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1 AN ACT Relating to the possession and transfer of marijuana,  
2 marijuana plants, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and  
3 marijuana concentrates; amending RCW 69.50.4013 and 69.50.4014;  
4 reenacting and amending RCW 69.50.101; and prescribing penalties.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.4013 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 503 are each  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) It is unlawful for any person to possess a controlled  
9 substance unless the substance was obtained directly from, or  
10 pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while  
11 acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except  
12 as otherwise authorized by this chapter.

13 (2) Except as provided in RCW 69.50.4014, any person who violates  
14 this section is guilty of a class C felony punishable under chapter  
15 9A.20 RCW.

16 (3) ~~((a) The possession, by a person twenty-one years of age or~~  
17 ~~elder, of useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates, or marijuana-~~  
18 ~~infused products in amounts that do not exceed those set forth in RCW~~  
19 ~~69.50.360(3) is not a)) None of the following acts in (a) through (d)  
20 of this subsection are a violation of this section, this chapter, or  
21 any other provision of Washington state law((-)):~~

1       ~~((b))~~ (a) Except as provided in (c) of this subsection, the  
2 possession, by a person twenty-one years of age or older, of any  
3 combination of the following amounts of useable marijuana, marijuana-  
4 infused products, or marijuana concentrates:

5       (i) One ounce of useable marijuana;

6       (ii) Sixteen ounces of marijuana-infused product in solid form;

7       (iii) Seventy-two ounces of marijuana-infused product in liquid  
8 form; or

9       (iv) Seven grams of marijuana concentrates;

10       (b) The noncommercial delivery or transfer between persons of at  
11 least twenty-one years of age, during a single twenty-four hour  
12 period, and not conditioned upon or done in connection with any  
13 financial consideration, of:

14       (i) One ounce or less of useable marijuana;

15       (ii) Sixteen ounces or less of marijuana-infused product in solid  
16 form;

17       (iii) Seventy-two ounces or less of marijuana-infused product in  
18 liquid form;

19       (iv) Seven grams or less of marijuana concentrates; or

20       (v) Up to six marijuana seeds;

21       (c) Except as otherwise provided in chapter 69.51A RCW, the  
22 possession by a person twenty-one years of age or older of no more  
23 than six marijuana plants and up to twenty-four ounces of useable  
24 marijuana harvested from plants lawfully grown on the premises of the  
25 housing unit occupied by the person in possession of the marijuana  
26 plants and useable marijuana. No more than six plants may be grown or  
27 possessed on the premises of a single housing unit, regardless of the  
28 number of residents living on the premises. This subsection (3)(c)  
29 does not apply to marijuana plants or useable marijuana possessed or  
30 seized at a location other than the premises of the housing unit in  
31 which the marijuana plants were grown; and

32       (d) The possession of marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana  
33 concentrates, and marijuana-infused products being physically  
34 transported or delivered within the state, in amounts not exceeding  
35 those that may be established under RCW 69.50.385(3), by a licensed  
36 employee of a common carrier when performing the duties authorized in  
37 accordance with RCW 69.50.382 and 69.50.385(~~, is not a violation of~~  
38 this section, this chapter, or any other provision of Washington  
39 state law)).

1 (4) No person under twenty-one years of age may possess,  
2 manufacture, sell, or distribute marijuana, marijuana-infused  
3 products, or marijuana concentrates, regardless of THC concentration.  
4 This does not include qualifying patients with a valid authorization.

5 (5) The possession by a qualifying patient or designated provider  
6 of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused  
7 products, or plants in accordance with chapter 69.51A RCW is not a  
8 violation of this section, this chapter, or any other provision of  
9 Washington state law.

10 (6) All qualified patients under chapter 69.51A RCW and adults  
11 age twenty-one and older may contract with licensed testing  
12 facilities for the personal product testing of useable marijuana,  
13 marijuana-infused products, and marijuana concentrates.

