

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to low-THC cannabis for medical use;
 3 amending s. 381.986, F.S.; providing and revising
 4 definitions; revising requirements for physicians
 5 ordering low-THC cannabis; providing that a physician
 6 who orders low-THC cannabis and receives related
 7 compensation from a dispensing organization is subject
 8 to disciplinary action; revising requirements relating
 9 to physician education; requiring the Department of
 10 Health to include caregiver information in the online
 11 compassionate use registry; revising requirements for
 12 dispensing organizations; specifying duties and
 13 responsibilities of the department; authorizing an
 14 approved laboratory and its employees to possess,
 15 test, transport, and lawfully dispose of low-THC
 16 cannabis or paraphernalia in certain circumstances;
 17 exempting an approved dispensing organization and
 18 related persons from the Florida Drug and Cosmetic
 19 Act; providing an effective date.

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 21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 23 Section 1. Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended
 24 to read:

25 381.986 Compassionate use of low-THC cannabis.—

26 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

27 (a) "Caregiver" means an individual who is 21 years of age
 28 or older, a permanent resident of the state, and registered with
 29 the department to assist a patient with the medical use of low-
 30 THC cannabis.

31 (b)~~(a)~~ "Dispensing organization" means an organization
 32 approved by the department to cultivate, process, and dispense
 33 low-THC cannabis pursuant to this section.

34 (c)~~(b)~~ "Low-THC cannabis" means a plant of the genus
 35 Cannabis, the dried flowers of which contain 0.8 percent or less
 36 of tetrahydrocannabinol and more than 10 percent of cannabidiol
 37 weight for weight; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from
 38 any part of such plant; or any compound, manufacture, salt,
 39 derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant or its seeds
 40 or resin that is dispensed only from a dispensing organization.

41 (d)~~(e)~~ "Medical use" means administration of the ordered
 42 amount of low-THC cannabis. The term does not include the
 43 possession, use, or administration by smoking. The term also
 44 does not include the transfer of low-THC cannabis to a person
 45 other than the qualified patient for whom it was ordered, ~~or~~ the
 46 qualified patient's legal guardian if the guardian is a
 47 registered caregiver, or other registered caregiver
 48 ~~representative~~ on behalf of the qualified patient.

49 (e) "Paraphernalia" means objects used, intended for use,
 50 or designed for use in preparing, storing, ingesting, inhaling,
 51 or otherwise introducing low-THC cannabis into the human body.

52 (f)~~(d)~~ "Qualified patient" means a permanent resident of

53 | this state who has been added to the compassionate use registry
 54 | by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 to
 55 | receive low-THC cannabis from a dispensing organization.

56 | (g)~~(e)~~ "Smoking" means burning or igniting a substance and
 57 | inhaling the smoke. Smoking does not include the use of a
 58 | vaporizer.

59 | (2) PHYSICIAN ORDERING.~~Effective January 1, 2015,~~ A
 60 | physician is authorized to ~~licensed under chapter 458 or chapter~~
 61 | ~~459 who has examined and is treating a patient suffering from~~
 62 | ~~cancer or a physical medical condition that chronically produces~~
 63 | ~~symptoms of seizures or severe and persistent muscle spasms may~~
 64 | ~~order for the patient's medical use~~ low-THC cannabis to treat a
 65 | patient suffering from cancer or a physical medical condition
 66 | that chronically produces symptoms of seizures or severe and
 67 | persistent muscle spasms; ~~such disease, disorder, or condition~~
 68 | ~~or to~~ order low-THC cannabis to alleviate symptoms of such
 69 | disease, disorder, or condition, if no other satisfactory
 70 | alternative treatment options exist for the ~~that~~ patient; or
 71 | order paraphernalia for the medical use of low-THC cannabis,
 72 | only if the physician and all of the following conditions apply:

73 | (a) Holds an active, unrestricted license as a physician
 74 | under chapter 458 or an osteopathic physician under chapter 459;

75 | (b) Is board-certified as an oncologist, neurologist, or
 76 | epileptologist or specializes in the treatment of cancer,
 77 | epilepsy, or physical medical conditions that chronically
 78 | produce symptoms of seizures or severe and persistent muscle

