

WSR 24-10-042
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
LIQUOR AND CANNABIS
BOARD

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Title 314 WAC; the Washington state liquor and cannabis board (board) is considering repealing, amending, and creating rule sections as necessary to implement SHB 1453 (chapter 79, Laws of 2024), which exempts qualifying patients or designated providers issued a recognition card, purchasing cannabis identified by the Washington state department of health (DOH) in chapter 246-70 WAC, from a cannabis retailer issued a medical cannabis endorsement, from the cannabis excise tax until June 30, 2029, and to make other technical changes to chapter 314-55 WAC as necessary for internal consistency.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 69.50.342 (cannabis).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rules may be needed to implement the provisions of SHB 1453 that provide a temporary excise tax exemption until June 30, 2029, provided that:

- The purchase is at a cannabis retailer with a medical cannabis endorsement;
- The sale is made to a qualifying patient or designated provider who has been issued a recognition card; and
- The cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, or cannabis-infused product has been identified by DOH as a complaint cannabis product in chapter 246-70 WAC and tested to the standards in WAC 246-70-040.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: DOH, Washington state department of revenue.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Daniel Jacobs, Policy and Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 43080, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-480-1238, fax 360-704-5027, email rules@lcb.wa.gov, website lcb.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested persons can participate in the rule process through open public meetings and by submitting written comments, and are encouraged to sign up for the interested parties list (GovDelivery) at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WALCB/subscriber/new>. Rule-making notices and stakeholder engagement opportunities will be emailed via GovDelivery and posted to the board website at lcb.wa.gov.

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