

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 158

BY SENATOR OWEN

PHARMACEUTICALS. Provides relative to marijuana for therapeutic use. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1046(G)(3)(e), relative to marijuana for therapeutic use; to
3 provide for the dispensing of marijuana for therapeutic use; to provide for patient
4 count reviews; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1046(G)(3)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1046. Recommendation and dispensing of marijuana for therapeutic use; rules and
8 regulations of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; production facility
9 licensing; permitting by the Louisiana Department of Health

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15 (e) For the purposes of this Paragraph, the active, qualified patient count shall
16 be conducted and reviewed on a quarterly basis using the preceding ~~three-month~~
17 **twenty-four month** period.

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2 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
3 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
4 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
5 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
6 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

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Present law requires the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to issue annual licenses for a pharmacy to dispense recommended marijuana for therapeutic use, with a limit of ten licenses in the state.

Present law provides for exceptions for satellite pharmacies authorized by the board based on active, qualified patient counts.

Proposed law changes the patient count review period from the preceding three months to the preceding 24 months.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:1046(G)(3)(e))