79 spasms;

80 (c) Has treated the patient for cancer or a physical
 81 medical condition that chronically produces symptoms of seizures
 82 or severe and persistent muscle spasms for at least 3 months
 83 immediately preceding the patient's registration in the
 84 compassionate use registry;

85 (d) Has successfully completed the course and examination
 86 required under paragraph (4) (a);

87 (e)-(b) Has determined ~~The physician determines~~ that the
 88 risks of treating the patient with ~~ordering~~ low-THC cannabis are
 89 reasonable in light of the potential benefit to the ~~for that~~
 90 patient. If a patient is younger than 18 years of age, a second
 91 physician having a board certification or specialization
 92 described in paragraph (b) must concur with this determination,
 93 and such determination must be documented in the patient's
 94 medical record;—

95 (f)-(c) The physician Registers as the orderer of low-THC
 96 cannabis for the named patient on the compassionate use registry
 97 maintained by the department and updates the registry to reflect
 98 the contents of the order, including the amount of low-THC
 99 cannabis that will provide the patient with not more than a 30-
 100 day supply and any paraphernalia needed by the patient for the
 101 medical use of low-THC cannabis. The physician must also update
 102 the registry within 7 days after any change is made to the
 103 original order to reflect the change. The physician shall
 104 deactivate the patient's and caregiver's registration when

105 treatment is discontinued;;

106 (g) ~~(d)~~ ~~The physician~~ Maintains a patient treatment plan
 107 that includes the dose, route of administration, planned
 108 duration, and monitoring of the patient's symptoms and other
 109 indicators of tolerance or reaction to the low-THC cannabis;;

110 (h) ~~(e)~~ ~~The physician~~ Submits the patient treatment plan
 111 quarterly to the University of Florida College of Pharmacy for
 112 research on the safety and efficacy of low-THC cannabis on
 113 patients;;

114 (i) ~~(f)~~ ~~The physician~~ Obtains the voluntary informed
 115 consent of the patient or the patient's legal guardian to
 116 treatment with low-THC cannabis after sufficiently explaining
 117 the current state of knowledge in the medical community of the
 118 effectiveness of treatment of the patient's condition with low-
 119 THC cannabis, the medically acceptable alternatives, and the
 120 potential risks and side effects; and

121 (j) Is not a medical director employed by a dispensing
 122 organization.

123 ~~(a) The patient is a permanent resident of this state.~~

124 (3) PENALTIES.—

125 (a) A physician commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
 126 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, if the
 127 physician orders low-THC cannabis or paraphernalia for a patient
 128 without a reasonable belief that the patient is suffering from:

129 1. Cancer or a physical medical condition that chronically
 130 produces symptoms of seizures or severe and persistent muscle

131 spasms that can be treated with low-THC cannabis; or

132 2. Symptoms of cancer or a physical medical condition that
133 chronically produces symptoms of seizures or severe and
134 persistent muscle spasms that can be alleviated with low-THC
135 cannabis.

136 (b) Any person who fraudulently represents that he or she
137 has cancer or a physical medical condition that chronically
138 produces symptoms of seizures or severe and persistent muscle
139 spasms to a physician for the purpose of being ordered low-THC
140 cannabis or paraphernalia by such physician commits a
141 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
142 775.082 or s. 775.083.

143 (c) A physician who orders low-THC cannabis or
144 paraphernalia and receives compensation from a dispensing
145 organization related to the ordering of low-THC cannabis is
146 subject to disciplinary action under the applicable practice act
147 and s. 456.072(1)(n).

148 (4) PHYSICIAN EDUCATION.—

149 (a) Before ordering low-THC cannabis or paraphernalia for
150 medical use by a patient in this state, the appropriate board
151 shall require the ordering physician ~~licensed under chapter 458~~
152 ~~or chapter 459~~ to successfully complete an 8-hour course and
153 subsequent examination offered by the Florida Medical
154 Association or the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association that
155 encompasses the clinical indications for the appropriate use of
156 low-THC cannabis, the appropriate delivery mechanisms, the

157 | contraindications for such use, as well as the relevant state
158 | and federal laws governing the ordering, dispensing, and
159 | possessing of this substance. The ~~first~~ course and examination
160 | shall ~~be presented by October 1, 2014, and shall~~ be administered
161 | at least annually ~~thereafter~~. Successful completion of the
162 | course may be used by a physician to satisfy 8 hours of the
163 | continuing medical education requirements required by his or her
164 | respective board for licensure renewal. This course may be
165 | offered in a distance learning format.

