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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to medical use of marijuana; amending
3	s. 212.08, F.S.; providing an exemption from the state
4	tax on sales, use, and other transactions for
5	marijuana used for medical purposes; amending s.
6	381.986, F.S.; providing, revising, and deleting
7	definitions; providing qualifying medical conditions
8	for a patient to be eligible to receive marijuana or a
9	marijuana delivery device; providing requirements for
10	designating a qualified physician; providing criteria
11	for certification of a patient for medical marijuana
12	treatment by a qualified physician; providing for
13	certain patients registered with the compassionate use
14	registry to be deemed qualified; requiring the
15	Department of Health to monitor physician registration
16	and certifications in the medical marijuana use
17	registry; requiring the Board of Medicine and the
18	Board of Osteopathic Medicine to create a physician
19	certification pattern review panel; providing
20	rulemaking authority to the department and the boards;
21	requiring the department to establish a medical
22	marijuana use registry; specifying entities and
23	persons who have access to the registry; providing
24	requirements for registration of, and maintenance of
25	registered status by, qualified patients and
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26	caregivers; authorizing the department to revoke the
27	registration of a patient or caregiver under certain
28	circumstances; providing requirements for the issuance
29	of medical marijuana use registry identification
30	cards; requiring the department to issue licenses to a
31	certain number of medical marijuana treatment centers;
32	providing for license renewal and revocation;
33	providing for continuance of certain entities
34	authorized to dispense low-THC cannabis, medical
35	cannabis, and cannabis delivery devices; requiring
36	background screening of owners, officers, board
37	members, and managers of medical marijuana treatment
38	centers; requiring the department to establish,
39	maintain, and control a computer seed-to-sale
40	marijuana tracking system; requiring the department to
41	establish protocols and procedures for operation,
42	conduct periodic inspections, and restrict location of
43	medical marijuana treatment centers; providing a limit
44	on county and municipal permit fees; providing
45	penalties; authorizing the department to impose
46	sanctions on persons or entities engaging in
47	unlicensed activities; providing that a person is not
48	exempt from prosecution for certain offenses and is
49	not relieved from certain requirements of law under
50	certain circumstances; providing for certain school

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51	personnel to possess marijuana pursuant to certain
52	established policies and procedures; amending ss.
53	458.331 and 459.015, F.S.; providing additional acts
54	by a physician or an osteopathic physician which
55	constitute grounds for denial of a license or
56	disciplinary action to which penalties apply; creating
57	s. 381.988, F.S.; providing for the establishment of
58	medical marijuana testing laboratories; requiring the
59	Department of Health, in collaboration with the
60	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and
61	the Department of Environmental Protection, to develop
62	certification standards and rules; creating s.
63	381.989, F.S.; directing the department to institute
64	public education campaigns relating to cannabis and
65	marijuana and impaired driving; authorizing the
66	department to contract with vendors to implement and
67	evaluate the campaigns; amending ss. 385.211,
68	499.0295, and 893.02, F.S.; conforming provisions to
69	changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.441, F.S.;
70	revising a definition; amending s. 1006.062, F.S.;
71	requiring district school boards to adopt policies and
72	procedures for access to medical marijuana by
73	qualified patients who are students; providing
74	emergency rulemaking authority; providing for venue
75	for a cause of action against the department;

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76	providing for defense against certain causes of
77	action; providing appropriations; providing an
78	effective date.
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80	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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82	Section 1. Paragraph (1) of subsection (2) of section
83	212.08, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (m), and
84	a new paragraph (1) is added to that subsection, to read:
85	212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and
86	storage tax; specified exemptionsThe sale at retail, the
87	rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the
88	storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following
89	are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this
90	chapter.
91	(2) EXEMPTIONS; MEDICAL
92	(1) Marijuana, as defined in s. 381.986, is exempt from
93	the taxes imposed under this chapter.
94	Section 2. Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended
95	to read:
96	(Substantial rewording of section. See
97	s. 381.986, F.S., for present text.)
98	<u>381.986</u> Medical use of marijuana.—
99	(1) DEFINITIONSAs used in this section, the term:
100	(a) "Caregiver" means a permanent resident of this state

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101	who has agreed to assist with a qualified patient's medical use
102	of marijuana, has a caregiver identification card, and meets the
103	requirements of subsection (6).
104	(b) "Low-THC cannabis" means a plant of the genus
105	Cannabis, the dried flowers of which contain 0.8 percent or less
106	of tetrahydrocannabinol and more than 10 percent of cannabidiol
107	weight for weight; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from
108	any part of such plant; or any compound, manufacture, salt,
109	derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant or its seeds
110	or resin that is dispensed only from a medical marijuana
111	treatment center.
112	(c) "Marijuana" means all parts of any plant of the genus
113	Cannabis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin
114	extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound,
115	manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the
116	plant or its seeds or resin, including low-THC cannabis which
117	are dispensed only from a medical marijuana treatment center for
118	medical use by a qualified patient.
119	(d) "Marijuana delivery device" means an object used,
120	intended for use, or designed for use in preparing, storing,
121	ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana into the
122	human body.
123	(e) "Marijuana testing laboratory" means a facility that
124	collects and analyzes marijuana samples from a medical marijuana
125	treatment center and has been certified by the department
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126 pursuant to s. 381.988. "Medical director" means a person who holds an active, 127 (f) 128 unrestricted license as an allopathic physician under chapter 129 458 or osteopathic physician under chapter 459 and is in 130 compliance with the requirements of paragraph (3)(a). "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, use, 131 (q) 132 delivery, transfer, or administration of marijuana authorized by a physician certification. The term does not include: 133 134 1. Possession, use, or administration of marijuana that 135 was not purchased or acquired from a medical marijuana treatment 136 center. 137 2. Possession, use, or administration of marijuana in a form for smoking or vaping or in the form of commercially 138 139 produced food items made with marijuana or marijuana oils, 140 except for vapable forms possessed, used, or administered by or 141 for a qualified patient diagnosed with a terminal condition. 142 3. Use or administration of any form or amount of 143 marijuana in a manner that is inconsistent with the qualified 144 physician's directions or physician certification. 145 4. Transfer of marijuana to a person other than the 146 qualified patient for whom it was authorized or the qualified 147 patient's caregiver on behalf of the qualified patient. 5. Use or administration of marijuana in the following 148 149 locations: 150 a. On any form of public transportation.

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151	b. In any public place.
152	c. In a qualified patient's place of employment, except
153	when permitted by his or her employer.
154	d. In a state correctional institution, as defined in s.
155	944.02, or a correctional institution, as defined in s. 944.241.
156	e. On the grounds of a preschool, primary school, or
157	secondary school, except as provided in s. 1006.062.
158	f. In a school bus, a vehicle, an aircraft, or a
159	motorboat.
160	(h) "Physician certification" means a qualified
161	physician's authorization for a qualified patient to receive
162	marijuana and a marijuana delivery device from a medical
163	marijuana treatment center.
164	(i) "Qualified patient" means a resident of this state who
165	has been added to the medical marijuana use registry by a
166	qualified physician to receive marijuana or a marijuana delivery
167	device for a medical use and who has a qualified patient
168	identification card.
169	(j) "Qualified physician" means a person who holds an
170	active, unrestricted license as an allopathic physician under
171	chapter 458 or as an osteopathic physician under chapter 459 and
172	is in compliance with the physician education requirements of
173	subsection (3).
174	(k) "Smoking" means burning or igniting a substance and
175	inhaling the smoke.
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176	(1) "Terminal condition" means a progressive disease or
177	medical or surgical condition that causes significant functional
178	impairment, is not considered by a treating physician to be
179	reversible without the administration of life-sustaining
180	procedures, and will result in death within 1 year after
181	diagnosis if the condition runs its normal course.
182	(2) QUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITIONSA patient must be
183	diagnosed with at least one of the following conditions to
184	qualify to receive marijuana or a marijuana delivery device:
185	(a) Cancer.
186	(b) Epilepsy.
187	(c) Glaucoma.
188	(d) Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus.
189	(e) Acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
190	(f) Post-traumatic stress disorder.
191	(g) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
192	(h) Crohn's disease.
193	(i) Parkinson's disease.
194	(j) Multiple sclerosis.
195	(k) Medical conditions of the same kind or class as or
196	comparable to those enumerated in paragraphs (a)-(j).
197	(1) A terminal condition diagnosed by a physician other
198	than the qualified physician issuing the physician
199	certification.
200	(3) QUALIFIED PHYSICIANSTo be approved as a qualified
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201	physician, as defined in paragraph (1)(j), a physician must:
202	(a) Successfully complete a 2-hour course and subsequent
203	examination approved by the applicable board which encompass the
204	requirements of this section and any rules adopted hereunder.
205	The course and examination shall be administered at least
206	annually and may be offered in a distance learning format,
207	including an electronic, online format that is available upon
208	request. A physician who has met the physician education
209	requirements of former s. 381.986(4), Florida Statutes 2016,
210	before the effective date of this section, shall be deemed to be
211	in compliance with this paragraph from the effective date of
212	this act until 90 days after the course and examination required
213	by this paragraph become available.
214	(b) Not be employed by, or have any direct or indirect
215	economic interest in, a medical marijuana treatment center or
216	marijuana testing laboratory.
217	(4) PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION
218	(a) A qualified physician may issue a physician
219	certification only if the qualified physician:
220	1. Conducted a physical examination while physically
221	present in the same room as the patient and a full assessment of
222	the medical history of the patient.
223	2. Diagnosed the patient with at least one qualifying
224	medical condition, and, if the diagnosis is pursuant to
225	paragraph (2)(k), submits to the applicable board:

