

HB 65 – Pub Rec/Low-THC Cannabis Patient Registry/DOH

This bill amends s. 381.987, F.S., adding to the exemption from public records requirements personal identifying information of patients and physicians held by the Department of Health in the newly created low-THC cannabis patient registry (HB 63) or the former compassionate use registry. Currently, this statute includes an unranked, 3rd degree felony for violating this exemption covering the compassionate use registry. With HB 65, this felony would now also cover the low-THC cannabis patient registry, which includes an expanded patient population.

Per DOC, no inmates were admitted to the prison system in FY14-15 who committed the crime of violating this public records exemption.

In FY 14-15, the incarceration rate for an unranked, 3rd degree felony was 9.9%.

This bill is linked to HB 63, and is contingent on its passage.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

Requested by: House