

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to grounds for termination of parental
 3 rights; amending s. 39.806, F.S; prohibiting the
 4 Department of Children and Families and either party
 5 to a dissolution of marriage proceeding from filing a
 6 petition for termination of parental rights solely
 7 because the parent of a child is a qualified patient
 8 using medical marijuana; prohibiting a court from
 9 granting a petition for termination of parental rights
 10 solely because the parent of a child is a qualified
 11 patient using medical marijuana; providing an
 12 effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 39.806,
 17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 39.806 Grounds for termination of parental rights.—

19 (5) (a) A petition for termination of parental rights may
 20 not be filed by the department or either party in a dissolution
 21 of marriage proceeding based solely on the fact that the parent
 22 or parents of a child are qualified patients, as defined in s.
 23 381.986(1), and their use of medical marijuana is consistent
 24 with s. 381.986.

25 (b) If a petition for termination of parental rights is

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26 | filed under subsection (1), a court may not grant the petition
27 | based solely on the fact that the parent or parents of a child
28 | are qualified patients, as defined in s. 381.986(1), and their
29 | use of medical marijuana is consistent with s. 381.986.

30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.