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HB 657 Reengrossed

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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.

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

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

<u>Present law</u> 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 <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

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