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1 AN ACT Relating to naturopathic physician scope of practice;  
2 amending RCW 18.36A.020, 18.36A.040, 69.41.030, and 69.50.101; adding  
3 new sections to chapter 18.36A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds:

6 (1) Naturopathic physicians are recognized as primary care  
7 providers in both statute and rule, and have served in this role for  
8 many years through private health plans, in apple health, and with  
9 the Indian health service systems.

10 (2) Washington has a shortage of primary care services that poses  
11 a significant risk to public health resulting in increased human  
12 suffering and increased costs. The coronavirus pandemic added strain  
13 on an already overburdened health care system, further exposing the  
14 need to empower primary care providers to practice to the full scope  
15 of their training.

16 (3) In some areas, naturopathic physicians are the only available  
17 health care providers. As such, they need authority for all  
18 appropriate primary care services consistent with their education and  
19 patient populations. This act supports better patient care, prevents  
20 duplication of services, reduces emergency department visits, and is  
21 more cost-effective for patients, health plans, and state agencies.

1 (4) Naturopathic medical training emphasizes prevention and  
2 comprehensive primary care and includes the same basic and clinical  
3 science courses as would be taught in any conventional medical  
4 program in addition to behavioral health, counseling, and lifestyle  
5 medicine. Many patients seek care with naturopathic physicians in  
6 order to stop taking or lower their doses of prescription  
7 medications. Most controlled substances cannot be stopped without a  
8 careful dosage taper. Enabling naturopathic physicians to practice to  
9 the full extent of their training, to include authority to prescribe  
10 and deprescribe controlled substances, allows them to play a more  
11 significant role in addressing the ongoing opioid and benzodiazepine  
12 crises facing our communities.

13 (5) The legislature first granted naturopathic physicians limited  
14 prescriptive authority in 1987 and expanded this in 2005 to include  
15 all legend drugs and limited controlled substances in Schedules III  
16 through V of the uniform controlled substances act. Licensed  
17 naturopathic physicians in several states currently have prescriptive  
18 authority beyond what those in Washington have. Licensed naturopathic  
19 physicians have demonstrated competence and safety in prescribing  
20 controlled substances both here and in surrounding states.

21 (6) This act recognizes the board of naturopathy and its role in  
22 rule making for determination of specific clinical parameters and  
23 educational requirements in the same manner as other boards and  
24 commissions with primary care authority.

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.36A.020 and 2021 c 179 s 2 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
28 this section apply throughout this chapter.

29 (1) "Board" means the board of naturopathy created in RCW  
30 18.36A.150.

31 (2) "Colon hydrotherapist" means a person certified under this  
32 chapter to perform colon hydrotherapy pursuant to an affiliation with  
33 one or more naturopaths.

34 (3) "Colon hydrotherapy" means the performance of enemas or  
35 colonic irrigation.

36 (4) "Common diagnostic procedures" means the use of venipuncture  
37 consistent with the practice of naturopathic medicine, commonly used  
38 diagnostic modalities consistent with naturopathic practice, health  
39 history taking, physical examination, radiography, examination of

1 body orifices excluding endoscopy, laboratory medicine, and obtaining  
2 samples of human tissues, but excluding incision or excision beyond  
3 that which is authorized as a minor office procedure.

4 (5) "Department" means the department of health.

5 (6) "Educational program" means an accredited program preparing  
6 persons for the practice of naturopathic medicine.

7 (7) "Homeopathy" means a system of medicine based on the use of  
8 infinitesimal doses of medicines capable of producing symptoms  
9 similar to those of the disease treated, as listed in the homeopathic  
10 pharmacopeia of the United States.

11 (8) "Hygiene and immunization" means the use of such preventative  
12 techniques as personal hygiene, asepsis, public health, and  
13 immunizations, to the extent allowed by rule.

14 (9) "Manual manipulation" or "mechanotherapy" means manipulation  
15 of a part or the whole of the body by hand or by mechanical means.

16 (10) "Minor office procedures" means care and procedures incident  
17 thereto of superficial lacerations, lesions, ~~((and abrasions))~~ minor  
18 injuries, and the removal of foreign bodies located in superficial  
19 structures, not to include the eye other than inspection and lavage;  
20 and the use of antiseptics and topical or local anesthetics in  
21 connection therewith. "Minor office procedures" also includes  
22 ~~((intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, and intradermal))~~ common  
23 diagnostic procedures, physical modalities, injections, and topical  
24 applications of substances consistent with the practice of  
25 naturopathic medicine and in accordance with rules established by the  
26 ~~((secretary))~~ board.