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226	a. Documentation supporting the qualified physician's
227	opinion that the medical condition is of the same kind or class
228	as the conditions in paragraphs (2)(a)-(j).
229	b. Documentation that establishes the efficacy of
230	marijuana as treatment for the condition.
231	c. Documentation supporting the qualified physician's
232	opinion that medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the
233	potential health risks for the patient.
234	d. Any other documentation requested by the board.
235	3. Treated the patient for at least 3 months immediately
236	preceding the patient's registration in the medical marijuana
237	use registry, except for a patient who has been diagnosed with a
238	terminal condition.
239	4. Determined that the medical use of marijuana would
240	likely outweigh the potential health risks for the patient. If a
241	patient is younger than 18 years of age, a second physician must
242	concur with this determination, and such determination must be
243	documented in the patient's medical record.
244	5. Reviewed the medical marijuana use registry and
245	confirmed that the patient does not have an active physician
246	certification from another qualified physician.
247	6. Registers as the issuer of the physician certification
248	for the named qualified patient on the medical marijuana use
249	registry in an electronic manner determined by the department,
250	and:

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251	a. Enters into the registry the contents of the physician
252	certification, including the patient's qualifying condition and
253	the dosage, amount, and form of marijuana authorized for the
254	patient and any marijuana delivery device needed by the patient
255	for the medical use of marijuana.
256	b. Updates the registry within 7 days after any change is
257	made to the original physician certification to reflect such
258	change.
259	c. Deactivates the registration of the qualified patient
260	and the patient's caregiver when treatment is discontinued.
261	7. Maintains an individualized patient treatment plan that
262	includes the qualified patient's qualifying condition and the
263	dose, route of administration, planned duration, treatment
264	objectives, plan for assessing and monitoring the qualified
265	patient's risk of aberrant drug-related behavior, and plan for
266	monitoring the qualified patient's symptoms and other indicators
267	of tolerance or reaction to the marijuana.
268	8. Submits the patient treatment plan quarterly to the
269	University of Florida College of Pharmacy for research on the
270	safety and efficacy of marijuana.
271	9. Obtains the voluntary and informed written consent of
272	the patient to treatment with marijuana each time the qualified
273	physician issues a physician certification for the patient,
274	which shall be maintained in the patient's medical record. The
275	patient, or the patient's parent or legal guardian if the
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276	patient is a minor, must sign the informed consent acknowledging
277	that the qualified physician has sufficiently explained its
278	content. The qualified physician must use a standardized
279	informed consent form adopted in rule by the Board of Medicine
280	and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, which must include, at a
281	minimum, information related to:
282	a. The Federal Government's classification of marijuana as
283	a Schedule I controlled substance.
284	b. The approval and oversight status of marijuana by the
285	Food and Drug Administration.
286	c. The current state of research on the efficacy of
287	marijuana to treat the qualifying conditions set forth in this
288	section.
289	d. The potential for addiction.
290	e. The potential effect that marijuana may have on a
291	patient's coordination, motor skills, and cognition, including a
292	warning against operating heavy machinery, operating a motor
293	vehicle, or engaging in activities that require a person to be
294	alert or respond quickly.
295	f. The potential side effects of marijuana use.
296	g. The risks, benefits, and drug interactions of
297	marijuana.
298	(b) A qualified physician may not issue a physician
299	certification for more than a 90-day supply of marijuana. The
300	department shall quantify by rule a daily dose amount with

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301	equivalent dose amounts for each allowable form of marijuana
302	dispensed by a medical marijuana treatment center. The
303	department shall use the daily dose amount to calculate the 90-
304	day supply.
305	1. A qualified physician may request an exception to the
306	90-day supply limit. The request shall be made electronically on
307	a form adopted by the department in rule and must include, at a
308	minimum:
309	a. The qualified patient's qualifying medical condition.
310	b. The dosage and route of administration that was
311	insufficient to provide relief to the qualified patient.
312	c. A description of how the patient will benefit from an
313	increased supply.
314	d. The minimum supply of marijuana that would be
315	sufficient for the treatment of the qualified patient's
316	qualifying medical condition.
317	2. A qualified physician must provide the qualified
318	patient's records upon the request of the department.
319	3. The department shall approve or disapprove the request
320	within 30 days after receipt of the complete documentation
321	required by this paragraph. The request shall be deemed approved
322	if the department fails to act within this time period.
323	(c) A qualified physician must evaluate an existing
324	patient at least once every 90 days to determine if the patient
325	still meets the requirements of paragraph (a).
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326	(d) An active order for low-THC cannabis or medical
327	cannabis issued pursuant to former s. 381.986, Florida Statutes
328	2016, and registered with the compassionate use registry before
329	the effective date of this section, is deemed a physician
330	certification, and all patients possessing such orders are
331	deemed qualified patients until the department begins issuing
332	medical marijuana use registry identification cards.
333	(e) The department shall monitor physician registration in
334	the medical marijuana use registry and the issuance of physician
335	certifications for practices that could facilitate unlawful
336	diversion or misuse of marijuana or a marijuana delivery device
337	and shall take disciplinary action as appropriate.
338	(f) The Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic
339	Medicine shall jointly create a physician certification pattern
340	review panel that shall review all physician certifications
341	submitted to the medical marijuana use registry. The panel shall
342	track and report the number of physician certifications and the
343	qualifying medical conditions, dosage, supply amount, and form
344	of marijuana certified. The panel shall report the data both by
345	individual qualified physician and in the aggregate, by county,
346	and statewide. The physician certification pattern review panel
347	shall, beginning January 1, 2018, submit an annual report of its
348	findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of
349	the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
350	(g) The department, the Board of Medicine, and the Board
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351	of Osteopathic Medicine may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
352	120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subsection.
353	(5) MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE REGISTRY
354	(a) The department shall create and maintain a secure,
355	electronic, and online medical marijuana use registry for
356	physicians, patients, and caregivers as provided under this
357	section. The medical marijuana use registry must be accessible
358	to law enforcement agencies, qualified physicians, and medical
359	marijuana treatment centers to verify the authorization of a
360	qualified patient or a caregiver to possess marijuana or a
361	marijuana delivery device and record the marijuana or marijuana
362	delivery device dispensed. The medical marijuana use registry
363	must prevent an active registration of a qualified patient by
364	multiple physicians.
365	(b) The department shall determine whether an individual
365 366	(b) The department shall determine whether an individual is a permanent resident of this state for the purpose of
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366	is a permanent resident of this state for the purpose of
366 367	is a permanent resident of this state for the purpose of registration of qualified patients and caregivers in the medical
366 367 368	is a permanent resident of this state for the purpose of registration of qualified patients and caregivers in the medical marijuana use registry. To prove permanent residency:
366 367 368 369	is a permanent resident of this state for the purpose of registration of qualified patients and caregivers in the medical marijuana use registry. To prove permanent residency: 1. An adult must provide the department with a copy of his
366 367 368 369 370	is a permanent resident of this state for the purpose of registration of qualified patients and caregivers in the medical marijuana use registry. To prove permanent residency: 1. An adult must provide the department with a copy of his or her valid Florida driver license issued under s. 322.18 or a
366 367 368 369 370 371	is a permanent resident of this state for the purpose of registration of qualified patients and caregivers in the medical marijuana use registry. To prove permanent residency: 1. An adult must provide the department with a copy of his or her valid Florida driver license issued under s. 322.18 or a valid Florida identification card issued under s. 322.051 and a
366 367 368 369 370 371 372	is a permanent resident of this state for the purpose of registration of qualified patients and caregivers in the medical marijuana use registry. To prove permanent residency: 1. An adult must provide the department with a copy of his or her valid Florida driver license issued under s. 322.18 or a valid Florida identification card issued under s. 322.051 and a copy of one of the following documents:
366 367 368 369 370 371 372 373	is a permanent resident of this state for the purpose of registration of qualified patients and caregivers in the medical marijuana use registry. To prove permanent residency: 1. An adult must provide the department with a copy of his or her valid Florida driver license issued under s. 322.18 or a valid Florida identification card issued under s. 322.051 and a copy of one of the following documents: a. Proof of voter registration in this state.

