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CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5298** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

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**By** Senate Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senators Rivers, Palumbo, and Wellman)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to labeling of marijuana products; amending RCW  
2 69.50.345, 69.50.346, 82.08.9998, and 82.12.9998; creating a new  
3 section; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to allow  
6 additional information on the labels and labeling of marijuana  
7 products to assist consumers in making purchases of these products.

8 The legislature declares that labels and labeling should not make  
9 any disease claim indicating the product is intended for use in the  
10 diagnosis, treatment, cure, or prevention of any disease.

11 The legislature recognizes that it may be useful for a label or  
12 labeling to describe the intended role of a marijuana product that  
13 contains nutrients or other dietary ingredients, including herbs and  
14 other botanicals, to maintain a structure or function of the body, or  
15 characterize the documented mechanism by which the product acts to  
16 maintain such structure or function, provided that the claim is  
17 truthful and not misleading.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 69.50.345 and 2018 c 43 s 2 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

1 The state liquor and cannabis board, subject to the provisions of  
2 this chapter, must adopt rules that establish the procedures and  
3 criteria necessary to implement the following:

4 (1) Licensing of marijuana producers, marijuana processors, and  
5 marijuana retailers, including prescribing forms and establishing  
6 application, reinstatement, and renewal fees.

7 (a) Application forms for marijuana producers must request the  
8 applicant to state whether the applicant intends to produce marijuana  
9 for sale by marijuana retailers holding medical marijuana  
10 endorsements and the amount of or percentage of canopy the applicant  
11 intends to commit to growing plants determined by the department  
12 under RCW 69.50.375 to be of a THC concentration, CBD concentration,  
13 or THC to CBD ratio appropriate for marijuana concentrates, useable  
14 marijuana, or marijuana-infused products sold to qualifying patients.

15 (b) The state liquor and cannabis board must reconsider and  
16 increase limits on the amount of square feet permitted to be in  
17 production on July 24, 2015, and increase the percentage of  
18 production space for those marijuana producers who intend to grow  
19 plants for marijuana retailers holding medical marijuana endorsements  
20 if the marijuana producer designates the increased production space  
21 to plants determined by the department under RCW 69.50.375 to be of a  
22 THC concentration, CBD concentration, or THC to CBD ratio appropriate  
23 for marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused  
24 products to be sold to qualifying patients. If current marijuana  
25 producers do not use all the increased production space, the state  
26 liquor and cannabis board may reopen the license period for new  
27 marijuana producer license applicants but only to those marijuana  
28 producers who agree to grow plants for marijuana retailers holding  
29 medical marijuana endorsements. Priority in licensing must be given  
30 to marijuana producer license applicants who have an application  
31 pending on July 24, 2015, but who are not yet licensed and then to  
32 new marijuana producer license applicants. After January 1, 2017, any  
33 reconsideration of the limits on the amount of square feet permitted  
34 to be in production to meet the medical needs of qualifying patients  
35 must consider information contained in the medical marijuana  
36 authorization database established in RCW 69.51A.230;

37 (2) Determining, in consultation with the office of financial  
38 management, the maximum number of retail outlets that may be licensed  
39 in each county, taking into consideration:

40 (a) Population distribution;

1 (b) Security and safety issues;

2 (c) The provision of adequate access to licensed sources of  
3 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused  
4 products to discourage purchases from the illegal market; and

5 (d) The number of retail outlets holding medical marijuana  
6 endorsements necessary to meet the medical needs of qualifying  
7 patients. The state liquor and cannabis board must reconsider and  
8 increase the maximum number of retail outlets it established before  
9 July 24, 2015, and allow for a new license application period and a  
10 greater number of retail outlets to be permitted in order to  
11 accommodate the medical needs of qualifying patients and designated  
12 providers. After January 1, 2017, any reconsideration of the maximum  
13 number of retail outlets needed to meet the medical needs of  
14 qualifying patients must consider information contained in the  
15 medical marijuana authorization database established in RCW  
16 69.51A.230;

17 (3) Determining the maximum quantity of marijuana a marijuana  
18 producer may have on the premises of a licensed location at any time  
19 without violating Washington state law;

20 (4) Determining the maximum quantities of marijuana, marijuana  
21 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products a  
22 marijuana processor may have on the premises of a licensed location  
23 at any time without violating Washington state law;