27 (11) "Naturopath" or "naturopathic physician" means an individual  
28 licensed under this chapter.

29 (12) "Naturopathic medicines" means vitamins; minerals; botanical  
30 medicines; homeopathic medicines; hormones; and ~~((those legend drugs~~  
31 ~~and controlled))~~ other nutrients, compounds, and natural substances  
32 consistent with naturopathic medical practice ~~((in accordance with~~  
33 ~~rules established by the board. Controlled substances are limited to~~  
34 ~~codeine and testosterone products that are contained in Schedules~~  
35 ~~III, IV, and V in chapter 69.50 RCW))~~.

36 (13) "Nutrition and food science" means the prevention and  
37 treatment of disease or other human conditions through the use of  
38 foods, water, herbs, roots, bark, or natural food elements.

39 (14) "Physical modalities" means use of physical, chemical,  
40 electrical, and other modalities ~~((that do not exceed those used as~~

1 of July 22, 2011, in minor office procedures or common diagnostic  
2 procedures)), including but not limited to heat, cold, air, light,  
3 water in any of its forms, sound, massage, durable medical equipment,  
4 and therapeutic exercise.

5 (15) "Radiography" means (~~the ordering, but not the~~  
6 ~~interpretation, of radiographic diagnostic and other imaging studies~~  
7 ~~and~~) the taking and interpretation of standard radiographs.

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

10 (17) "Suggestion" means techniques including but not limited to  
11 counseling, biofeedback, and hypnosis.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.36A.040 and 2011 c 40 s 2 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 Naturopathic medicine is the practice by (~~naturopaths~~)  
15 naturopathic physicians of the art and science of the diagnosis,  
16 prevention, and treatment of disorders of the body by stimulation or  
17 support, or both, of the natural processes of the human body. A  
18 (~~naturopath~~) naturopathic physician is responsible and accountable  
19 to the consumer for the quality of naturopathic care rendered.

20 The practice of naturopathic medicine includes manual  
21 manipulation (mechanotherapy), the prescription, administration,  
22 dispensing, and use, except for the treatment of malignancies, of  
23 nutrition and food science, physical modalities, minor office  
24 procedures, homeopathy, naturopathic medicines, legend and nonlegend  
25 drugs and controlled substances contained in Schedules III through V,  
26 and stimulant medications contained in Schedule II, of the uniform  
27 controlled substances act, chapter 69.50 RCW, hygiene and  
28 immunization, contraceptive devices, common diagnostic procedures,  
29 and suggestion; however, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit  
30 consultation and treatment of a patient in concert with a  
31 practitioner licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW. No person  
32 licensed under this chapter may employ the term "chiropractic" to  
33 describe any services provided by a (~~naturopath~~) naturopathic  
34 physician under this chapter.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.36A  
36 RCW to read as follows:

37 (1) Subject to the requirements of this section, a naturopathic  
38 physician may prescribe and administer legend drugs and controlled

1 substances contained in Schedules III through V, and stimulant  
2 medications in Schedule II, of the uniform controlled substances act,  
3 chapter 69.50 RCW, as necessary in the practice of naturopathy.

4 (2) Prior to prescribing controlled substances other than  
5 testosterone and codeine products, a naturopathic physician must:

6 (a) Pass an examination approved by the board in rule assessing  
7 competence in pharmaceutical prescribing; and

8 (b) Register with the department to access the prescription  
9 monitoring program established in chapter 70.225 RCW.

10 (3) By rule, the board shall establish any additional education  
11 and training requirements related to prescribing legend drugs and  
12 controlled substances. The governor shall make every effort to  
13 appoint at least one naturopathic physician with experience  
14 prescribing controlled substances to serve on the board. If that is  
15 not possible, the board shall consult with a naturopathic physician  
16 or other licensed health care professional with this experience to  
17 develop any additional education and training requirements related to  
18 prescribing legend drugs and controlled substances. A naturopathic  
19 physician may prescribe and administer drugs pursuant to subsection  
20 (1) of this section only if they satisfy the education and training  
21 requirements established in this section and by the board.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 18.36A  
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 A naturopathic physician may sign and attest to any certificates,  
25 cards, forms, or other required documentation that a physician may  
26 sign, so long as it is within the naturopathic physician's scope of  
27 practice. This includes, but is not limited to, disability  
28 determinations, physician orders for life-sustaining treatment,  
29 hospice orders, student athletic forms, guardianships, powers of  
30 attorney, and similar legal documents.