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376	Florida driver license or Florida identification card.
377	c. The address as listed on federal income tax returns
378	filed by the individual seeking to prove residency which matches
379	the address on the individual's Florida driver license or
380	Florida identification card.
381	2. A minor must provide the department with a certified
382	copy of a birth certificate or a current record of registration
383	from a Florida K-12 school and must have a parent or legal
384	guardian who meets the requirements of subparagraph (6)(b)1.
385	(c) The department may suspend the registration of a
386	qualified patient or caregiver if the qualified patient or
387	caregiver:
388	1. Provides misleading, incorrect, false, or fraudulent
389	information to the department;
390	2. Obtains a supply of marijuana in an amount greater than
391	the amount authorized by the physician certification;
392	3. Falsifies, alters, or otherwise modifies an
393	identification card;
394	4. Fails to timely notify the department of any changes to
395	his or her qualified patient status; or
396	5. Violates the requirements of this section or any rule
397	adopted under this section.
398	(d) The department shall immediately suspend the
399	registration of a qualified patient charged with a violation of
400	chapter 893 until final disposition of any alleged offense.
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401	Thereafter, the department may extend the suspension, revoke the
402	registration, or reinstate the registration.
403	(e) The department shall immediately suspend the
404	registration of any caregiver charged with a violation of
405	chapter 893 until final disposition of any alleged offense. The
406	department shall revoke a caregiver registration if the
407	caregiver does not meet the requirements of subparagraph
408	<u>(6)(b)6.</u>
409	(f) The department may revoke the registration of a
410	qualified patient or caregiver who cultivates marijuana or who
411	acquires, possesses, or delivers marijuana from any person or
412	entity other than a medical marijuana treatment center.
413	(g) The department shall revoke the registration of a
414	qualified patient, and the patient's associated caregiver, upon
415	notification that the patient no longer meets the criteria of a
416	qualified patient.
417	(h) The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
418	120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subsection.
419	(6) CAREGIVERS
420	(a) The department must register an individual as a
421	caregiver on the medical marijuana use registry and issue a
422	caregiver identification card if an individual designated by a
423	qualified patient meets all of the requirements of this
424	subsection and department rule.
425	(b) A qualified patient may designate one caregiver to
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426	assist with the qualified patient's medical use of marijuana. A
427	caregiver must:
428	1. Not be a qualified physician and not be employed by or
429	<u>have an economic interest in a medical marijuana treatment</u>
430	center or a marijuana testing laboratory.
431	2. Be 21 years of age or older and a permanent resident of
432	this state.
433	3. Agree in writing to assist with the qualified patient's
434	medical use of marijuana.
435	4. Be registered in the medical marijuana use registry as
436	a caregiver for no more than one qualified patient, except as
437	provided in this paragraph.
438	5. Successfully complete a caregiver certification course
439	and subsequent examination developed and administered by the
440	department or its designee, which must be renewed biennially.
441	6. Successfully pass a level 2 background screening as
442	provided under chapter 435, which, in addition to the
443	disqualifying offenses provided in s. 435.04, shall exclude an
444	individual who has an arrest awaiting final disposition for, has
445	been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or has entered
446	a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to an offense under chapter
447	837, chapter 895, or chapter 896 or similar law of another
448	jurisdiction.
449	(c) A caregiver may be registered in the medical marijuana
450	use registry as a designated caregiver for no more than one

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451	qualified patient, unless:
452	1. The caregiver is a parent or legal guardian of more
453	than one minor child who is a qualified patient;
454	2. The caregiver is a parent or legal guardian of more
455	than one adult child who is a qualified patient and who has an
456	intellectual or developmental disability that prevents the adult
457	child from being able to protect or care for himself or herself
458	without assistance or supervision; or
459	3. All qualified patients the caregiver has agreed to
460	assist are admitted to a hospice program or are residents of the
461	same nursing facility and have requested the assistance of that
462	caregiver with the medical use of marijuana; the caregiver is an
463	employee of the hospice or nursing facility; and the caregiver
464	provides personal care or other services directly to clients of
465	the hospice or nursing facility in the scope of that employment.
466	(d) A caregiver may not receive compensation for any
467	services provided to the qualified patient but may recover
468	caregiver certification fees.
469	(e) A caregiver must be in immediate possession of his or
470	her medical marijuana use registry identification card at all
471	times when in possession of marijuana or a marijuana delivery
472	device and must present his or her medical marijuana use
473	registry identification card upon the request of a law
474	enforcement officer.
475	(f) The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
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476	120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subsection.
477	(7) IDENTIFICATION CARDS
478	(a) The department shall issue medical marijuana use
479	registry identification cards for qualified patients and
480	caregivers who are permanent residents of this state, which must
481	be renewed annually. The identification cards must be resistant
482	to counterfeiting and tampering and must include, at a minimum,
483	the following:
484	1. The name, address, and date of birth of the qualified
485	patient or caregiver.
486	2. A full-face, passport-type, color photograph of the
487	qualified patient or caregiver taken within the 90 days
488	immediately preceding registration.
489	3. Identification as a qualified patient or a caregiver.
490	4. The unique numeric identifier used for the qualified
491	patient in the medical marijuana use registry.
492	5. For a caregiver, the name and unique numeric identifier
493	of the qualified patient or patients that the caregiver is
494	assisting.
495	6. The expiration date of the identification card.
496	(b) The department must receive written consent from a
497	qualified patient's parent or legal guardian before it may issue
498	an identification card to a qualified patient who is a minor.
499	(c) The department shall, by July 3, 2017, adopt rules
500	pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 establishing procedures
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501	for the issuance, renewal, suspension, replacement, surrender,
502	and revocation of medical marijuana use registry identification
503	cards and shall begin issuing qualified patient identification
504	cards by October 3, 2017.
505	(d) Applications for identification cards must be
506	submitted on a form prescribed by the department. The department
507	may charge a reasonable fee associated with the issuance,
508	replacement, and renewal of identification cards. The department
509	may contract with a third party to issue identification cards.
510	(e) A qualified patient or caregiver must return his or
511	her identification card to the department within 5 business days
512	after revocation.
513	(8) MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS
514	(a) The department shall license medical marijuana
515	treatment centers to ensure reasonable statewide accessibility
516	and availability as necessary for qualified patients registered
517	in the medical marijuana use registry and who are issued a
518	physician certification under this section.
519	1. The department shall license as a medical marijuana
520	treatment center any entity that holds an active, unrestricted
521	license to cultivate, process, transport, and dispense low-THC
522	cannabis, medical cannabis, and cannabis delivery devices, under
523	former s. 381.986 Florida Statutes 2016, before July 1, 2017,
524	and which meets the requirements of this section. In addition to
525	the authority granted under this section, these entities are
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526	authorized to dispense low-THC cannabis, medical cannabis, and
527	cannabis delivery devices ordered pursuant to former s. 381.986,
528	Florida Statutes 2016, which were entered into the compassionate
529	use registry before July 1, 2017. The department may grant
530	variances from the representations made in such an entity's
531	original application for approval under former s. 381.986,
532	Florida Statutes 2014, pursuant to paragraph (e).
533	2. The department shall also license as a medical
534	marijuana treatment center any applicant that was denied a
535	dispensing organization license by the department under former
536	s. 381.986, Florida Statutes 2014, if the applicant is awarded a
537	license pursuant to an administrative or legal challenge filed
538	prior to January 1, 2017, and meets the requirements of this
539	section.
540	3. Upon the registration of 150,000 active qualified
541	patients in the medical marijuana use registry, the department
542	shall also license as a medical marijuana treatment center one
543	applicant per region which was a dispensing organization
544	applicant under former s. 381.986, Florida Statutes 2014; was
545	the next-highest scoring applicant after the applicant or
546	applicants that were awarded a license for that region; and
547	meets the requirements of this section.
548	4. Upon the registration of 150,000 active qualified
549	patients in the medical marijuana use registry, the department
550	shall also license as a medical marijuana treatment center one

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575	center biennially if the licensee meets the requirements of this
574	shall renew the licensure of a medical marijuana treatment
573	section and pays the initial application fee. The department
572	applicant if the applicant meets the requirements of this
571	licensure program. The department shall issue a license to an
570	fees sufficient to cover the costs of administering this
569	of licenses, including initial application and biennial renewal
568	establishing a procedure for the issuance and biennial renewal
567	shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54
566	prescribed by the department and adopted in rule. The department
565	treatment center shall apply to the department on a form
564	(b) An applicant for licensure as a medical marijuana
563	meet the requirements of this section.
562	qualified patients in the medical marijuana use registry who
561	centers upon the registration of each additional 100,000 active
560	the department shall license three medical marijuana treatment
559	centers that meet the requirements of this section. Thereafter,
558	shall license five additional medical marijuana treatment
557	patients in the medical marijuana use registry, the department
556	5. Upon the registration of 200,000 active qualified
555	requirements of this section.
554	Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association; and meets the
553	Litig., 856 F. Supp. 2d 1 (D.D.C. 2011); is a member of the
552	Glickman, 185 F.R.D. 82 (D.D.C. 1999), or In Re Black Farmers
551	applicant that is a recognized class member of Pigford v.

