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DIGEST

SB 228 Reengrossed 2024 Regular Session McMath

Present law identifies the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural Center as the licensed producers of marijuana for therapeutic use in the state.

Present law authorizes each university to contract with one contractor to produce therapeutic marijuana.

Proposed law removes the universities as the licensees and transfers the licenses to the two contractors who had contracts with the universities on January 1, 2024.

Proposed law establishes procedures for the Louisiana Department of Health to renew or revoke the licenses.

Present law establishes a sunset provision for the therapeutic marijuana program to terminate on January 1, 2025.

Proposed law extends the termination date to July 1, 2030.

Present law establishes a seven percent fee collected from the gross sales of therapeutic marijuana and provides for the dedication of the funds collected from the fee.

Proposed law changes the dedication of the funds.

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

(Amends R.S. 28:826(B)(1) and (2)(c) and (C)(1)(b) and R.S. 40:1046(H) and (L), 1046.2(A), 1046.2(B)(intro para), 1046.2(B)(1)(intro para), 1046.2(B)(1)(a)(intro para), 1046.2(B)(1)(b) - (e), and (B)(2)(a), (C)(1), 1046.2(C)(2)(intro para), and 1046.2(C)(2)(a) and (c), 1046.2(D)(intro para), 1046.2(D)(1)(intro para), and 1046.2(D)(2), (4), and (5), 1046.2(E) and 1046.2(E)(1), 1046.2(F)(intro para), 1046.2(F)(1), 1046.2(F)(2)(intro para), and 1046.2(F)(2)(b) and (3), (G), (H)(1) and (2) and 1046.2(H)(3)(intro para), and 1046.2(I)(intro para), 1046.2(I)(1)(intro para), and 1046.2(I)(1)(a) and (b), (2), and (3), and 1046.4(A)(1) and (3) and (C)(1) and (2); repeals R.S. 28:826(B)(2)(d) and (C)(1)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Removes the LSU Ag Center and Southern Ag Center as the two therapeutic marijuana licensees and transfers the licenses to the current contractors, effective July 1, 2024.
2. Provides for procedures for the Louisiana Department of Health to renew or revoke the licenses.
3. Changes the allocation of funds collected from the 7% fee collected on the gross sale of therapeutic marijuana.
4. Makes technical changes.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make technical corrections.