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1 AN ACT Relating to the marijuana research license; and amending
2 RCW 69.50.372 and 43.350.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.372 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 1501 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) (~~There shall be~~) A marijuana research license is
7 established that permits a licensee to produce, process, and possess
8 marijuana for the following limited research purposes:

9 (a) To test chemical potency and composition levels;

10 (b) To conduct clinical investigations of marijuana-derived drug
11 products;

12 (c) To conduct research on the efficacy and safety of
13 administering marijuana as part of medical treatment; and

14 (d) To conduct genomic or agricultural research.

15 (2) (~~As part of the application process for a marijuana research~~
16 ~~license,~~) An applicant must submit (~~to the life sciences discovery~~
17 ~~fund authority~~) a description of the research that is intended to be
18 conducted with its application for a marijuana research license. The
19 (~~life sciences discovery fund authority must~~) liquor and cannabis
20 board must select a scientific reviewer to review (~~the~~) an
21 applicant's submitted description of the research project and

1 determine that it meets the requirements of subsection (1) of this
2 section. If the (~~life sciences discovery fund authority~~) scientific
3 reviewer determines that the research project does not meet the
4 requirements of subsection (1) of this section, the application must
5 be denied.

6 (3) A marijuana research licensee may only sell marijuana grown
7 or within its operation to other marijuana research licensees. The
8 state liquor and cannabis board may revoke a marijuana research
9 license for violations of this subsection.

10 (4) A marijuana research licensee may contract with the
11 University of Washington or Washington State University to perform
12 research in conjunction with the university. All research projects,
13 not including those projects conducted pursuant to a contract entered
14 into under RCW 28B.20.502(3), must be approved by the (~~life sciences~~
15 ~~discovery fund authority~~) scientific reviewer and meet the
16 requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

17 (5) In establishing a marijuana research license, the (~~state~~)
18 liquor and cannabis board may adopt rules on the following:

19 (a) Application requirements;

20 (b) Marijuana research license renewal requirements, including
21 whether additional research projects may be added or considered;

22 (c) Conditions for license revocation;

23 (d) Security measures to ensure marijuana is not diverted to
24 purposes other than research;

25 (e) Amount of plants, useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates,
26 or marijuana-infused products a licensee may have on its premises;

27 (f) Licensee reporting requirements;

28 (g) Conditions under which marijuana grown by marijuana
29 processors may be donated to marijuana research licensees; and

30 (h) Additional requirements deemed necessary by the state liquor
31 and cannabis board.

32 (6) The production, processing, possession, delivery, donation,
33 and sale of marijuana in accordance with this section and the rules
34 adopted to implement and enforce it, by a validly licensed marijuana
35 researcher, shall not be a criminal or civil offense under Washington
36 state law. Every marijuana research license must be issued in the
37 name of the applicant, must specify the location at which the
38 marijuana researcher intends to operate, which must be within the
39 state of Washington, and the holder thereof may not allow any other
40 person to use the license.

1 (7) The application fee for a marijuana research license is two
2 hundred fifty dollars. The annual fee for issuance and renewal of a
3 marijuana research license is one thousand dollars. Fifty percent of
4 the application fee, the issuance fee, and the renewal fee must be
5 ~~((deposited to the life sciences discovery fund under RCW 43.350.070,~~
6 ~~or, if that fund ceases to exist, to the general fund))~~ paid to the
7 scientific reviewer.

8 (8) For the purposes of this section, "scientific reviewer" means
9 a science or research-based organization that employs persons who are
10 qualified to determine whether a research project meets the criteria
11 for a marijuana research license under this section. "Scientific
12 reviewers" include, but are not limited to, educational institutions,
13 research institutions, peer review groups, or such other science or
14 research-based organizations that are capable of determining the
15 research value of a marijuana research license applicant.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.350.030 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 1503 are each
17 amended to read as follows:

18 In addition to other powers and duties prescribed in this
19 chapter, the authority is empowered to:

20 (1) Use public moneys in the life sciences discovery fund,
21 leveraging those moneys with amounts received from other public and
22 private sources in accordance with contribution agreements, to
23 promote life sciences research;

24 (2) Solicit and receive gifts, grants, and bequests, and enter
25 into contribution agreements with private entities and public
26 entities other than the state to receive moneys in consideration of
27 the authority's promise to leverage those moneys with amounts
28 received through appropriations from the legislature and
29 contributions from other public entities and private entities, in
30 order to use those moneys to promote life sciences research. Nonstate
31 moneys received by the authority for this purpose shall be deposited
32 in the life sciences discovery fund created in RCW 43.350.070;

33 (3) Hold funds received by the authority in trust for their use
34 pursuant to this chapter to promote life sciences research;

35 (4) Manage its funds, obligations, and investments as necessary
36 and as consistent with its purpose including the segregation of
37 revenues into separate funds and accounts;

38 (5) Make grants to entities pursuant to contract for the
39 promotion of life sciences research to be conducted in the state.

1 Grant agreements must specify deliverables to be provided by the
2 recipient pursuant to the grant. The authority shall solicit requests
3 for funding and evaluate the requests by reference to factors such
4 as: (a) The quality of the proposed research; (b) its potential to
5 improve health outcomes, with particular attention to the likelihood
6 that it will also lower health care costs, substitute for a more
7 costly diagnostic or treatment modality, or offer a breakthrough
8 treatment for a particular disease or condition; (c) its potential
9 for leveraging additional funding; (d) its potential to provide
10 health care benefits or benefit human learning and development; (e)
11 its potential to stimulate the health care delivery, biomedical
12 manufacturing, and life sciences related employment in the state; (f)
13 the geographic diversity of the grantees within Washington; (g)
14 evidence of potential royalty income and contractual means to
15 recapture such income for purposes of this chapter; and (h) evidence
16 of public and private collaboration;

17 (6) Create one or more advisory boards composed of scientists,
18 industrialists, and others familiar with life sciences research; and

19 ~~(7) ((Review and approve or disapprove marijuana research license~~
20 ~~applications under RCW 69.50.372;~~

21 ~~(8) Review any reports made by marijuana research licensees under~~
22 ~~state liquor and cannabis board rule and provide the state liquor and~~
23 ~~cannabis board with its determination on whether the research project~~
24 ~~continues to meet research qualifications under RCW 69.50.372(1); and~~

25 ~~(9))~~ Adopt policies and procedures to facilitate the orderly
26 process of grant application, review, and reward.

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