to employ the  
7 person."

8 AMENDMENT NO. 9

9 Delete pages 3 and 4 in their entirety and on page 5, delete lines 1 through 22 in their  
10 entirety and insert the following:

11 "Section 2. R.S. 40:1047(A)(3) through (6), (B)(1) through (3), (D), and (E) are  
12 hereby repealed in their entirety."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 10

14 On page 5, at the beginning of line 23, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."