14 (7) For the purposes of this section, "marijuana plant" means a  
15 living marijuana plant having at least three distinguishable and  
16 distinct leaves, each leaf being at least three centimeters in  
17 diameter, and a readily observable root formation consisting of at  
18 least two separate and distinct roots, each being at least two  
19 centimeters in length. Multiple stalks emanating from the same root  
20 ball or root system is considered part of the same single plant.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 69.50.4014 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 505 are each  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Except as provided in RCW 69.50.401(2)(c), or as otherwise  
24 authorized by this chapter or chapter 69.51A RCW, ~~((any))~~ possession  
25 by a person ~~((found guilty of possession of forty grams or less))~~ of  
26 marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana plants, marijuana-infused  
27 products, or marijuana concentrates, in excess of the amounts allowed  
28 under RCW 69.50.4013(3) (a) and (c), is punishable as an infraction  
29 or criminal offense as set forth in this section.

30 (1)(a) Possession of marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana-  
31 infused products, or marijuana concentrates in excess of the  
32 possession limits in RCW 69.50.4013(3)(a), but not in excess of three  
33 times the possession limits in RCW 69.50.4013(3)(a), is a civil  
34 infraction under RCW 7.80.120.

35 (b) Possession of marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused  
36 products, or marijuana concentrates in excess of three times the  
37 possession limits established under RCW 69.50.4013(3)(a), but not  
38 more than twelve times the possession limits established under RCW

1 69.50.4013(3)(a), is ((guilty of)) punishable as a misdemeanor under  
2 RCW 9A.20.021.

3 (c) Possession of marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused  
4 products, or marijuana concentrates in excess of twelve times the  
5 possession limits under RCW 69.50.4013(3)(a) is punishable as a class  
6 C felony under RCW 9A.20.021.

7 (2)(a) Possession of marijuana plants in excess of the six plant  
8 limit established in RCW 69.50.4013(3)(c), but no more than eighteen  
9 marijuana plants, is a separate class 1 civil infraction under RCW  
10 7.80.120 for each plant exceeding the six plant limit.

11 (b) Possession of more than eighteen marijuana plants, but no  
12 more than forty marijuana plants, is punishable as a misdemeanor  
13 under RCW 9A.20.021.

14 (c) Possession of forty or more marijuana plants is a class C  
15 felony under RCW 9A.20.021.

16 (3)(a) Possession of more than twenty-four ounces, but less than  
17 seventy-two ounces, of useable marijuana harvested from plants  
18 lawfully grown in accordance with the requirements of RCW  
19 69.50.4013(3)(c), and which is seized from within the premises in  
20 which the plants were lawfully grown, is a separate class 1 civil  
21 infraction under RCW 7.80.120 for each ounce exceeding the twenty-  
22 four ounce limit.

23 (b) Possession of at least seventy-two ounces, but not more than  
24 one hundred forty-four ounces, of useable marijuana harvested from  
25 plants lawfully grown in accordance with the requirements of RCW  
26 69.50.4013(3)(c), and which is seized from within the premises in  
27 which the plants were lawfully grown, is a misdemeanor under RCW  
28 9A.20.021.

29 (c) Possession of more than one hundred forty-four ounces of  
30 useable marijuana harvested from plants lawfully grown in accordance  
31 with the requirements of RCW 69.50.4013(3)(c), and which is seized  
32 from within the premises in which the plants were lawfully grown, is  
33 a class C felony under RCW 9A.20.021.

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 69.50.101 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 901 are each  
35 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

36 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
37 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1 (a) "Administer" means to apply a controlled substance, whether  
2 by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, directly to  
3 the body of a patient or research subject by:

4 (1) a practitioner authorized to prescribe (or, by the  
5 practitioner's authorized agent); or

6 (2) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the  
7 presence of the practitioner.

8 (b) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or  
9 at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser. It  
10 does not include a common or contract carrier, public  
11 warehouseperson, or employee of the carrier or warehouseperson.

12 (c) "CBD concentration" has the meaning provided in RCW  
13 69.51A.010.