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576	section and pays the biennial renewal fee. An applicant for
577	licensure as a medical marijuana treatment center must
578	demonstrate:
579	1. The technical and technological ability to cultivate
580	and produce marijuana, including, but not limited to, low-THC
581	cannabis. The applicant must possess a valid certificate of
582	registration issued by the Department of Agriculture and
583	Consumer Services pursuant to s. 581.131 which is issued for the
584	cultivation of more than 400,000 plants, be operated by a
585	nurseryman as defined in s. 581.011, and have operated as a
586	registered nursery in this state for at least 5 continuous
587	years.
588	2. The ability to secure the premises, resources, and
589	personnel necessary to operate as a medical marijuana treatment
590	center.
591	3. The ability to maintain accountability of all raw
592	materials, finished products, and any byproducts to prevent
593	diversion or unlawful access to or possession of these
594	substances.
595	4. An infrastructure reasonably located to dispense
596	marijuana to registered qualified patients statewide or
597	regionally as determined by the department.
598	5. The financial ability to maintain operations for the
599	duration of the 2-year approval cycle, including the provision
600	of certified financial statements to the department. Upon
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601	approval, the applicant must post a \$5 million performance bond.
602	However, a medical marijuana treatment center serving at least
603	1,000 qualified patients is only required to maintain a \$2
604	million performance bond.
605	6. That all owners, officers, board members, and managers
606	have successfully passed a level 2 background screening as
607	provided under chapter 435, which, in addition to the
608	disqualifying offenses provided in s. 435.04, shall exclude an
609	individual that has an arrest awaiting final disposition for,
610	has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered
611	a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to an offense under chapter
612	837, chapter 895, or chapter 896 or similar law of another
613	jurisdiction.
614	7. The employment of a medical director to supervise the
615	activities of the medical marijuana treatment center.
616	(c) A medical marijuana treatment center may make a
617	wholesale purchase of marijuana from, or a distribution of
618	marijuana to, another medical marijuana treatment center.
619	(d) The department shall establish, maintain, and control
620	a computer software tracking system that traces marijuana from
621	seed to sale and allows real-time, 24-hour access by the
622	department to data from all medical marijuana treatment centers
623	and marijuana testing laboratories. The tracking system must, at
624	a minimum, include notification of when marijuana seeds are
625	planted, when marijuana plants are harvested and destroyed, and
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when marijuana is transported, sold, stolen, diverted, or lost.
Each medical marijuana treatment center shall use the seed-to-
sale tracking system selected by the department.
(e) A licensed medical marijuana treatment center must, at
all times, maintain compliance with the criteria demonstrated
and representations made in the initial application and the
criteria established in this subsection. Upon request, the
<u>department may grant a medical marijuana treatment center a</u>
variance from the representations made in the initial
application. Consideration of such a request shall be based upon
the individual facts and circumstances surrounding the request.
A variance may not be granted unless the requesting medical
marijuana treatment center can demonstrate to the department
that it has a proposed alternative to the specific
representation made in its application which fulfills the same
or a similar purpose as the specific representation in a way
that the department can reasonably determine will not be a lower
standard than the specific representation in the application.
1. A medical marijuana treatment center, and any
individual or entity who directly or indirectly owns, controls,
or holds with power to vote 25 percent or more of the voting
shares of a medical marijuana treatment center, may not acquire
direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5 percent
of the voting shares or other form of ownership of any other
medical marijuana treatment center.

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2. All employees of a medical marijuana treatment center
final disposition for, has been found guilty of, regardless of
adjudication, or has entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty
to an offense under chapter 837, chapter 895, or chapter 896 or
similar law of another jurisdiction.
3. Each medical marijuana treatment center must adopt and
enforce policies and procedures to ensure employees and
volunteers receive training on the legal requirements to
dispense marijuana to qualified patients.
4. When growing marijuana, a medical marijuana treatment
center:
a. May use pesticides determined by the department, after
consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services, to be safely applied to plants intended for human
consumption, but may not use pesticides designated as
restricted-use pesticides pursuant to s. 487.042.
b. Must grow marijuana within an enclosed structure and in
a room separate from any other plant.
c. Must inspect seeds and growing plants for plant pests
that endanger or threaten the horticultural and agricultural
interests of the state, notify the Department of Agriculture and
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676	Consumer Services within 10 calendar days after a determination
677	that a plant is infested or infected by such plant pest, and
678	implement and maintain phytosanitary policies and procedures.
679	d. Must perform fumigation or treatment of plants, or
680	remove and destroy infested or infected plants, in accordance
681	with chapter 581 and any rules adopted thereunder.
682	5. Each medical marijuana treatment center must produce
683	and make available for purchase at least one low-THC cannabis
684	product, which must be available in all forms that a medical
685	marijuana treatment center produces for other products.
686	6. When processing marijuana, a medical marijuana
687	treatment center must:
688	a. Process the marijuana within an enclosed structure and
689	in a room separate from other plants or products.
690	b. Not use a hydrocarbon based solvent, such as butane,
691	hexane, or propane, to extract or separate resin from marijuana.
692	c. Test the processed marijuana using a medical marijuana
693	testing laboratory before it is dispensed. Results must be
694	verified and signed by two medical marijuana treatment center
695	employees. Before dispensing, the medical marijuana treatment
696	center must determine that the test results indicate that low-
697	THC cannabis meets the definition of low-THC cannabis and that
698	all marijuana is safe for human consumption and free from
699	contaminants that are unsafe for human consumption. The
700	Department of Health shall determine by rule which contaminants
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701	must be tested for and the maximum levels of each contaminant
702	which are safe for human consumption. The medical marijuana
703	treatment center must retain records of all testing and samples
704	of each homogenous batch of marijuana for at least 9 months. The
705	medical marijuana treatment center must contract with a
706	marijuana testing laboratory to perform audits on the medical
707	marijuana treatment center's standard operating procedures,
708	testing records, and samples and provide the results to the
709	department to confirm that the marijuana or low-THC cannabis
710	meets the requirements of this section and that the marijuana or
711	low-THC cannabis is safe for human consumption. A medical
712	marijuana treatment center shall reserve two processed samples
713	from each batch and retain such samples for at least 9 months
714	for the purpose such audits. A medical marijuana treatment
715	center may use a laboratory that has not been certified by the
716	department under s. 381.988 until such time as at least one
717	laboratory holds the required certification, but in no event
718	later than July 1, 2018.
719	d. Package the marijuana in compliance with the United
720	States Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970, 15 U.S.C. ss.
721	<u>1471 et seq.</u>
722	e. Package the marijuana in a receptacle that has a firmly
723	affixed and legible label stating the following information:
724	(I) The marijuana or low-THC cannabis meets the
725	requirements of sub-subparagraph c.
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726	(II) The name of the medical marijuana treatment center
727	from which the marijuana originates.
728	(III) The batch number and harvest number from which the
729	marijuana originates and the date dispensed.
730	(IV) The name of the physician who issued the physician
731	certification.
732	(V) The name of the patient;
733	(VI) The product name, if applicable, and dosage form,
734	including concentration of THC and CBD.
735	(VII) The recommended dose.
736	(VIII) A warning that it is illegal to transfer medical
737	marijuana to another person.
738	(IX) A marijuana universal symbol developed by the
739	department.
740	7. The medical marijuana treatment center shall include in
741	each package a patient package insert with information on the
742	specific product dispensed related to:
743	a. Clinical pharmacology.
744	b. Indications and use.
745	c. Dosage and administration.
746	d. Dosage forms and strengths.
747	e. Contraindications.
748	f. Warnings and precautions.
749	g. Adverse reactions.
750	8. When dispensing marijuana or a marijuana delivery