166 | (b) The appropriate board shall require the medical
167 | director of each dispensing organization to hold an active,
168 | unrestricted license as a physician under chapter 458 or an
169 | osteopathic physician under chapter 459 and be board-certified
170 | as an oncologist, neurologist, or epileptologist or provide
171 | proof that he or she specializes in the treatment of cancer,
172 | epilepsy, or physical medical conditions that chronically
173 | produce symptoms of seizures or severe and persistent muscle
174 | spasms. Additionally, the medical director must ~~approved under~~
175 | ~~subsection (5) to~~ successfully complete a 2-hour course and
176 | subsequent examination offered by the Florida Medical
177 | Association or the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association that
178 | encompasses appropriate safety procedures and knowledge of low-
179 | THC cannabis.

180 | (c) Successful completion of the course and examination
181 | specified in paragraph (a) is required for every physician who
182 | orders low-THC cannabis or paraphernalia each time such

183 physician renews his or her license. In addition, successful
184 completion of the course and examination specified in paragraph
185 (b) is required for the medical director of each dispensing
186 organization each time such physician renews his or her license.

187 (d) A physician who fails to comply with this subsection
188 and who orders low-THC cannabis or paraphernalia may be subject
189 to disciplinary action under the applicable practice act and
190 under s. 456.072(1)(k).

191 (5) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. ~~By January 1, 2015,~~ The
192 department shall:

193 (a) Create and maintain a secure, electronic, and online
194 compassionate use registry for the registration of physicians,
195 ~~and patients,~~ and caregivers as provided under this section. The
196 registry must be accessible to law enforcement agencies and to a
197 dispensing organization ~~in order~~ to verify patient and caregiver
198 authorization for low-THC cannabis and paraphernalia and record
199 the low-THC cannabis and paraphernalia dispensed. The registry
200 must prevent an active registration of a patient by multiple
201 physicians.

202 (b) Authorize the establishment of five dispensing
203 organizations to ensure reasonable statewide accessibility and
204 availability as necessary for patients registered in the
205 compassionate use registry and who are ordered low-THC cannabis
206 or paraphernalia under this section, one in each of the
207 following regions: northwest Florida, northeast Florida, central
208 Florida, southeast Florida, and southwest Florida. The

209 department shall develop an application form and impose an
210 initial application and biennial renewal fee that is sufficient
211 to cover the costs of administering this section. An applicant
212 for approval as a dispensing organization must be able to
213 demonstrate:

214 1. The technical and technological ability to cultivate
215 and produce low-THC cannabis. The applicant must possess a valid
216 certificate of registration issued by the Department of
217 Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to s. 581.131 that is
218 issued for the cultivation of more than 400,000 plants, be
219 operated by a nurseryman as defined in s. 581.011, and have been
220 operated as a registered nursery in this state for at least 30
221 continuous years.

222 2. The ability to secure the premises, resources, and
223 personnel necessary to operate as a dispensing organization.

224 3. The ability to maintain accountability of all raw
225 materials, finished products, and any byproducts to prevent
226 diversion or unlawful access to or possession of these
227 substances.

228 4. An infrastructure reasonably located to dispense low-
229 THC cannabis to registered patients statewide or regionally as
230 determined by the department.

231 5. The financial ability to maintain operations for the
232 duration of the 2-year approval cycle, including the provision
233 of certified financials to the department. Upon approval, the
234 applicant must post a \$5 million performance bond.

235 6. That all owners and managers have been fingerprinted
 236 and have successfully passed a level 2 background screening
 237 pursuant to s. 435.04.

238 7. The employment of a medical director who meets the
 239 qualifications of paragraph (4) (b) ~~is a physician licensed under~~
 240 ~~chapter 458 or chapter 459~~ to supervise the activities of the
 241 dispensing organization.

