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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Clemens) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Before line 16

insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.986 Compassionate use of low-THC cannabis.—

(5) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.—By January 1, 2015, the department shall:

(b) Authorize the establishment of 30 ~~five~~ dispensing



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11 organizations to ensure reasonable statewide accessibility and
12 availability as necessary for patients registered in the
13 compassionate use registry ~~and~~ who are ordered low-THC cannabis
14 under this section, ~~one in each of the following regions:~~
15 ~~northwest Florida, northeast Florida, central Florida, southeast~~
16 ~~Florida, and southwest Florida.~~ The department shall develop an
17 application form and impose an initial application and biennial
18 renewal fee that is sufficient to cover the costs of
19 administering this section. An applicant for approval as a
20 dispensing organization must be able to demonstrate:

21 1. The technical and technological ability to cultivate and
22 produce low-THC cannabis. The applicant must possess a valid
23 certificate of registration issued by the Department of
24 Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to s. 581.131 that is
25 issued for the cultivation of more than 400,000 plants, be
26 operated by a nurseryman as defined in s. 581.011, and have been
27 operated as a registered nursery in this state for at least 30
28 continuous years.

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

31 3. The ability to maintain accountability of all raw
32 materials, finished products, and any byproducts to prevent
33 diversion or unlawful access to or possession of these
34 substances.

35 4. An infrastructure reasonably located to dispense low-THC
36 cannabis to registered patients statewide or regionally as
37 determined by the department.

38 5. The financial ability to maintain operations for the
39 duration of the 2-year approval cycle, including the provision



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40 of certified financials to the department. Upon approval, the
41 applicant must post a \$5 million performance bond.

42 6. That all owners and managers have been fingerprinted and
43 have successfully passed a level 2 background screening pursuant
44 to s. 435.04.

45 7. The employment of a medical director who is a physician
46 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 to supervise the
47 activities of the dispensing organization.

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50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete line 3

52 and insert:

53 terminal conditions; amending s. 381.986, F.S.;

54 increasing the number of dispensing organizations that

55 the Department of Health may authorize; deleting a

56 provision requiring that the organizations be

57 authorized in equal numbers in specified regions of

58 the state; amending s. 499.0295, F.S.;