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751	device, a medical marijuana treatment center:
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	a. May dispense any active, valid order for low-THC
753	cannabis, medical cannabis and cannabis delivery devices issued
754	pursuant to former s. 381.986 Florida Statutes 2016, which was
755	been entered into the medical marijuana use registry before July
756	<u>1, 2017.</u>
757	b. May not dispense more than a 90-day supply of marijuana
758	to a qualified patient or caregiver.
759	c. Must have the medical marijuana treatment center's
760	employee who dispenses the marijuana or a marijuana delivery
761	device enter into the medical marijuana use registry his or her
762	name or unique employee identifier.
763	d. Must verify that the qualified patient and the
764	caregiver, if applicable, both have an active and valid
765	compassionate use registry identification card and that the
766	amount and type of marijuana dispensed matches the physician's
767	certification in the medical marijuana use registry for that
768	qualified patient.
769	e. May not dispense or sell any other type of cannabis,
770	alcohol, or illicit drug-related product, including pipes,
771	bongs, or wrapping papers, other than a marijuana delivery
772	device required for the medical use of marijuana and which is
773	specified in a physician certification.
774	f. Must verify that the qualified patient has an active
775	registration in the medical marijuana use registry, the
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776	qualified patient or caregiver holds a valid and active medical
777	marijuana use registry identification card, the physician
778	certification presented matches the physician certification
779	contents as recorded in the registry, and the physician
780	certification has not already been filled.
781	g. Must, upon dispensing the marijuana or marijuana
782	delivery device, record in the registry the date, time,
783	quantity, and form of marijuana dispensed; the type of marijuana
784	delivery device dispensed; and the name and medical marijuana
785	use registry identification number of the qualified patient or
786	caregiver to whom the marijuana delivery device was dispensed.
787	(f) To ensure the safety and security of its premises and
788	any off-site storage facilities, and to maintain adequate
789	controls against the diversion, theft, and loss of marijuana or
790	marijuana delivery devices, a medical marijuana treatment center
791	shall:
792	1.a. Maintain a fully operational security alarm system
793	that secures all entry points and perimeter windows and is
794	equipped with motion detectors; pressure switches; and duress,
795	panic, and hold-up alarms; or
796	b. Maintain a video surveillance system that records
797	continuously 24 hours a day and meets the following criteria:
798	(I) Cameras are fixed in a place that allows for the clear
799	identification of persons and activities in controlled areas of
800	the premises. Controlled areas include grow rooms, processing
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801 rooms, storage rooms, disposal rooms or areas, and point-of-sale 802 rooms. 803 (II) Cameras are fixed in entrances and exits to the 804 premises, which shall record from both indoor and outdoor, or 805 ingress and egress, vantage points. 806 (III) Recorded images must clearly and accurately display 807 the time and date. 808 (IV) Retain video surveillance recordings for at least 45 809 days or longer upon the request of a law enforcement agency. 810 Ensure that the medical marijuana treatment center's 2. 811 outdoor premises have sufficient lighting from dusk until dawn. 812 Not dispense from its premises marijuana or a marijuana 3. 813 delivery device between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., but may 814 perform all other operations and deliver marijuana to qualified 815 patients 24 hours a day. 816 4. Store marijuana in a secured, locked room or a vault. 817 5. Require at least two of its employees, or two employees 818 of a security agency with whom it contracts, to be on the 819 premises at all times. 820 6. Require each employee to wear a photo identification 821 badge at all times while on the premises. 822 7. Require each visitor to wear a visitor pass at all 823 times while on the premises. 824 Implement an alcohol and drug-free workplace policy. 8. 825 9. Report to local law enforcement within 24 hours after

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826	the treatment center is notified or becomes aware of the theft,
827	diversion, or loss of marijuana.
828	(g) If a medical marijuana treatment center uses a banking
829	institution, the treatment center must maintain all accounts
830	that are directly or indirectly associated with the business of
831	the medical marijuana treatment center at a single bank.
832	(h) To ensure the safe transport of marijuana to medical
833	<u>marijuana treatment centers, marijuana testing laboratories, or</u>
834	qualified patients, a medical marijuana treatment center must:
835	1. Maintain a marijuana transportation manifest in any
836	vehicle transporting marijuana. The marijuana transportation
837	manifest must be generated from a medical marijuana treatment
838	center's seed-to-sale tracking system and include the:
839	a. Departure date and approximate time of departure.
840	b. Name, location address, and license number of the
841	originating medical marijuana treatment center.
842	c. Name and address of the recipient of the delivery.
843	d. Quantity and form of any marijuana or marijuana
844	delivery device being transported.
845	e. Arrival date and estimated time of arrival.
846	f. Delivery vehicle make and model and license plate
847	number.
848	g. Name and signature of the medical marijuana treatment
849	center employees delivering the product.
850	(I) A copy of the marijuana transportation manifest must
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851	be provided to each individual, medical marijuana treatment
852	center, or marijuana testing laboratory that receives a
853	delivery. The individual, or a representative of the center or
854	laboratory, must sign a copy of the marijuana transportation
855	manifest acknowledging receipt.
856	(II) An individual transporting marijuana must present a
857	copy of the relevant marijuana transportation manifest and his
858	or her employee identification card to a law enforcement officer
859	upon request.
860	(III) Medical marijuana treatment centers and marijuana
861	testing laboratories must retain copies of all marijuana
862	transportation manifests for at least 5 years.
863	2. Ensure only vehicles in good working order are used to
864	transport marijuana.
865	3. Lock marijuana in a separate compartment or container
866	within the vehicle.
867	4. Require employees to have possession of their employee
868	identification card at all times when transporting marijuana.
869	5. Require at least two persons to be in a vehicle
870	transporting marijuana, and require at least one person to
871	remain in the vehicle while the marijuana is being delivered.
872	6. Provide specific safety and security training to
873	employees transporting or delivering marijuana.
874	(i) A medical marijuana treatment center may not engage in
875	advertising that is visible to members of the public from any
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876	street, sidewalk, park, or other public place, except:
877	1. The dispensing location of a medical marijuana
878	treatment center may have a sign that is affixed to the outside
879	or hanging in the window of the premises which identifies the
880	dispensary by the licensee's business name or by a department-
881	approved trade name.
882	2. A medical marijuana treatment center may engage in
883	Internet advertising and marketing under the following
884	conditions:
885	a. All advertisements must be approved by the department.
886	b. An advertisement may not have any content that
887	specifically targets individuals under the age of 18, including
888	cartoon characters or similar images.
889	c. An advertisement may not be an unsolicited pop-up
890	advertisement.
891	d. Opt-in marketing must include an easy and permanent
892	opt-out feature.
893	(j) Each medical marijuana treatment center that dispenses
894	marijuana and marijuana delivery devices shall make available to
895	the public on its website:
896	1. Each marijuana and low-THC product available for
897	purchase, including the form, strain of marijuana from which it
898	was extracted, CBD content, THC content, dose unit, total number
899	of doses available, and the ratio of CBD to THC for each
900	product.
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901	2. The price for a 30-day supply at a standard dose for
902	each marijuana and low-THC product available for purchase.
903	3. The price for each marijuana delivery device available
904	for purchase.
905	4. If applicable, any discount policies and eligibility
906	criteria for such discounts.
907	(k) Medical marijuana treatment centers are the sole
908	source from which a qualified patient may legally obtain
909	marijuana.
910	(1) The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
911	120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subsection.
912	(9) MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER INSPECTIONS;
913	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS
914	(a) The department shall conduct announced or unannounced
915	inspections of medical marijuana treatment centers to determine
916	compliance with this section or rules adopted pursuant to this
917	section.
918	(b) The department shall inspect a medical marijuana
919	treatment center upon receiving a complaint or notice that the
920	medical marijuana treatment center has dispensed marijuana
921	containing mold, bacteria, or other contaminant that may cause
922	or has caused an adverse effect to human health or the
923	environment.
924	(c) The department shall conduct at least a biennial
925	inspection of each medical marijuana treatment center to

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926	evaluate the medical marijuana treatment center's records,
927	personnel, equipment, processes, security measures, sanitation
928	practices, and quality assurance practices.
929	(d) The department may enter into interagency agreements
930	with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
931	Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the
932	Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety
933	and Motor Vehicles, and the Agency for Health Care
934	Administration, and such agencies are authorized to enter into
935	an interagency agreement with the department to conduct
936	inspections or perform other responsibilities assigned to the
937	department under this section.
938	(e) The department shall publish a list of all approved
939	medical marijuana treatment centers, medical directors, and
940	qualified physicians on its website.
941	(f) The department may impose reasonable fines not to
942	exceed \$10,000 on a medical marijuana treatment center for any
943	of the following violations:
944	1. Violating this section or department rule.
945	2. Failing to maintain qualifications for approval.
946	3. Endangering the health, safety, or security of a
947	qualified patient.
948	4. Improperly disclosing personal and confidential
949	information of the qualified patient.
950	5. Attempting to procure medical marijuana treatment

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951	center approval by bribery, fraudulent misrepresentation, or
952	extortion.
953	6. Being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea
954	of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a
955	crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the business
956	of a medical marijuana treatment center.
957	7. Making or filing a report or record that the medical
958	marijuana treatment center knows to be false.
959	8. Willfully failing to maintain a record required by this
960	section or department rule.
961	9. Willfully impeding or obstructing an employee or agent
962	of the department in the furtherance of his or her official
963	duties.
964	10. Engaging in fraud or deceit, negligence, incompetence,
965	or misconduct in the business practices of a medical marijuana
966	treatment center.
967	11. Making misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent
968	representations in or related to the business practices of a
969	medical marijuana treatment center.
970	12. Having a license or the authority to engage in any
971	regulated profession, occupation, or business that is related to
972	the business practices of a medical marijuana treatment center
973	suspended, revoked, or otherwise acted against by the licensing
974	authority of any jurisdiction, including its agencies or
975	subdivisions, for a violation that would constitute a violation