24 (5) Determining the maximum quantities of marijuana concentrates,  
25 useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products a marijuana  
26 retailer may have on the premises of a retail outlet at any time  
27 without violating Washington state law;

28 (6) In making the determinations required by this section, the  
29 state liquor and cannabis board shall take into consideration:

30 (a) Security and safety issues;

31 (b) The provision of adequate access to licensed sources of  
32 marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-  
33 infused products to discourage purchases from the illegal market; and

34 (c) Economies of scale, and their impact on licensees' ability to  
35 both comply with regulatory requirements and undercut illegal market  
36 prices;

37 (7) Determining the nature, form, and capacity of all containers  
38 to be used by licensees to contain marijuana, marijuana concentrates,  
39 useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products, and their labeling  
40 requirements (~~(, to include but not be limited to:~~

1 ~~(a) The business or trade name and Washington state unified~~  
2 ~~business identifier number of the licensees that produced and~~  
3 ~~processed the marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana,~~  
4 ~~or marijuana-infused product;~~

5 ~~(b) Lot numbers of the marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable~~  
6 ~~marijuana, or marijuana-infused product;~~

7 ~~(c) THC concentration and CBD concentration of the marijuana,~~  
8 ~~marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused~~  
9 ~~product;~~

10 ~~(d) Medically and scientifically accurate information about the~~  
11 ~~health and safety risks posed by marijuana use; and~~

12 ~~(e) Language required by RCW 69.04.480));~~

13 (8) In consultation with the department of agriculture and the  
14 department, establishing classes of marijuana, marijuana  
15 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products  
16 according to grade, condition, cannabinoid profile, THC  
17 concentration, CBD concentration, or other qualitative measurements  
18 deemed appropriate by the state liquor and cannabis board;

19 (9) Establishing reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions  
20 and requirements regarding advertising of marijuana, marijuana  
21 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products that  
22 are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, taking into  
23 consideration:

24 (a) Federal laws relating to marijuana that are applicable within  
25 Washington state;

26 (b) Minimizing exposure of people under twenty-one years of age  
27 to the advertising;

28 (c) The inclusion of medically and scientifically accurate  
29 information about the health and safety risks posed by marijuana use  
30 in the advertising; and

31 (d) Ensuring that retail outlets with medical marijuana  
32 endorsements may advertise themselves as medical retail outlets;

33 (10) Specifying and regulating the time and periods when, and the  
34 manner, methods, and means by which, licensees shall transport and  
35 deliver marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and  
36 marijuana-infused products within the state;

37 (11) In consultation with the department and the department of  
38 agriculture, establishing accreditation requirements for testing  
39 laboratories used by licensees to demonstrate compliance with  
40 standards adopted by the state liquor and cannabis board, and

1 prescribing methods of producing, processing, and packaging  
2 marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-  
3 infused products; conditions of sanitation; and standards of  
4 ingredients, quality, and identity of marijuana, marijuana  
5 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products  
6 produced, processed, packaged, or sold by licensees;

7 (12) Specifying procedures for identifying, seizing,  
8 confiscating, destroying, and donating to law enforcement for  
9 training purposes all marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable  
10 marijuana, and marijuana-infused products produced, processed,  
11 packaged, labeled, or offered for sale in this state that do not  
12 conform in all respects to the standards prescribed by this chapter  
13 or the rules of the state liquor and cannabis board.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 69.50.346 and 2018 c 43 s 1 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 (1) The label on a marijuana product container, including  
17 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused  
18 products, sold at retail((÷

19 ~~(1-))~~ must include:

20 (a) The business or trade name and Washington state unified  
21 business identifier number of the marijuana producer and processor  
22 ((that produced and processed the marijuana as required pursuant to  
23 RCW 69.50.345(7); and

24 ~~(2) Is))~~ ;

25 (b) The lot numbers of the product;

26 (c) The THC concentration and CBD concentration of the product;

27 (d) Medically and scientifically accurate and reliable  
28 information about the health and safety risks posed by marijuana use;

29 (e) Language required by RCW 69.04.480; and

30 (f) A disclaimer, subject to the following conditions:

31 (i) Where there is one statement made under subsection (2) of  
32 this section, or as described in subsection (5)(b) of this section,  
33 the disclaimer must state "This statement has not been evaluated by  
34 the State of Washington. This product is not intended to diagnose,  
35 treat, cure, or prevent any disease."; and

36 (ii) Where there is more than one statement made under subsection  
37 (2) of this section, or as described in subsection (5)(b) of this  
38 section, the disclaimer must state "These statements have not been

1 evaluated by the State of Washington. This product is not intended to  
2 diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease."

