



Louisiana 2023 Legislative Session Cannabis Bills

Legalization:

[HB 17](#) (Rep. Candace Newell) (House Judiciary) provides for the regulation of adult use of cannabis. Died in committee 5/3

[HB 24](#) (Rep. Candace Newell) (Administration of Criminal Justice) provides for decriminalization of possession and the regulated distribution of adult use of cannabis. (Companion bill to HB 17) Died in committee 4/25

[HB 612](#) (Rep. Candace Newell) (House Ways and Means) levies a 10% tax on the licensed ,retail sale of cannabis and a 5% wholesale sale (In addition to state and local sales taxes)and allocates those funds, once cannabis is legalized under separate legislation. This legislation allocates those revenues to: 1) 40% to the Cannabis Tax Supported Local Assistance Fund(to be allocated to local law enforcement and District Attorneys); 2) 10% to the state General Fund to support addiction rehabilitation services. 3)10% to Louisiana early childhood education; 4) 15% to state Transportation Fund;5) 10% to State Police Operations Fund; 6) 15% to state General Fund.

[HB620](#) (Rep. Barbara Freiberg) (House Ways and Means) levies a 15% tax on the licensed, retail sales of cannabis — once cannabis is legalized under separate legislation. Allocates those funds to: 1) 20% to early childhood education; 2) 30% to helping replace fees-and-fines as a funding for the court system; and 3) 50% to the General Fund.

Expungement:

[HB286](#) (Rep. Delisha Boyd) (Administration of Criminal Justice) provides relative to expungement of certain cannabis arrests and convictions for first time possession of 14 grams or less

[SB111](#) (Sen. Royce Duplessis) (Senate Judiciary C) provides relative to expungement of criminal records. While not cannabis centered, it would include certain cannabis convictions/arrests.

Medical:

[HB351](#) (Rep. Mandie Landry) (House Labor and Industry Relations)-provides relative to medical cannabis and employment regarding workers compensation and unemployment insurance. It codifies that a medical cannabis recommendation is treated the same as a prescription for controlled substances in non safety sensitive positions.

[HB460](#) (Rep Robert Owens) (House Health and Welfare) provides relative to the dispensing of medical cannabis. would mandate that the Board of Pharmacy shall inform medical cannabis pharmacies when their region exceeds 3500 patients for expansion of satellite locations quarterly instead of annually as current law mandates.

[HB467](#) (Rep. Joe Marino) (House Health and Welfare) provides relative to medical cannabis

pharmacies. Would increase the number of pharmacies to 30 with consideration to minority, women, or veteran owned applicants. It expands the number of contractors a cultivator licensee may contract with.

[SB66](#) (Sen. Fred Mills) (Senate Health and Welfare) provides relative to telehealth services, including medical cannabis recommendations.

Other Bills:

[HB165](#) (Rep. Mandie Landry) (House and Governmental Affairs) Constitutional amendment pertaining to ballot initiative and referendum process.