242 (c) Monitor physician registration and ordering of low-THC
 243 cannabis or paraphernalia for ordering practices that could
 244 facilitate unlawful diversion or misuse of low-THC cannabis and
 245 take disciplinary action as indicated.

246 ~~(d) Adopt rules necessary to implement this section.~~

247 (6) DISPENSING ORGANIZATION.—An approved dispensing
 248 organization, at all times, must ~~shall~~ maintain compliance with
 249 the criteria demonstrated for selection and approval as a
 250 dispensing organization under subsection (5) and the criteria
 251 required in this subsection ~~at all times~~.

252 (a) When growing low-THC cannabis, a dispensing
 253 organization:

254 1. May use pesticides determined by the department, after
 255 consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
 256 Services, to be safely applied to plants intended for human
 257 consumption, but may not use pesticides designated as
 258 restricted-use pesticides pursuant to s. 487.042.

259 2. Must grow and process low-THC cannabis within an
 260 enclosed structure and in a room separate from any other plant.

261 3. Must inspect seeds and growing plants for plant pests
 262 that endanger or threaten the horticultural and agricultural
 263 interests of the state, notify the Department of Agriculture and
 264 Consumer Services within 10 calendar days after a determination
 265 that a plant is infested or infected by such plant pest, and
 266 implement and maintain phytosanitary policies and procedures.

267 4. Must perform fumigation or treatment of plants, or the
 268 removal and destruction of infested or infected plants, in
 269 accordance with chapter 581 and any rules adopted thereunder.

270 (b) When processing low-THC cannabis, a dispensing
 271 organization must:

272 1. Process the low-THC cannabis in an enclosure separate
 273 from other plants or products.

274 2. Package the low-THC cannabis in compliance with the
 275 United States Poison Prevention Packaging Act, 15 U.S.C. ss.
 276 1471-1477.

277 3. Package the low-THC cannabis in a receptacle that has a
 278 firmly affixed and legible label stating the following
 279 information:

280 a. The name of the dispensing organization.

281 b. The quantity of low-THC cannabis contained in the
 282 receptacle.

283 c. The cannabinoid profile of the low-THC cannabis,
 284 including the THC level.

285 d. Any ingredient other than low-THC cannabis contained in
 286 the receptacle.

- 287 e. The date that the low-THC is dispensed.
- 288 f. The patient's name and registration identification
 289 number.
- 290 g. A statement that the low-THC cannabis is for medical
 291 use and not for resale or transfer to another person.
- 292 h. A unique serial number corresponding to the original
 293 batch of low-THC cannabis from which the low-THC cannabis
 294 contained in the receptacle was made, to facilitate necessary
 295 warnings or recalls by the department.
- 296 i. A recommended "use by" date or expiration date.
- 297 4. Reserve two processed samples from each batch, retain
 298 such samples for at least 1 year, and make such samples
 299 available for testing.
- 300 (c) When dispensing low-THC cannabis or paraphernalia, a
 301 dispensing organization:
- 302 1. May not dispense more than a 30-day supply of low-THC
 303 cannabis to a patient or the patient's caregiver.
- 304 2. Must have the dispensing organization's employee who
 305 dispenses the low-THC cannabis or paraphernalia enter into the
 306 compassionate use registry his or her name or unique employee
 307 identifier.
- 308 3. Must verify in the compassionate use registry that a
 309 physician has ordered the low-THC cannabis or a specific type of
 310 paraphernalia for the patient.
- 311 4. May not dispense or sell any other type of retail
 312 product, other than physician-ordered paraphernalia, while

313 dispensing low-THC cannabis.

314 5. Must ~~Before dispensing low-THC cannabis to a qualified~~
315 ~~patient, the dispensing organization shall~~ verify that the
316 patient has an active registration in the compassionate use
317 registry, the patient or patient's caregiver holds a valid and
318 active registration card, the order presented matches the order
319 contents as recorded in the registry, and the order has not
320 already been filled.

321 6. Must, upon dispensing the low-THC cannabis, ~~the~~
322 ~~dispensing organization shall~~ record in the registry the date,
323 time, quantity, and form of low-THC cannabis and any
324 paraphernalia dispensed.