31 **Sec. 6.** RCW 69.41.030 and 2024 c 102 s 2 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or deliver any  
34 legend drug, or knowingly possess any legend drug, or knowingly use  
35 any legend drug in a public place, except upon the order or  
36 prescription of a physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic  
37 physician and surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW, an optometrist  
38 licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW who is certified by the optometry

1 board under RCW 18.53.010, a dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW, a  
2 podiatric physician and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW, a  
3 naturopathic physician under chapter 18.36A RCW, a licensed midwife  
4 to the extent authorized under chapter 18.50 RCW, a veterinarian  
5 under chapter 18.92 RCW, a commissioned medical or dental officer in  
6 the United States armed forces or public health service in the  
7 discharge of his or her official duties, a duly licensed physician or  
8 dentist employed by the veterans administration in the discharge of  
9 his or her official duties, a registered nurse or advanced practice  
10 registered nurse (~~(practitioner)~~) under chapter 18.79 RCW when  
11 authorized by the board of nursing, a pharmacist licensed under  
12 chapter 18.64 RCW to the extent permitted by drug therapy guidelines  
13 or protocols established under RCW 18.64.011 and authorized by the  
14 commission and approved by a practitioner authorized to prescribe  
15 drugs, a physician assistant under chapter 18.71A RCW when authorized  
16 by the Washington medical commission, or any of the following  
17 professionals in any province of Canada that shares a common border  
18 with the state of Washington or in any state of the United States: A  
19 physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a physician  
20 licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, a naturopathic  
21 physician licensed to practice naturopathic medicine, a dentist  
22 licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and surgeon  
23 licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, a licensed  
24 advanced practice registered nurse (~~(practitioner)~~), a licensed  
25 physician assistant, or a veterinarian licensed to practice  
26 veterinary medicine: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the above provisions  
27 shall not apply to sale, delivery, or possession by drug wholesalers  
28 or drug manufacturers, or their agents or employees, or to any  
29 practitioner acting within the scope of his or her license, or to a  
30 common or contract carrier or warehouse operator, or any employee  
31 thereof, whose possession of any legend drug is in the usual course  
32 of business or employment: PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in this  
33 chapter or chapter 18.64 RCW shall prevent a family planning clinic  
34 that is under contract with the health care authority from selling,  
35 delivering, possessing, and dispensing commercially prepackaged oral  
36 contraceptives prescribed by authorized, licensed health care  
37 practitioners: PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in this chapter  
38 prohibits possession or delivery of legend drugs by an authorized  
39 collector or other person participating in the operation of a drug  
40 take-back program authorized in chapter 69.48 RCW.

1 (2) (a) A violation of this section involving the sale, delivery,  
2 or possession with intent to sell or deliver is a class B felony  
3 punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

4 (b) A violation of this section involving knowing possession is a  
5 misdemeanor. The prosecutor is encouraged to divert such cases for  
6 assessment, treatment, or other services.

7 (c) A violation of this section involving knowing use in a public  
8 place is a misdemeanor. The prosecutor is encouraged to divert such  
9 cases for assessment, treatment, or other services.

10 (d) No person may be charged with both knowing possession and  
11 knowing use in a public place under this section relating to the same  
12 course of conduct.

13 (e) In lieu of jail booking and referral to the prosecutor for a  
14 violation of this section involving knowing possession, or knowing  
15 use in a public place, law enforcement is encouraged to offer a  
16 referral to assessment and services available under RCW 10.31.110 or  
17 other program or entity responsible for receiving referrals in lieu  
18 of legal system involvement, which may include, but are not limited  
19 to, arrest and jail alternative programs established under RCW  
20 36.28A.450, law enforcement assisted diversion programs established  
21 under RCW 71.24.589, and the recovery navigator program established  
22 under RCW 71.24.115.

23 (3) For the purposes of this section, "public place" has the same  
24 meaning as defined in RCW 66.04.010, but the exclusions in RCW  
25 66.04.011 do not apply.

26 (4) For the purposes of this section, "use any legend drug" means  
27 to introduce the drug into the human body by injection, inhalation,  
28 ingestion, or any other means.

29 **Sec. 7.** RCW 69.50.101 and 2024 c 62 s 17 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
32 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

36 (a) a practitioner authorized to prescribe (or, by the  
37 practitioner's authorized agent); or

38 (b) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the  
39 presence of the practitioner.