14 (d) "Commission" means the pharmacy quality assurance commission.

15 (e) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate  
16 precursor included in Schedules I through V as set forth in federal  
17 or state laws, or federal or commission rules.

18 (f)(1) "Controlled substance analog" means a substance the  
19 chemical structure of which is substantially similar to the chemical  
20 structure of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and:

21 (i) that has a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on  
22 the central nervous system substantially similar to the stimulant,  
23 depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of  
24 a controlled substance included in Schedule I or II; or

25 (ii) with respect to a particular individual, that the individual  
26 represents or intends to have a stimulant, depressant, or  
27 hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system substantially  
28 similar to the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the  
29 central nervous system of a controlled substance included in Schedule  
30 I or II.

31 (2) The term does not include:

32 (i) a controlled substance;

33 (ii) a substance for which there is an approved new drug  
34 application;

35 (iii) a substance with respect to which an exemption is in effect  
36 for investigational use by a particular person under Section 505 of  
37 the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 355, to the  
38 extent conduct with respect to the substance is pursuant to the  
39 exemption; or

1 (iv) any substance to the extent not intended for human  
2 consumption before an exemption takes effect with respect to the  
3 substance.

4 (g) "Deliver" or "delivery((τ))" means the actual or constructive  
5 transfer from one person to another of a substance, whether or not  
6 there is an agency relationship.

7 (h) "Department" means the department of health.

8 (i) "Designated provider" has the meaning provided in RCW  
9 69.51A.010.

10 (j) "Dispense" means the interpretation of a prescription or  
11 order for a controlled substance and, pursuant to that prescription  
12 or order, the proper selection, measuring, compounding, labeling, or  
13 packaging necessary to prepare that prescription or order for  
14 delivery.

15 (k) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

16 (l) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or  
17 dispensing a controlled substance.

18 (m) "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

19 (n) "Drug" means (1) a controlled substance recognized as a drug  
20 in the official United States pharmacopoeia/national formulary or the  
21 official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any  
22 supplement to them; (2) controlled substances intended for use in the  
23 diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in  
24 individuals or animals; (3) controlled substances (other than food)  
25 intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of  
26 individuals or animals; and (4) controlled substances intended for  
27 use as a component of any article specified in (1), (2), or (3) of  
28 this subsection. The term does not include devices or their  
29 components, parts, or accessories.

30 (o) "Drug enforcement administration" means the drug enforcement  
31 administration in the United States Department of Justice, or its  
32 successor agency.

33 (p) "Electronic communication of prescription information" means  
34 the transmission of a prescription or refill authorization for a drug  
35 of a practitioner using computer systems. The term does not include a  
36 prescription or refill authorization verbally transmitted by  
37 telephone nor a facsimile manually signed by the practitioner.

38 (q) "Immediate precursor" means a substance:

1 (1) that the commission has found to be and by rule designates as  
2 being the principal compound commonly used, or produced primarily for  
3 use, in the manufacture of a controlled substance;

4 (2) that is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to  
5 be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance; and

6 (3) the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or  
7 limit the manufacture of the controlled substance.

8 (r) "Isomer" means an optical isomer, but in subsection (dd)(5)  
9 of this section, RCW 69.50.204(a) (12) and (34), and 69.50.206(b)(4),  
10 the term includes any geometrical isomer; in RCW 69.50.204(a) (8) and  
11 (42), and 69.50.210(c) the term includes any positional isomer; and  
12 in RCW 69.50.204(a)(35), 69.50.204(c), and 69.50.208(a) the term  
13 includes any positional or geometric isomer.

14 (s) "Lot" means a definite quantity of marijuana, marijuana  
15 concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused product  
16 identified by a lot number, every portion or package of which is  
17 uniform within recognized tolerances for the factors that appear in  
18 the labeling.

19 (t) "Lot number" must identify the licensee by business or trade  
20 name and Washington state unified business identifier number, and the  
21 date of harvest or processing for each lot of marijuana, marijuana  
22 concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused product.