3 (2) (a) For marijuana products that have been identified by the  
4 department in rules adopted under RCW 69.50.375(4) in chapter 246-70  
5 WAC as being a compliant marijuana product, the product label and  
6 labeling may include a structure or function claim describing the  
7 intended role of a product to maintain the structure or any function  
8 of the body, or characterize the documented mechanism by which the  
9 product acts to maintain such structure or function, provided that  
10 the claim is truthful and not misleading.

11 (b) A statement made under (a) of this subsection may not claim  
12 to diagnose, mitigate, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.

13 (3) The labels and labeling may not be:

14 (a) False or misleading; or

15 (b) Especially appealing to children.

16 (4) The label is not required to include the business or trade  
17 name or Washington state unified business identifier number of, or  
18 any information about, the marijuana retailer selling the marijuana  
19 product.

20 (5) A marijuana product is not in violation of any Washington  
21 state law or rule of the Washington state liquor and cannabis board  
22 solely because its label or labeling contains:

23 (a) Directions or recommended conditions of use; or

24 (b) A warning describing the psychoactive effects of the  
25 marijuana product, provided that the warning is truthful and not  
26 misleading.

27 (6) This section does not create any civil liability on the part  
28 of the state, the liquor and cannabis board, any other state agency,  
29 officer, employee, or agent based on a marijuana licensee's  
30 description of a structure or function claim or the product's  
31 intended role under subsection (2) of this section.

32 (7) Nothing in this section shall apply to a drug, as defined in  
33 RCW 69.50.101, or a pharmaceutical product approved by the United  
34 States food and drug administration.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.08.9998 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 207 are each  
36 amended to read as follows:

37 (1) ~~((Beginning July 1, 2016,))~~ The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020  
38 does not apply to:

1 (a) Sales of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or  
2 marijuana-infused products, identified by the department of health in  
3 rules adopted under RCW (~~69.50.375 to be beneficial for medical~~  
4 ~~use~~) 69.50.375(4) in chapter 246-70 WAC as being a compliant  
5 marijuana product, by marijuana retailers with medical marijuana  
6 endorsements to qualifying patients or designated providers who have  
7 been issued recognition cards;

8 (b) Sales of products containing THC with a THC concentration of  
9 0.3 percent or less to qualifying patients or designated providers  
10 who have been issued recognition cards by marijuana retailers with  
11 medical marijuana endorsements;

12 (c) Sales of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or  
13 marijuana-infused products, identified by the department of health  
14 under RCW 69.50.375 to have a low THC, high CBD ratio, and to be  
15 beneficial for medical use, by marijuana retailers with medical  
16 marijuana endorsements, to any person;

17 (d) Sales of topical, noningestible products containing THC with  
18 a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or less by health care  
19 professionals under RCW 69.51A.280;

20 (e)(i) Marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana,  
21 marijuana-infused products, or products containing THC with a THC  
22 concentration of 0.3 percent or less produced by a cooperative and  
23 provided to its members; and

24 (ii) Any nonmonetary resources and labor contributed by an  
25 individual member of the cooperative in which the individual is a  
26 member. However, nothing in this subsection (1)(e) may be construed  
27 to exempt the individual members of a cooperative from the tax  
28 imposed in RCW 82.08.020 on any purchase of property or services  
29 contributed to the cooperative.

30 (2) (~~From July 1, 2015, until July 1, 2016, the tax levied by~~  
31 ~~RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of marijuana, marijuana~~  
32 ~~concentrates, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, or~~  
33 ~~products containing THC with a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or~~  
34 ~~less, by collective gardens under RCW 69.51A.085 to qualifying~~  
35 ~~patients or designated providers, if such sales are in compliance~~  
36 ~~with chapter 69.51A RCW.~~

37 ~~(3))~~ Each seller making exempt sales under subsection (1) (~~(2)~~  
38 ~~(2))~~) of this section must maintain information establishing  
39 eligibility for the exemption in the form and manner required by the  
40 department.



