

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 814

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Adds chronic pain associated with sickle cell disease to the set of conditions qualifying a patient for treatment with medical marijuana

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)(xvii), relative to recommendation by physicians of  
3 marijuana for therapeutic use, known commonly as medical marijuana; to provide  
4 for medical conditions which qualify a patient for treatment with medical marijuana;  
5 to authorize the recommendation of medical marijuana in treating chronic pain  
6 associated with sickle cell disease; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)(xvii) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1046. Recommendation and dispensing of marijuana for therapeutic use; rules and  
10 regulations; of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and  
11 Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; ~~and the adoption of rules and regulations~~  
12 ~~relating to the dispensing of recommended marijuana for therapeutic use; the~~  
13 ~~Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the licensure of a production~~  
14 facility licensing by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry

15 A.

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17 (2)(a) For purposes of this Subsection, "debilitating medical condition"  
18 means any of the following:

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1                   (xvii) Chronic pain associated with sickle cell disease.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana to patients by physicians for treating chronic pain associated with sickle cell disease.

Present law authorizes physicians who are licensed by and in good standing with the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to recommend medical marijuana for therapeutic use by patients clinically diagnosed as suffering from a debilitating medical condition. Defines "debilitating medical condition" to mean cancer, glaucoma, Parkinson's disease, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, cachexia or wasting syndrome, seizure disorders, epilepsy, spasticity, severe muscle spasms, intractable pain, Crohn's disease, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, post traumatic stress disorder, and certain conditions associated with autism spectrum disorder.

Proposed law retains present law and adds chronic pain associated with sickle cell disease to the set of debilitating medical conditions which qualify a patient for a recommendation of medical marijuana.

(Adds R.S. 40:1046(A)(2)(a)(xvii))