

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 698****2022 Regular Session****Magee**

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Provides for fees and charges to be assessed by the La. Department of Health in connection with regulation of marijuana for therapeutic use

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Deletes proposed law authorizing the state agency with responsibility for regulating the testing of medical marijuana to establish, by rule, a reasonable fee schedule for such testing.
2. Deletes proposed law requiring the La. Dept. of Health to collect the following nonrefundable charges relating to regulation and control of medical marijuana:
 - a. A charge of no more than \$10,000 for services related to the initial inspection of a therapeutic marijuana laboratory.
 - b. A charge of no more than \$10,000 for services related to a subsequent inspection of a therapeutic marijuana laboratory.
 - c. A charge of no more than \$10,000 for services related to an annual renewal inspection.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to collect an annual license fee of \$100,000 from each contractor permitted to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport medical marijuana.

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(H)(8)(a)(intro. para.), (i), (iii), and (b))