325 (d) To ensure the safety and security of its premises and
326 any off-site storage facilities, and to maintain adequate
327 controls against the diversion, theft, and loss of low-THC
328 cannabis, a dispensing organization must:

329 1. Maintain a fully operational security alarm system that
330 secures all entry points and perimeter windows and is equipped
331 with motion detectors; pressure switches; and duress, panic, and
332 hold-up alarms.

333 2. Maintain a video surveillance system that records
334 continuously 24 hours each day and meets the following minimum
335 criteria:

336 a. Cameras are fixed in a place that allows for the clear
337 identification of persons and activities in controlled areas of
338 the premises. Controlled areas include grow rooms, processing

339 rooms, storage rooms, disposal rooms or areas, and point-of-sale
340 rooms.

341 b. Cameras are fixed in entrances and exits to the
342 premises, which shall record from both indoor and outdoor, or
343 ingress and egress, vantage points.

344 c. Recorded images must clearly and accurately display the
345 time and date.

346 3. Retain video surveillance recordings for a minimum of
347 45 days or longer upon the request of a law enforcement agency.

348 4. Enclose the perimeter of any buildings used in
349 cultivating, processing, or dispensing low-THC cannabis with a
350 fence or wall at least 6 feet in height.

351 5. Ensure that the organization's outdoor premises have
352 sufficient lighting from dusk until dawn.

353 6. Establish and maintain a tracking system approved by
354 the department that traces the low-THC cannabis from seed to
355 sale. The tracking system shall include notification of key
356 events as determined by the department, including when low-THC
357 cannabis seeds are planted, low-THC cannabis plants are
358 harvested, low-THC cannabis plants are destroyed, low-THC
359 cannabis is transported, low-THC cannabis is sold, or a theft,
360 diversion, or loss of low-THC cannabis occurs.

361 7. Not dispense low-THC cannabis or paraphernalia between
362 the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., but may perform all other
363 operations 24 hours each day.

364 8. Store low-THC cannabis in a secured, locked room or a

365 vault.

366 9. Require at least two of its employees, or two employees
367 of a security agency with whom it contracts, to be on the
368 organization's premises at all times.

369 10. Require each employee to wear a photo identification
370 badge at all times while on the premises.

371 11. Require each visitor to wear a visitor's pass at all
372 times while on the premises.

373 12. Implement an alcohol and drug-free workplace policy.

374 13. Report to local law enforcement within 24 hours after
375 it is notified or becomes aware of the theft, diversion, or loss
376 of low-THC cannabis.

377 (e) To ensure the safe transport of low-THC cannabis to
378 dispensing organization facilities, laboratories, or patients,
379 the dispensing organization must:

380 1. Maintain a transportation manifest, which must be
381 retained for at least 1 year.

382 2. Ensure only vehicles in good working order are used to
383 transport low-THC cannabis.

384 3. Lock low-THC cannabis in a separate compartment or
385 container within the vehicle.

386 4. Require at least two persons to be in a vehicle
387 transporting low-THC cannabis, and require at least one person
388 to remain in the vehicle while the low-THC cannabis is being
389 delivered.

390 5. Provide specific safety and security training to

391 employees transporting or delivering low-THC cannabis.

392 (f) A dispensing organization may only use an insignia or
 393 logo approved by the department to advertise its product.

394 (g) A dispensing organization must contract with a
 395 laboratory approved by the department for purposes of testing
 396 low-THC cannabis for compliance with this section and to detect
 397 any mold, bacteria, or other contaminant in the product that may
 398 result in adverse effects to human health or the environment.

399 The contract must require the laboratory to report to the
 400 dispensing organization, within 48 hours after a test, the
 401 cannabinoid composition of the product and whether the
 402 laboratory has detected any mold, bacteria, or other contaminant
 403 in the product that may result in adverse effects to human
 404 health or the environment.

405 (7) DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES.-

406 (a) The department:

407 1. May conduct announced or unannounced inspections of
 408 dispensing organizations to determine compliance with this
 409 section or rules adopted pursuant to this section.

410 2. Must inspect a dispensing organization upon complaint
 411 or notice provided to the department that the dispensing
 412 organization has dispensed low-THC cannabis containing any mold,
 413 bacteria, or other contaminant that may cause or has caused an
 414 adverse effect to human health or the environment.