23 (u) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation,  
24 compounding, conversion, or processing of a controlled substance,  
25 either directly or indirectly or by extraction from substances of  
26 natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or  
27 by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes  
28 any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or  
29 relabeling of its container. The term does not include the  
30 preparation, compounding, packaging, repackaging, labeling, or  
31 relabeling of a controlled substance:

32 (1) by a practitioner as an incident to the practitioner's  
33 administering or dispensing of a controlled substance in the course  
34 of the practitioner's professional practice; or

35 (2) by a practitioner, or by the practitioner's authorized agent  
36 under the practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an  
37 incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for  
38 sale.

39 (v) "Marijuana" or "marihuana" means all parts of the plant  
40 *Cannabis*, whether growing or not, with a THC concentration greater

1 than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis; the seeds thereof; the resin  
2 extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound,  
3 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant,  
4 its seeds or resin. The term does not include the mature stalks of  
5 the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the  
6 seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt,  
7 derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the  
8 resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized  
9 seed of the plant which is incapable of germination.

10 (w) "Marijuana concentrates" means products consisting wholly or  
11 in part of the resin extracted from any part of the plant *Cannabis*  
12 and having a THC concentration greater than ten percent.

13 (x) "Marijuana processor" means a person licensed by the state  
14 liquor and cannabis board to process marijuana into marijuana  
15 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products,  
16 package and label marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and  
17 marijuana-infused products for sale in retail outlets, and sell  
18 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused  
19 products at wholesale to marijuana retailers.

20 (y) "Marijuana producer" means a person licensed by the state  
21 liquor and cannabis board to produce and sell marijuana at wholesale  
22 to marijuana processors and other marijuana producers.

23 (z) "Marijuana products" means useable marijuana, marijuana  
24 concentrates, and marijuana-infused products as defined in this  
25 section.

26 (aa) "Marijuana researcher" means a person licensed by the state  
27 liquor and cannabis board to produce, process, and possess marijuana  
28 for the purposes of conducting research on marijuana and marijuana-  
29 derived drug products.

30 (bb) "Marijuana retailer" means a person licensed by the state  
31 liquor and cannabis board to sell marijuana concentrates, useable  
32 marijuana, and marijuana-infused products in a retail outlet.

33 (cc) "Marijuana-infused products" means products that contain  
34 marijuana or marijuana extracts, are intended for human use, are  
35 derived from marijuana as defined in subsection (v) of this section,  
36 and have a THC concentration no greater than ten percent. The term  
37 "marijuana-infused products" does not include either useable  
38 marijuana or marijuana concentrates.

39 (dd) "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced  
40 directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable



1 origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a  
2 combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:

3 (1) Opium, opium derivative, and any derivative of opium or opium  
4 derivative, including their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers,  
5 whenever the existence of the salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is  
6 possible within the specific chemical designation. The term does not  
7 include the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium.

8 (2) Synthetic opiate and any derivative of synthetic opiate,  
9 including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers,  
10 esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of the isomers, esters,  
11 ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical  
12 designation.

13 (3) Poppy straw and concentrate of poppy straw.

14 (4) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves  
15 from which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives or ecgonine or their  
16 salts have been removed.

17 (5) Cocaine, or any salt, isomer, or salt of isomer thereof.

18 (6) Cocaine base.

19 (7) Ecgonine, or any derivative, salt, isomer, or salt of isomer  
20 thereof.

21 (8) Any compound, mixture, or preparation containing any quantity  
22 of any substance referred to in subparagraphs (1) through (7).

23 (ee) "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-forming or  
24 addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable  
25 of conversion into a drug having addiction-forming or addiction-  
26 sustaining liability. The term includes opium, substances derived  
27 from opium (opium derivatives), and synthetic opiates. The term does  
28 not include, unless specifically designated as controlled under RCW  
29 69.50.201, the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan  
30 and its salts (dextromethorphan). The term includes the racemic and  
31 levorotatory forms of dextromethorphan.

