

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 657

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Provides relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health related to the sale of therapeutic marijuana

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1046(G)(1)(b) and (H)(2)(a), relative to fees collected by the
3 Louisiana Department of Health for therapeutic marijuana; to require the Louisiana
4 Department of Health to collect an annual fee from retail permit holders authorized
5 to sell therapeutic marijuana; to provide relative to information collected by the
6 Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1046(G)(1)(b) and (H)(2)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 to read as follows:

10 §1046. Recommendation and sale of marijuana for therapeutic use; production
11 facility licensing; regulations and permitting by the Louisiana Department of
12 Health

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16 (b) Upon each annual renewal period, a retail permit in force shall be
17 renewed by the department for the next succeeding period upon proper application
18 for renewal and payment of permit fees as required by law and the rules and
19 regulations of the department. The department shall charge an annual retail permit
20 fee in the amount of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars to each of the ten

1 retail permit holders authorized in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph to sell
2 recommended marijuana for therapeutic use.

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4 H.

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6 (2)(a) The Louisiana Department of Health shall collect all of the following
7 information from each ~~retail permit holder~~ licensee:

8 (i) The amount of gross marijuana produced by the licensee during each
9 calendar year.

10 (ii) The details of all production costs including but not limited to seed,
11 fertilizer, labor, advisory services, construction, and irrigation.

12 (iii) The details of any items or services for which the licensee subcontracted
13 and the costs of each subcontractor directly or indirectly working for the licensee.

14 (iv) The amount of therapeutic chemicals produced resulting from the
15 marijuana grown pursuant to this Section.

16 (v) ~~The amounts paid each year to the licensee related to the licensee's~~
17 ~~production of therapeutic marijuana pursuant to this Section.~~

18 (vi) The amount of therapeutic marijuana distributed to each retail permit
19 holder during each calendar year.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the La. Dept. of Health to establish and collect an annual fee from a retail permit holder authorized to sell therapeutic marijuana.

Present law requires the annual renewal of a retail permit to sell recommended marijuana for therapeutic use. Present law requires the proper application and payment of fees as required by the La. Dept. of Health (LDH).

Proposed law requires LDH to establish and collect an annual fee of \$22,500 from each retail permit holder authorized to sell recommended therapeutic marijuana.

Present law provides that the La. Dept. of Health shall collect information from a licensee authorized to produce therapeutic marijuana about the amounts paid each year to the licensee related to the licensee's production of therapeutic marijuana.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1046(G)(1)(b) and (H)(2)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Establish a fee for a retail permit holder authorized to recommend therapeutic marijuana.
2. Remove certain reporting requirements.
3. Make technical changes.