415 3. Must conduct at least a biennial inspection of each
 416 dispensing organization to evaluate the dispensing

417 organization's records, personnel, equipment, processes,
418 security measures, sanitation practices, and quality assurance
419 practices.

420 (b) The department may inspect laboratories to ensure they
421 are using standardized procedures to test low-THC cannabis.

422 (c) The department may adopt standards for the approval of
423 laboratories contracting with dispensing organizations,
424 including standardized procedures, required equipment, and
425 conflict-of-interest provisions.

426 (d) The department may enter into interagency agreements
427 with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
428 Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the
429 Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety
430 and Motor Vehicles, and the Agency for Health Care
431 Administration, and such agencies are authorized to enter into
432 an interagency agreement with the department, to conduct
433 inspections or perform other responsibilities assigned to the
434 department under this section.

435 (e) The department must make a list of all approved
436 dispensing organizations and qualified ordering physicians and
437 medical directors publicly available on its website.

438 (f) The department may establish a system for issuing and
439 renewing patient and caregiver registration cards, establish the
440 circumstances under which the cards may be revoked by or must be
441 returned to the department, and establish fees to implement such
442 system. The department must require, at a minimum, the

443 registration cards to:

444 1. Provide the name, address, and date of birth of the
445 patient or caregiver.

446 2. Have a full-face, passport-type, color photograph of
447 the patient or caregiver taken within the 90 days immediately
448 preceding registration.

449 3. Identify whether the cardholder is a patient or
450 caregiver.

451 4. List a unique numeric identifier for the patient or
452 caregiver that is matched to the identifier used for such person
453 in the department's compassionate use registry.

454 5. Provide the expiration date, which shall be 1 year
455 after the date of the physician's initial order of low-THC
456 cannabis.

457 6. For the caregiver, provide the name and unique numeric
458 identifier of the patient that the caregiver is assisting.

459 7. Be resistant to counterfeiting or tampering.

460 (g) The department must create a schedule of violations in
461 rule to impose reasonable fines not to exceed \$10,000 on a
462 dispensing organization. In determining the amount of the fine
463 to be levied for a violation, the department shall consider:

464 1. The severity of the violation.

465 2. Any actions taken by the dispensing organization to
466 correct the violation or to remedy the complaint.

467 3. Any previous violations.

468 (h) The department may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew

469 a dispensing organization's approval if the organization has had
470 a license or authority to practice any regulated profession or
471 the authority to conduct any business in any other state or
472 country revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against,
473 including the denial of licensure by the licensing authority,
474 for a violation that would constitute a violation under Florida
475 law.

476 (i) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement
477 this section.

478 (8)(7) EXCEPTIONS TO OTHER LAWS.-

479 (a) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or
480 any other provision of law, but subject to the requirements of
481 this section, a qualified patient and the qualified patient's
482 caregiver ~~legal representative~~ may purchase and possess for the
483 patient's medical use up to the amount of low-THC cannabis
484 ordered for the patient, but not more than a 30-day supply of
485 low-THC cannabis.

486 (b) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or
487 any other provision of law, but subject to the requirements of
488 this section, an approved dispensing organization and its
489 owners, managers, and employees may manufacture, possess, sell,
490 deliver, distribute, dispense, and lawfully dispose of
491 reasonable quantities, as established by department rule, of
492 low-THC cannabis. For purposes of this subsection, the terms
493 "manufacture," "possession," "deliver," "distribute," and
494 "dispense" have the same meanings as provided in s. 893.02.

495 (c) Notwithstanding s. 893.13, s. 893.135, s. 893.147, or
496 any other provision of law, but subject to the requirements of
497 this section, an approved laboratory and its employees may
498 possess, test, transport, and lawfully dispose of low-THC
499 cannabis or paraphernalia as provided by department rule.

500 (d) An approved dispensing organization and its owners,
501 managers, and employees are not subject to licensure or
502 regulation under chapter 465 or chapter 499 for manufacturing,
503 possessing, selling, delivering, distributing, dispensing, or
504 lawfully disposing of reasonable quantities, as established by
505 department rule, of low-THC cannabis.

506 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.