1       ~~((4))~~ (3) The department must provide a separate tax reporting  
2 line for exemption amounts claimed under this section.

3       ~~((5))~~ (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout  
4 this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5       (a) "Cooperative" means a cooperative authorized by and operating  
6 in compliance with RCW 69.51A.250.

7       (b) "Marijuana retailer with a medical marijuana endorsement"  
8 means a marijuana retailer permitted under RCW 69.50.375 to sell  
9 marijuana for medical use to qualifying patients and designated  
10 providers.

11       (c) "Products containing THC with a THC concentration of 0.3  
12 percent or less" means all products containing THC with a THC  
13 concentration not exceeding 0.3 percent and that, when used as  
14 intended, are inhalable, ingestible, or absorbable.

15       (d) "THC concentration," "marijuana," "marijuana concentrates,"  
16 "useable marijuana," "marijuana retailer," and "marijuana-infused  
17 products" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 69.50.101 and the  
18 terms "qualifying patients," "designated providers," and "recognition  
19 card" have the same meaning as provided in RCW 69.51A.010.

20       **Sec. 5.** RCW 82.12.9998 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 208 are each  
21 amended to read as follows:

22       (1) ~~((From July 1, 2015, until July 1, 2016, the provisions of  
23 this chapter do not apply to the use of marijuana, marijuana  
24 concentrates, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, or  
25 products containing THC with a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or  
26 less, by a collective garden under RCW 69.51A.085, and the qualifying  
27 patients or designated providers participating in the collective  
28 garden, if such use is in compliance with chapter 69.51A RCW.~~

29       ~~(2) Beginning July 1, 2016,~~) The provisions of this chapter do  
30 not apply to:

31       (a) The use of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or  
32 marijuana-infused products, identified by the department of health in  
33 rules adopted under RCW ~~((69.50.375 to be beneficial for medical  
34 use))~~ 69.50.375(4) in chapter 246-70 WAC as being a compliant  
35 marijuana product, by qualifying patients or designated providers who  
36 have been issued recognition cards and have obtained such products  
37 from a marijuana retailer with a medical marijuana endorsement.

38       (b) The use of products containing THC with a THC concentration  
39 of 0.3 percent or less by qualifying patients or designated providers

1 who have been issued recognition cards and have obtained such  
2 products from a marijuana retailer with a medical marijuana  
3 endorsement.

4 (c)(i) Marijuana retailers with a medical marijuana endorsement  
5 with respect to:

6 (A) Marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-  
7 infused products; or

8 (B) Products containing THC with a THC concentration of 0.3  
9 percent or less;

10 (ii) The exemption in this subsection (~~((2))~~) (1)(c) applies only  
11 if such products are provided at no charge to a qualifying patient or  
12 designated provider who has been issued a recognition card. Each such  
13 retailer providing such products at no charge must maintain  
14 information establishing eligibility for this exemption in the form  
15 and manner required by the department.

16 (d) The use of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or  
17 marijuana-infused products, identified by the department of health  
18 under RCW 69.50.375 to have a low THC, high CBD ratio, and to be  
19 beneficial for medical use, purchased from marijuana retailers with a  
20 medical marijuana endorsement.

21 (e) Health care professionals with respect to the use of products  
22 containing THC with a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or less  
23 provided at no charge by the health care professionals under RCW  
24 69.51A.280. Each health care professional providing such products at  
25 no charge must maintain information establishing eligibility for this  
26 exemption in the form and manner required by the department.

27 (f) The use of topical, noningestible products containing THC  
28 with a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or less by qualifying  
29 patients when purchased from or provided at no charge by a health  
30 care professional under RCW 69.51A.280.

31 (g) The use of:

32 (i) Marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana,  
33 marijuana-infused products, or products containing THC with a THC  
34 concentration of 0.3 percent or less, by a cooperative and its  
35 members, when produced by the cooperative; and

36 (ii) Any nonmonetary resources and labor by a cooperative when  
37 contributed by its members. However, nothing in this subsection  
38 (~~((2))~~) (1)(g) may be construed to exempt the individual members of a  
39 cooperative from the tax imposed in RCW 82.12.020 on the use of any

1 property or services purchased by the member and contributed to the  
2 cooperative.

3 ~~((3))~~ (2) The definitions in RCW 82.08.9998 apply to this  
4 section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect January 1, 2020.

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