1 (2) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or  
2 at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser. It  
3 does not include a common or contract carrier, public  
4 warehouseperson, or employee of the carrier or warehouseperson.

5 (3) "Board" means the Washington state liquor and cannabis board.

6 (4) "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant *Cannabis*, whether  
7 growing or not, with a THC concentration greater than 0.3 percent on  
8 a dry weight basis during the growing cycle through harvest and  
9 usable cannabis. "Cannabis" does not include hemp or industrial hemp  
10 as defined in RCW 15.140.020, or seeds used for licensed hemp  
11 production under chapter 15.140 RCW.

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

15 (6) "Cannabis processor" means a person licensed by the board to  
16 process cannabis into cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and  
17 cannabis-infused products, package and label cannabis concentrates,  
18 useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused products for sale in retail  
19 outlets, and sell cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and  
20 cannabis-infused products at wholesale to cannabis retailers.

21 (7) "Cannabis producer" means a person licensed by the board to  
22 produce and sell cannabis at wholesale to cannabis processors and  
23 other cannabis producers.

24 (8)(a) "Cannabis products" means useable cannabis, cannabis  
25 concentrates, and cannabis-infused products as defined in this  
26 section, including any product intended to be consumed or absorbed  
27 inside the body by any means including inhalation, ingestion, or  
28 insertion, with any detectable amount of THC.

29 (b) "Cannabis products" also means any product containing only  
30 THC content.

31 (c) "Cannabis products" does not include cannabis health and  
32 beauty aids as defined in RCW 69.50.575 or products approved by the  
33 United States food and drug administration.

34 (9) "Cannabis researcher" means a person licensed by the board to  
35 produce, process, and possess cannabis for the purposes of conducting  
36 research on cannabis and cannabis-derived drug products.

37 (10) "Cannabis retailer" means a person licensed by the board to  
38 sell cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused  
39 products in a retail outlet.



1 (11) "Cannabis-infused products" means products that contain  
2 cannabis or cannabis extracts, are intended for human use, are  
3 derived from cannabis as defined in subsection (4) of this section,  
4 and have a THC concentration no greater than ten percent. The term  
5 "cannabis-infused products" does not include either useable cannabis  
6 or cannabis concentrates.

7 (12) "CBD concentration" has the meaning provided in RCW  
8 69.51A.010.

9 (13) "CBD product" means any product containing or consisting of  
10 cannabidiol.

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

13 (15) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate  
14 precursor included in Schedules I through V as set forth in federal  
15 or state laws, or federal or commission rules, but does not include  
16 hemp or industrial hemp as defined in RCW 15.140.020.

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

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

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

30 (b) The term does not include:

31 (i) a controlled substance;

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

34 (iii) a substance with respect to which an exemption is in effect  
35 for investigational use by a particular person under Section 505 of  
36 the federal food, drug, and cosmetic act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 355, or  
37 chapter 69.77 RCW to the extent conduct with respect to the substance  
38 is pursuant to the 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 (17) "Deliver" or "delivery" 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 (18) "Department" means the department of health.

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

10 (20) "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 (21) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

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

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

19 (24) "Drug" means (a) 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; (b) controlled substances intended for use in the  
23 diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in  
24 individuals or animals; (c) controlled substances (other than food)  
25 intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of  
26 individuals or animals; and (d) controlled substances intended for  
27 use as a component of any article specified in (a), (b), or (c) of  
28 this subsection. The term does not include devices or their  
29 components, parts, or accessories.

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

33 (26) "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 (27) "Immature plant or clone" means a plant or clone that has no  
39 flowers, is less than twelve inches in height, and is less than  
40 twelve inches in diameter.

1 (28) "Immediate precursor" means a substance:  
2 (a) that the commission has found to be and by rule designates as  
3 being the principal compound commonly used, or produced primarily for  
4 use, in the manufacture of a controlled substance;  
5 (b) that is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to  
6 be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance; and  
7 (c) the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or  
8 limit the manufacture of the controlled substance.

9 (29) "Isomer" means an optical isomer, but in subsection (33)(e)  
10 of this section, RCW 69.50.204(1) (l) and (hh), and 69.50.206(2)(d),  
11 the term includes any geometrical isomer; in RCW 69.50.204(1) (h) and  
12 (pp) (~~r~~) and 69.50.210(3) (~~tr~~), the term includes any positional  
13 isomer; and in RCW 69.50.204(1)(ii), 69.50.204(3), and 69.50.208(1)  
14 (~~tr~~), the term includes any positional or geometric isomer.