32 (ff) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver*  
33 *somniferum* L., except its seeds.

34 (gg) "Person" means individual, corporation, business trust,  
35 estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government,  
36 governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or commercial  
37 entity.

38 (hh) "Plant" has the meaning provided in RCW 69.51A.010.

39 (ii) "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the  
40 opium poppy, after mowing.

1 (jj) "Practitioner" means:

2 (1) A physician under chapter 18.71 RCW; a physician assistant  
3 under chapter 18.71A RCW; an osteopathic physician and surgeon under  
4 chapter 18.57 RCW; an osteopathic physician assistant under chapter  
5 18.57A RCW who is licensed under RCW 18.57A.020 subject to any  
6 limitations in RCW 18.57A.040; an optometrist licensed under chapter  
7 18.53 RCW who is certified by the optometry board under RCW 18.53.010  
8 subject to any limitations in RCW 18.53.010; a dentist under chapter  
9 18.32 RCW; a podiatric physician and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW;  
10 a veterinarian under chapter 18.92 RCW; a registered nurse, advanced  
11 registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse under  
12 chapter 18.79 RCW; a naturopathic physician under chapter 18.36A RCW  
13 who is licensed under RCW 18.36A.030 subject to any limitations in  
14 RCW 18.36A.040; a pharmacist under chapter 18.64 RCW or a scientific  
15 investigator under this chapter, licensed, registered or otherwise  
16 permitted insofar as is consistent with those licensing laws to  
17 distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or administer  
18 a controlled substance in the course of their professional practice  
19 or research in this state.

20 (2) A pharmacy, hospital or other institution licensed,  
21 registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct  
22 research with respect to or to administer a controlled substance in  
23 the course of professional practice or research in this state.

24 (3) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a  
25 physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, a  
26 dentist licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and  
27 surgeon licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, a  
28 licensed physician assistant or a licensed osteopathic physician  
29 assistant specifically approved to prescribe controlled substances by  
30 his or her state's medical quality assurance commission or equivalent  
31 and his or her supervising physician, an advanced registered nurse  
32 practitioner licensed to prescribe controlled substances, or a  
33 veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in any state of  
34 the United States.

35 (kk) "Prescription" means an order for controlled substances  
36 issued by a practitioner duly authorized by law or rule in the state  
37 of Washington to prescribe controlled substances within the scope of  
38 his or her professional practice for a legitimate medical purpose.

39 (ll) "Production" includes the manufacturing, planting,  
40 cultivating, growing, or harvesting of a controlled substance.

1 (mm) "Qualifying patient" has the meaning provided in RCW  
2 69.51A.010.

3 (nn) "Recognition card" has the meaning provided in RCW  
4 69.51A.010.

5 (oo) "Retail outlet" means a location licensed by the state  
6 liquor and cannabis board for the retail sale of marijuana  
7 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products.

8 (pp) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's  
9 designee.

10 (qq) "State," unless the context otherwise requires, means a  
11 state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the  
12 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or insular possession  
13 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

14 (rr) "THC concentration" means percent of delta-9  
15 tetrahydrocannabinol content per dry weight of any part of the plant  
16 *Cannabis*, or per volume or weight of marijuana product, or the  
17 combined percent of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol and  
18 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the plant *Cannabis*  
19 regardless of moisture content.

20 (ss) "Ultimate user" means an individual who lawfully possesses a  
21 controlled substance for the individual's own use or for the use of a  
22 member of the individual's household or for administering to an  
23 animal owned by the individual or by a member of the individual's  
24 household.

25 (tt) "Useable marijuana" means dried marijuana flowers. The term  
26 "useable marijuana" does not include either marijuana-infused  
27 products or marijuana concentrates.

28 (uu) "Financial consideration" means value that is given or  
29 received directly or indirectly through a sale, barter, trade, fee,  
30 charge, due, contribution, or donation.

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