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976	under Florida law.
977	13. Violating a lawful order of the department or an
978	agency of the state, or failing to comply with a lawfully issued
979	subpoena of the department or an agency of the state.
980	(g) The department may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew
981	a medical marijuana treatment center license if the treatment
982	center commits any of the violations in paragraph (f).
983	(h) The department shall renew the medical marijuana
984	treatment center license biennially if the treatment center
985	meets the requirements of this section and pays the biennial
986	renewal fee.
987	(i) The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
988	120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subsection.
989	(10) PREEMPTIONRegulation of cultivation, processing,
990	and delivery of marijuana by medical marijuana treatment centers
991	is preempted to the state except as provided in this subsection.
992	(a) A medical marijuana treatment center cultivating or
993	processing facility may not be located within 500 feet of the
994	real property that comprises a public or private elementary
995	school, middle school, or secondary school.
996	(b) A municipality may determine by ordinance the criteria
997	for the number and location of, and other permitting
998	requirements that do not conflict with state law or department
999	rule for, medical marijuana treatment center dispensing
1000	facilities located within the boundaries of the municipality. A
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1001	county may determine by ordinance the criteria for the number
1002	and location of, and other permitting requirements that do not
1003	conflict with state law or department rule for, all such
1004	dispensing facilities located within the unincorporated areas of
1005	that county. However, a medical marijuana treatment center
1006	dispensing facility may not be located within 500 feet of the
1007	real property that comprises a public or private elementary
1008	school, middle school, or secondary school unless the county or
1009	municipality approves the location as promoting the public
1010	health, safety, and general welfare of the community under
1011	proceedings as provided in s. 125.66(4) for counties, and s.
1012	166.041(3)(c) for municipalities. A municipality or county may
1013	not enact ordinances determining the location of dispensing
1014	facilities which are less restrictive than the county's or
1015	municipality's ordinances determining the location of entities
1016	licensed to sell alcoholic beverages.
1017	(c) A municipality or county may not charge a medical
1018	<u>marijuana treatment center a license or permit fee in an amount</u>
1019	greater that the fee charged by such municipality or county to
1020	pharmacies.
1021	(11) PENALTIES.—
1022	(a) A qualified physician commits a misdemeanor of the
1023	first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
1024	775.083, if the qualified physician orders marijuana for a
1025	patient without a reasonable belief that the patient is
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1026	suffering from a qualifying medical condition.
1027	(b) A person who fraudulently represents that he or she
1028	has a qualifying medical condition to a qualified physician for
1029	the purpose of being issued a physician certification commits a
1030	misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
1031	775.082 or s. 775.083.
1032	(c) A qualified patient's marijuana, and such patient's
1033	caregiver who administers marijuana, in plain view of or in a
1034	place open to the general public, in a school bus, a vehicle, an
1035	aircraft, or a boat, or on the grounds of a school except as
1036	provided in s. 1006.062, commits a misdemeanor of the first
1037	degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
1038	(d) A qualified patient or caregiver who cultivates
1039	marijuana or who purchases or acquires marijuana from any person
1040	or entity other than a medical marijuana treatment center
1041	violates s. 893.13 and is subject to the penalties provided
1042	therein.
1043	(e) A qualified patient or caregiver in possession of
1044	marijuana or a marijuana delivery device who fails or refuses to
1045	present his or her marijuana use registry identification card
1046	upon the request of a law enforcement officer commits a
1047	misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
1048	775.082 or s. 775.083.
1049	(f) A caregiver who violates any of the applicable
1050	provisions of this section or applicable department rules, for
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1051 the first offense, commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, 1052 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083 and, for a 1053 second or subsequent offense, commits a misdemeanor of the first 1054 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 1055 (q) A qualified physician who issues a physician 1056 certification for marijuana or a marijuana delivery device and 1057 receives compensation from a medical marijuana treatment center 1058 related to the issuance of a physician certification for 1059 marijuana or a marijuana delivery device is subject to disciplinary action under the applicable practice act and s. 1060 1061 456.072(1)(n). 1062 (h) A person transporting marijuana or marijuana delivery 1063 devices on behalf of a medical marijuana treatment center or marijuana testing laboratory who fails or refuses to present a 1064 1065 transportation manifest upon the request of a law enforcement 1066 officer commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable 1067 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 1068 Persons and entities conducting activities authorized (i) 1069 and governed by this section and s. 381.988 are subject to the 1070 provisions of ss. 456.053, 456.054, and 817.505, as applicable. 1071 (12) UNLICENSED ACTIVITY.-1072 If the department has probable cause to believe that a (a) 1073 person or entity that is not registered or licensed with the 1074 department has violated this section, s. 381.988, or any rule 1075 adopted pursuant to this section, the department may issue and