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

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

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

33 (a) by a practitioner as an incident to the practitioner's  
34 administering or dispensing of a controlled substance in the course  
35 of the practitioner's professional practice; or  
36 (b) by a practitioner, or by the practitioner's authorized agent  
37 under the practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an  
38 incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for  
39 sale.

1 (33) "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced  
2 directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable  
3 origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a  
4 combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:

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

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

15 (c) Poppy straw and concentrate of poppy straw.

16 (d) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves  
17 from which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives or ecgonine or their  
18 salts have been removed.

19 (e) Cocaine, or any salt, isomer, or salt of isomer thereof.

20 (f) Cocaine base.

21 (g) Ecgonine, or any derivative, salt, isomer, or salt of isomer  
22 thereof.

23 (h) Any compound, mixture, or preparation containing any quantity  
24 of any substance referred to in (a) through (g) of this subsection.

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

34 (35) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver*  
35 *somniferum* L., except its seeds.

36 (36) "Package" means a container that has a single unit or group  
37 of units.

38 (37) "Person" means individual, corporation, business trust,  
39 estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government,

1 governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or commercial  
2 entity.

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

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

6 (40) "Practitioner" means:

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

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

27 (c) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a  
28 physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, a  
29 dentist licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and  
30 surgeon licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, a  
31 licensed physician assistant or a licensed osteopathic physician  
32 assistant specifically approved to prescribe controlled substances by  
33 his or her state's medical commission or equivalent and his or her  
34 participating physician as defined in RCW 18.71A.010, an advanced  
35 practice registered nurse (~~(practitioner)~~) licensed to prescribe  
36 controlled substances, a naturopathic physician licensed to prescribe  
37 controlled substances, or a veterinarian licensed to practice  
38 veterinary medicine in any state of the United States.

39 (41) "Prescription" means an order for controlled substances  
40 issued by a practitioner duly authorized by law or rule in the state

1 of Washington to prescribe controlled substances within the scope of  
2 his or her professional practice for a legitimate medical purpose.

3 (42) "Production" includes the manufacturing, planting,  
4 cultivating, growing, or harvesting of a controlled substance.

5 (43) "Qualifying patient" has the meaning provided in RCW  
6 69.51A.010.

7 (44) "Recognition card" has the meaning provided in RCW  
8 69.51A.010.

9 (45) "Retail outlet" means a location licensed by the board for  
10 the retail sale of cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and  
11 cannabis-infused products.

12 (46) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's  
13 designee.

14 (47) "Social equity plan" means a plan that addresses at least  
15 some of the elements outlined in this subsection (47), along with any  
16 additional plan components or requirements approved by the board  
17 following consultation with the task force created in RCW 69.50.336.  
18 The plan may include:

19 (a) A statement that indicates how the cannabis licensee will  
20 work to promote social equity goals in their community;

21 (b) A description of how the cannabis licensee will meet social  
22 equity goals as defined in RCW 69.50.335;

23 (c) The composition of the workforce the licensee has employed or  
24 intends to hire; and

25 (d) Business plans involving partnerships or assistance to  
26 organizations or residents with connections to populations with a  
27 history of high rates of enforcement of cannabis prohibition.

28 (48) "State," unless the context otherwise requires, means a  
29 state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the  
30 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or insular possession  
31 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

32 (49) "THC concentration" means percent of tetrahydrocannabinol  
33 content of any part of the plant *Cannabis*, or per volume or weight of  
34 cannabis product, or the combined percent of tetrahydrocannabinol and  
35 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the plant *Cannabis*  
36 regardless of moisture content.

37 (50) "Ultimate user" means an individual who lawfully possesses a  
38 controlled substance for the individual's own use or for the use of a  
39 member of the individual's household or for administering to an

1 animal owned by the individual or by a member of the individual's  
2 household.

3 (51) "Unit" means an individual consumable item within a package  
4 of one or more consumable items in solid, liquid, gas, or any form  
5 intended for human consumption.

6 (52) "Useable cannabis" means dried cannabis flowers. The term  
7 "useable cannabis" does not include either cannabis-infused products  
8 or cannabis concentrates.

9 (53) "Youth access" means the level of interest persons under the  
10 age of twenty-one may have in a vapor product, as well as the degree  
11 to which the product is available or appealing to such persons, and  
12 the likelihood of initiation, use, or addiction by adolescents and  
13 young adults.

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