
SENATE BILL 6375

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By Senators Rivers and Pedersen

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1 AN ACT Relating to marijuana clubs; amending RCW 69.50.465; and
2 prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.465 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 1401 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, it is
7 unlawful for any person to conduct or maintain a marijuana club by
8 himself or herself or by associating with others, or in any manner
9 aid, assist, or abet in conducting or maintaining a marijuana club.

10 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, it is
11 unlawful for any person to conduct or maintain a public place where
12 marijuana is held or stored, except as provided for a licensee under
13 this chapter, or consumption of marijuana is permitted.

14 (3) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a (~~class C~~
15 ~~felony~~) gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

16 (4) Notwithstanding this section, cities, towns, and counties may
17 license and regulate marijuana use locations within their
18 jurisdictions where consumption of marijuana is permitted. Any such
19 licenses and regulations must prohibit the entry of persons under the
20 age of twenty-one to marijuana use locations and must ensure that
21 such locations comply with all other applicable provisions of state

1 law. A person who conducts or maintains a marijuana use location does
2 not violate this section if the marijuana use location has such a
3 local license and operates pursuant to that local license.

4 (5) The following definitions apply throughout this section
5 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (a) "Marijuana club" means a club, association, or other
7 business, for profit or otherwise, that conducts or maintains a
8 premises for the primary or incidental purpose of providing a
9 location where members or other persons may keep or consume marijuana
10 on the premises.

11 (b) "Public place" means, in addition to the definition provided
12 in RCW 66.04.010, any place to which admission is charged or for
13 which any pecuniary gain is realized by the owner or operator of such
14 place.

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