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1076	deliver to such person or entity a notice to cease and desist
1077	from such violation. The department also may issue and deliver a
1078	notice to cease and desist to any person or entity who aids and
1079	abets such unlicensed activity. The issuance of a notice to
1080	cease and desist does not constitute agency action for which a
1081	hearing under s. 120.569 or s. 120.57 may be sought. For the
1082	purpose of enforcing a cease and desist order, the department
1083	may file a proceeding in the name of the state seeking issuance
1084	of an injunction or a writ of mandamus against any person or
1085	entity who violates any provisions of such order.
1086	(b) In addition to the remedies under paragraph (a), the
1087	department may impose by citation an administrative penalty not
1088	to exceed \$5,000 per incident. The citation shall be issued to
1089	the subject and shall contain the subject's name and any other
1090	information the department determines to be necessary to
1091	identify the subject, a brief factual statement, the sections of
1092	the law allegedly violated, and the penalty imposed. If the
1093	subject does not dispute the matter in the citation with the
1094	department within 30 days after the citation is served, the
1095	citation shall become a final order of the department. The
1096	department may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54
1097	to implement this section. Each day that the unlicensed activity
1098	continues after issuance of a notice to cease and desist
1099	constitutes a separate violation. The department shall be
1100	entitled to recover the costs of investigation and prosecution
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1101	in addition to the fine levied pursuant to the citation. Service
1102	of a citation may be made by personal service or by mail to the
1103	subject at the subject's last known address or place of
1104	practice. If the department is required to seek enforcement of
1105	the cease and desist or agency order, it shall be entitled to
1106	collect attorney fees and costs.
1107	(c) In addition to or in lieu of any other administrative
1108	remedy, the department may seek the imposition of a civil
1109	penalty through the circuit court for any violation for which
1110	the department may issue a notice to cease and desist. The civil
1111	penalty shall be no less than \$5,000 and no more than \$10,000
1112	for each offense. The court may also award to the prevailing
1113	party court costs and reasonable attorney fees and, in the event
1114	the department prevails, may also award reasonable costs of
1115	investigation and prosecution.
1116	(d) The department must notify local law enforcement of
1117	such unlicensed activity for a determination of any criminal
1118	violation of chapter 893.
1119	(13) EXCEPTIONS TO OTHER LAWS
1120	(a) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or
1121	any other provision of law, but subject to the requirements of
1122	this section, a qualified patient and the qualified patient's
1123	caregiver may purchase from a medical marijuana treatment center
1124	for the patient's medical use a marijuana delivery device and up
1125	to the amount of marijuana authorized in the physician
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1126	certification, but may not possess more than a 90-day supply of
1127	marijuana at any given time and all marijuana purchased must
1128	remain in its original packaging.
1129	(b) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or
1130	any other provision of law, but subject to the requirements of
1131	this section, an approved medical marijuana treatment center and
1132	its owners, managers, and employees may manufacture, possess,
1133	sell, deliver, distribute, dispense, and lawfully dispose of
1134	marijuana or a marijuana delivery device as provided in this
1135	section, s. 381.988, and by department rule. For purposes of
1136	this subsection, the terms "manufacture," "possession,"
1137	"deliver," "distribute," and "dispense" have the same meanings
1138	as provided in s. 893.02.
1139	(c) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or
1140	any other provision of law, but subject to the requirements of
1141	this section, a certified marijuana testing laboratory,
1142	including an employee of a certified marijuana testing
1143	laboratory acting within the scope of his or her employment, may
1144	acquire, possess, test, transport, and lawfully dispose of
1145	marijuana as provided in this section, s. 381.988, and by
1146	department rule.
1147	(d) A licensed medical marijuana treatment center and its
1148	owners, managers, and employees are not subject to licensure or
1149	regulation under chapter 465 or chapter 499 for manufacturing,
1150	possessing, selling, delivering, distributing, dispensing, or
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1151	lawfully disposing of marijuana or a marijuana delivery device,
1152	as provided in this section, s. 381.988, and by department rule.
1153	(e) This subsection does not exempt a person from
1154	prosecution for a criminal offense related to impairment or
1155	intoxication resulting from the medical use of marijuana or
1156	relieve a person from any requirement under law to submit to a
1157	breath, blood, urine, or other test to detect the presence of a
1158	controlled substance.
1159	(f) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or
1160	any other provision of law, but subject to the requirements of
1161	this section and pursuant to policies and procedures established
1162	pursuant to s. 1006.62(8), school personnel may possess
1163	marijuana that is obtained for medical use pursuant to this
1164	section by a student who is a qualified patient.
1165	(14) APPLICABILITYThis section does not limit the
1166	ability of an employer to establish, continue, or enforce a
1167	drug-free workplace program or policy.
1168	Section 3. Paragraph (uu) is added to subsection (1) of
1169	section 458.331, Florida Statutes, to read:
1170	458.331 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the
1171	board and department
1172	(1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a
1173	license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):
1174	(uu) Issuing a physician certification, as defined in s.
1175	381.986, in a manner out of compliance with the requirements of
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1176	that section and rules adopted thereunder.
1177	Section 4. Paragraph (ww) is added to subsection (1) of
1178	section 459.015, Florida Statutes, to read:
1179	459.015 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the
1180	board and department
1181	(1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a
1182	license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):
1183	(ww) Issuing a physician certification, as defined in s.
1184	381.986, in a manner not in compliance with the requirements of
1185	that section and rules adopted thereunder.
1186	Section 5. Section 381.988, Florida Statutes, is created
1187	to read:
1188	381.988 Medical marijuana testing laboratories; marijuana
1189	tests conducted by a certified laboratory
1190	(1) A person or entity seeking to be a certified marijuana
1191	testing laboratory must:
1192	(a) Not be owned or controlled by a medical marijuana
1193	treatment center.
1194	(b) Submit a completed application accompanied by an
1195	application fee, as established by department rule.
1196	(c) Submit proof of accreditation issued by an
1197	accreditation body of the National Environmental Laboratory
1198	Accreditation Program.
1199	(d) Require all owners and managers to submit to and pass
1200	a level 2 background screening pursuant to s. 435.04 and shall
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1201	deny certification if the person or entity has been found guilty
1202	of, or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to,
1203	regardless of adjudication, any offense listed in chapter 837,
1204	chapter 895, or chapter 896 or similar law of another
1205	jurisdiction.
1206	(e) Demonstrate to the department the capability of
1207	meeting the standards for certification required by this
1208	subsection, and the testing requirements of s. 381.986 and this
1209	section and rules adopted thereunder.
1210	(2) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss.
1211	120.536(1) and 120.54 establishing a procedure for initial
1212	certification and biennial renewal, including initial
1213	application and biennial renewal fees sufficient to cover the
1214	costs of administering this certification program. The
1215	department shall renew the certification biennially if the
1216	laboratory meets the requirements of this section and pays the
1217	biennial renewal fee.
1218	(3) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss.
1219	120.536(1) and 120.54 establishing the standards for
1220	certification of marijuana testing laboratories under this
1221	section. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and
1222	the Department of Environmental Protection shall assist the
1223	department in developing the rule, which must include, but is
1224	not limited to:
1225	(a) Security standards.
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1226	(b) Minimum standards for personnel.
1227	(c) Sample collection method and process standards.
1228	(d) Proficiency testing.
1229	(e) Reporting content, format, and frequency.
1230	(f) Onsite inspections.
1231	(g) Quality assurance.
1232	(h) Any other standard the department deems necessary to
1233	ensure the health and safety of the public.
1234	(4) A marijuana testing laboratory may acquire marijuana
1235	<u>only from a medical marijuana treatment center. A marijuana</u>
1236	testing laboratory is prohibited from selling, distributing, or
1237	transferring marijuana received from a marijuana treatment
1238	center, except that a marijuana testing laboratory may transfer
1239	a sample to another marijuana testing laboratory in this state.
1240	(5) A marijuana testing laboratory must properly dispose
1241	of all samples it receives, unless transferred to another
1242	marijuana testing laboratory, after all necessary tests have
1243	been conducted and any required period of storage has elapsed,
1244	as established by department rule.
1245	(6) A marijuana testing laboratory shall use the computer
1246	software tracking system selected by the department under s.
1247	<u>381.986.</u>
1248	(7) The following acts constitute grounds for which
1249	disciplinary action specified in subsection (8) may be taken
1250	against a certified marijuana testing laboratory:
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1251	(a) Permitting unauthorized persons to perform technical
1252	procedures or issue reports.
1253	(b) Demonstrating incompetence or making consistent errors
1254	in the performance of testing or erroneous reporting.
1255	(c) Performing a test and rendering a report thereon to a
1256	person or entity not authorized by law to receive such services.
1257	(d) Failing to file any report required under this section
1258	or s. 381.986 or the rules adopted thereunder.
1259	(e) Reporting a test result if the test was not performed.
1260	(f) Failing to correct deficiencies within the time
1261	required by the department.
1262	(g) Violating or aiding and abetting in the violation of
1263	any provision of s. 381.986 or this section or any rules adopted
1264	thereunder.
1265	(8) The department may refuse to issue or renew, or may
1266	suspend or revoke, the certification of a marijuana testing
1267	laboratory that is found to be in violation of this section or
1268	any rules adopted hereunder. The department may impose fines for
1269	violations of this section or rules adopted thereunder, based on
1270	a schedule adopted in rule. In determining the administrative
1271	action to be imposed for a violation, the department must
1272	consider the following factors:
1273	(a) The severity of the violation, including the
1274	probability of death or serious harm to the health or safety of
1275	any person that may result or has resulted; the severity or

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1276	potential harm; and the extent to which the provisions of s.
1277	381.986 or this section were violated.
1278	(b) The actions taken by the marijuana testing laboratory
1279	to correct the violation or to remedy the complaint.
1280	(c) Any previous violation by the marijuana testing
1281	laboratory.
1282	(d) The financial benefit to the marijuana testing
1283	laboratory of committing or continuing the violation.
1284	(9) The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
1285	120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section.
1286	Section 6. Section 381.989, Florida Statutes, is created
1287	to read:
1288	381.989 Public education campaigns
1289	(1) DEFINITIONSAs used in this section, the term:
1290	(a) "Cannabis" has the same meaning as in s. 893.02.
1291	(b) "Department" means the Department of Health.
1292	(c) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as in s. 381.986.
1293	(2) STATEWIDE CANNABIS AND MARIJUANA EDUCATION AND USE
1294	PREVENTION CAMPAIGN
1295	(a) The department shall implement a statewide cannabis
1296	and marijuana education and use prevention campaign to publicize
1297	accurate information regarding:
1298	1. The short-term and long-term health effects of cannabis
1299	and marijuana use, particularly on minors and young adults.
1300	2. The legal requirements for licit use and possession of

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1301	marijuana in this state.
1302	3. Safe use of marijuana, including preventing access by
1303	persons other than qualified patients as defined in s. 381.986,
1304	particularly children.
1305	4. Other cannabis-related and marijuana-related education
1306	determined by the department to be necessary to the public
1307	health and safety.
1308	(b) The department may use television messaging, radio
1309	broadcasts, print media, digital strategies, social media, and
1310	any other form of messaging deemed necessary and appropriate by
1311	the department to implement the campaign. The department may
1312	work with school districts, community organizations and
1313	businesses and business organizations and other entities to
1314	provide training and programming.
1315	(c) The department may contract with one or more vendors
1316	to implement the campaign.
1317	(d) The department shall contract with an independent
1318	entity to conduct annual evaluations of the campaign. The
1319	evaluations shall assess the reach and impact of the campaign,
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1320	success in educating the citizens of the state regarding the
1320	success in educating the citizens of the state regarding the legal parameters for marijuana use, success in preventing
1321	legal parameters for marijuana use, success in preventing
1321 1322	legal parameters for marijuana use, success in preventing illicit access by adults and youth, and success in preventing
1321 1322 1323	legal parameters for marijuana use, success in preventing illicit access by adults and youth, and success in preventing negative health impacts from the legalization of marijuana. The

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1326	attitudes of youth and the general public toward cannabis and
1327	marijuana, and any other data deemed necessary for long-term
1328	analysis. By January 31 of each year, the department shall
1329	submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
1330	Speaker of the House of Representatives the annual evaluation of
1331	the campaign.
1332	(3) STATEWIDE IMPAIRED DRIVING EDUCATION CAMPAIGNThe
1333	Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall implement
1334	a statewide impaired driving education campaign to raise
1335	awareness and prevent marijuana-related and cannabis-related
1336	impaired driving and may contract with one or more vendors to
1337	implement the campaign. The Department of Highway Safety and
1338	Motor Vehicles may use television messaging, radio broadcasts,
1339	print media, digital strategies, social media, and any other
1340	form of messaging deemed necessary and appropriate by the
1341	department to implement the campaign.
1342	Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 385.211, Florida
1343	Statutes, is amended to read:
1344	385.211 Refractory and intractable epilepsy treatment and
1345	research at recognized medical centers
1346	(1) As used in this section, the term "low-THC cannabis"
1347	means "low-THC cannabis" as defined in s. 381.986 that is
1348	dispensed only from a dispensing organization as defined in
1349	former s. 381.986, Florida Statutes 2016, or a medical marijuana
1350	treatment center as defined in s. 381.986.

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1351 Section 8. Paragraphs (b) through (e) of subsection (2) of 1352 section 499.0295, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 1353 paragraphs (a) through (d), respectively, and present paragraphs 1354 (a) and (c) of that subsection, and subsection (3) of that 1355 section are amended to read: 1356 499.0295 Experimental treatments for terminal conditions.-1357 (2) As used in this section, the term: 1358 (a) "Dispensing organization" means an organization approved by the Department of Health under s. 381.986(5) to 1359 1360 cultivate, process, transport, and dispense low-THC cannabis, 1361 medical cannabis, and cannabis delivery devices. 1362 (b) (c) "Investigational drug, biological product, or device" means: 1363 1364 1. a drug, biological product, or device that has 1365 successfully completed phase 1 of a clinical trial but has not been approved for general use by the United States Food and Drug 1366 Administration and remains under investigation in a clinical 1367 1368 trial approved by the United States Food and Drug 1369 Administration; or 1370 -Medical cannabis that is manufactured and sold by a 2. 1371 dispensing organization. 1372 Upon the request of an eligible patient, a (3) 1373 manufacturer may, or upon a physician's order pursuant to s. 381.986, a dispensing organization may: 1374 1375 (a) Make its investigational drug, biological product, or

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1376 device available under this section. 1377 Provide an investigational drug, biological product, (b) 1378 or device, or cannabis delivery device as defined in s. 381.986 1379 to an eligible patient without receiving compensation. 1380 Require an eligible patient to pay the costs of, or (C) 1381 the costs associated with, the manufacture of the 1382 investigational drug, biological product, or device, or cannabis 1383 delivery device as defined in s. 381.986. 1384 Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 893.02, Florida 1385 Statutes, is amended to read: 1386 893.02 Definitions.-The following words and phrases as 1387 used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless 1388 the context otherwise requires: 1389 (3) "Cannabis" means all parts of any plant of the genus Cannabis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin 1390 1391 extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, 1392 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the 1393 plant or its seeds or resin. The term does not include 1394 "marijuana," "low-THC cannabis," as defined in s. 381.986, if 1395 manufactured, possessed, sold, purchased, delivered, 1396 distributed, or dispensed, in conformance with s. 381.986. 1397 Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 1004.441, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1398 1399 1004.441 Refractory and intractable epilepsy treatment and 1400 research.-

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1401 As used in this section, the term "low-THC cannabis" (1)means "low-THC cannabis" as defined in s. 381.986 that is 1402 1403 dispensed only from a dispensing organization as defined in 1404 former s. 381.986, Florida Statutes 2016, or a medical marijuana 1405 treatment center as defined in s. 381.986. 1406 Section 11. Subsection (8) is added to section 1006.062, 1407 Florida Statutes, to read: 1408 1006.062 Administration of medication and provision of medical services by district school board personnel .-1409 1410 (8) Each district school board shall adopt a policy and a 1411 procedure for allowing a student who is a qualified patient, as 1412 defined in s. 381.986, to use marijuana obtained pursuant to that section. Such policy and procedure shall ensure access by 1413 1414 the qualified patient; identify how the marijuana will be 1415 received, accounted for, and stored; and establish processes to 1416 prevent access by other students and school personnel 1417 unnecessary to the implementation of the policy. 1418 Section 12. Department of Health; authority to adopt 1419 rules; cause of action.-1420 (1) EMERGENCY RULEMAKING.-1421 The Department of Health and the applicable boards (a) 1422 shall adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida 1423 Statutes, and this subsection necessary to implement ss. 381.986 1424 and 381.988, Florida Statutes. If an emergency rule adopted 1425 under this subsection is held to be unconstitutional or an

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1426	invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority, and becomes
1427	void, the department or the applicable boards may adopt an
1428	emergency rule to replace the rule that has become void. If the
1429	emergency rule adopted to replace the void emergency rule is
1430	also held to be unconstitutional or an invalid exercise of
1431	delegated legislative authority and becomes void, the department
1432	and the applicable boards must follow the nonemergency
1433	rulemaking procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act to
1434	replace the rule that has become void.
1435	(b) For emergency rules adopted under this section, the
1436	department and the applicable boards need not make the findings
1437	required by s. 120.54(4)(a), Florida Statutes. Emergency rules
1438	adopted under this section are exempt from ss. 120.54(3)(b) and
1439	120.541, Florida Statutes. The department and the applicable
1440	boards shall meet the procedural requirements in s. 120.54(a),
1441	Florida Statutes, if the department or the applicable boards
1442	have, prior to the effective date of this act, held any public
1443	workshops or hearings on the subject matter of the emergency
1444	rules adopted under this subsection. Challenges to emergency
1445	rules adopted under this subsection shall be subject to the time
1446	schedules provided in s. 120.56(5), Florida Statutes.
1447	(c) Emergency rules adopted under this section are exempt
1448	from s. 120.54(4)(c), Florida Statutes, and shall remain in
1449	effect until replaced by rules adopted under the nonemergency
1450	rulemaking procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act. By
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1451	January 1, 2018, the department and the applicable boards shall
1452	initiate nonemergency rulemaking pursuant to the Administrative
1453	Procedures Act to replace all emergency rules adopted under this
1454	subsection by publishing a notice of rule development in the
1455	Florida Administrative Register. Except as provided in paragraph
1456	(a), after January 1, 2018, the department and applicable boards
1457	may not adopt rules pursuant to the emergency rulemaking
1458	procedures provided in this subsection.
1459	(2) CAUSE OF ACTION
1460	(a) As used in s. 29(d)(3), Art X, of the State
1461	Constitution, the term:
1462	1. "Issue regulations" means the filing by the department
1463	of a rule or emergency rule for adoption with the Department of
1464	State.
1465	2. "Judicial relief" means an action for declaratory
1466	judgment pursuant to chapter 86, Florida Statutes.
1467	(b) The venue for actions brought against the department
1468	pursuant to s. 29(d)(3), Art X, of the State Constitution shall
1469	be in the circuit court in and for Leon County.
1470	(c) If the department is not issuing patient and caregiver
1471	identification cards or licensing medical marijuana treatment
1472	centers by October 3, 2016, the following shall be a defense to
1473	a cause of action brought under s. 29(d)(3), Art X, of the State
1474	Constitution:
1475	1. The department is unable to issue patient and caregiver

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1476	identification cards or license medical marijuana treatment
1477	centers due to litigation challenging a rule as an invalid
1478	exercise of delegated legislative authority or unconstitutional.
1479	2. The department is unable to issue patient or caregiver
1480	identification cards or license medical marijuana treatment
1481	centers due to a rule being held as an invalid exercise of
1482	delegated legislative authority or unconstitutional.
1483	Section 13. (1) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, 10 full-
1484	time equivalent positions, with associated salary rate of
1485	411,811, are authorized and the sum of \$1,008,463 in
1486	nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated
1487	to the Department of Health for the purpose of implementing the
1488	requirements of the act.
1489	(2) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the sum of \$2,050,000
1490	in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
1491	appropriated to the Department of Health for contracted
1492	consultant services, information technology improvements for the
1493	medical marijuana use registry, and litigation costs for the
1494	purpose of implementing the requirements of the act.
1495	(3) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the sums of \$1,000,000
1496	in recurring funds and \$2,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the
1497	General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the Department of
1498	Health to implement the statewide cannabis and marijuana
1499	education and use prevention campaign established under s.
1500	381.989, Florida Statutes.

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1501	(4) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the sums of \$1,000,000
1502	in recurring funds and \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the
1503	General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the Department of
1504	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to implement the statewide
1505	impaired driving education campaign established under s.
1506	381.989, Florida Statutes.
1507	(5) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the sum of \$1,000,000
1508	in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
1509	appropriated to the University of Florida College of Pharmacy to
1510	implement the requirements of s. 381.986(4)(a)8., Florida
1511	Statutes.
1512	(6) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the sum of \$100,000 in
1513	recurring funds from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund is
1514	appropriated to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
1515	Vehicles for the purpose of training additional law enforcement
1516	officers as drug recognition experts.
1517	Section 14. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
1518	law.
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