
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5052

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By Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Rivers, Hatfield, and Conway)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the cannabis patient protection
2 act; amending RCW 66.08.012, 69.50.101, 69.50.325, 69.50.331,
3 69.50.342, 69.50.345, 69.50.354, 69.50.357, 69.50.360, 69.50.369,
4 69.50.401, 69.50.4013, 69.50.4014, 69.50.540, 69.51A.005, 69.51A.010,
5 69.51A.030, 69.51A.040, 69.51A.045, 69.51A.055, 69.51A.060,
6 69.51A.070, 69.51A.085, and 69.51A.100; adding new sections to
7 chapter 69.50 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 69.51A RCW; adding
8 a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
9 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; creating new
10 sections; repealing RCW 69.51A.020, 69.51A.025, 69.51A.047,
11 69.51A.090, 69.51A.140, 69.51A.200, 69.51A.043, and 69.51A.085;
12 prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and declaring an
13 emergency.

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

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
16 cannabis patient protection act.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that since voters
18 approved Initiative Measure No. 692 in 1998, it has been the public
19 policy of the state to permit the medical use of marijuana. Between
20 1998 and the present day, there have been multiple legislative

1 attempts to clarify what is meant by the medical use of marijuana and
2 to ensure qualifying patients have a safe, consistent, and adequate
3 source of marijuana for their medical needs.

4 The legislature further finds that qualifying patients are people
5 with serious medical conditions and have been responsible for finding
6 their own source of marijuana for their own personal medical use.
7 Either by growing it themselves, designating someone to grow for
8 them, or participating in collective gardens, patients have developed
9 methods of access in spite of continued federal opposition to the
10 medical use of marijuana. In a time when access itself was an issue
11 and no safe, consistent source of marijuana was available, this
12 unregulated system was permitted by the state to ensure some, albeit
13 limited, access to marijuana for medical use. Also permitted were
14 personal possession limits of fifteen plants and twenty-four ounces
15 of useable marijuana, which was deemed to be the amount of marijuana
16 needed for a sixty-day supply. In a time when supply was not
17 consistent, this amount of marijuana was necessary to ensure patients
18 would be able to address their immediate medical needs.

19 The legislature further finds that while possession amounts are
20 provided in statute, these do not amount to protection from arrest
21 and prosecution for patients. In fact, patients in compliance with
22 state law are not provided arrest protection. They may be arrested
23 and their only remedy is to assert an affirmative defense at trial
24 that they are in compliance with the law and have a medical need. Too
25 many patients using marijuana for medical purposes today do not know
26 this; many falsely believe they cannot be arrested so long as their
27 health care provider has authorized them for the medical use of
28 marijuana.

29 The legislature further finds that in 2012 voters passed
30 Initiative Measure No. 502 which permitted the recreational use of
31 marijuana. For the first time in our nation's history, marijuana
32 would be regulated, taxed, and sold for recreational
33 consumption. Initiative Measure No. 502 provides for strict
34 regulation on the production, processing, and distribution of
35 marijuana. Under Initiative Measure No. 502, marijuana is trackable
36 from seed to sale and may only be sold or grown under license.
37 Marijuana must be tested for impurities and purchasers of marijuana
38 must be informed of the THC level in the marijuana. Since its
39 passage, two hundred fifty producer/processor licenses and sixty-
40 three retail licenses have been issued, covering the majority of the

1 state. With the current product canopy exceeding 2.9 million square
2 feet, and retailers in place, the state now has a system of safe,
3 consistent, and adequate access to marijuana; the marketplace is not
4 the same marketplace envisioned by the voters in 1998. While medical
5 needs remain, the state is in the untenable position of having a
6 recreational product that is tested and subject to production
7 standards that ensure safe access for recreational users. No such
8 standards exist for medical users and, consequently, the very people
9 originally meant to be helped through the medical use of marijuana do
10 not know if their product has been tested for molds, do not know
11 where their marijuana has been grown, have no certainty in the level
12 of THC or CBD in their products, and have no assurances that their
13 products have been handled through quality assurance measures. It is
14 not the public policy of the state to allow qualifying patients to
15 only have access to products that may be endangering their health.

16 The legislature, therefore, intends to adopt a comprehensive act
17 that uses the regulations in place for the recreational market to
18 provide regulation for the medical use of marijuana. It intends to
19 ensure that patients retain their ability to grow their own marijuana
20 for their own medical use and it intends to ensure that patients have
21 the ability to possess more marijuana-infused products, useable
22 marijuana, and marijuana concentrates than what is available to a
23 nonmedical user. It further intends that medical specific regulations
24 be adopted as needed and under consultation of the departments of
25 health and agriculture so that safe handling practices will be
26 adopted and so that testing standards for medical products meet or
27 exceed those standards in use in the nonmedical market.

28 **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.08.012 and 2012 c 117 s 265 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 There shall be a board, known as the "Washington state liquor
31 (~~control~~)and cannabis board," consisting of three members, to be
32 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, who shall
33 each be paid an annual salary to be fixed by the governor in
34 accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040. The governor may, in
35 his or her discretion, appoint one of the members as chair of the
36 board, and a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the
37 board.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 69.50.101 and 2014 c 192 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, definitions of
4 terms shall be as indicated where used in this chapter:

5 (a) "Administer" means to apply a controlled substance, whether
6 by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, directly to
7 the body of a patient or research subject by:

8 (1) a practitioner authorized to prescribe (or, by the
9 practitioner's authorized agent); or

10 (2) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the
11 presence of the practitioner.

12 (b) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or
13 at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser. It
14 does not include a common or contract carrier, public
15 warehouseperson, or employee of the carrier or warehouseperson.

16 (c) "Commission" means the pharmacy quality assurance commission.

17 (d) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate
18 precursor included in Schedules I through V as set forth in federal
19 or state laws, or federal or commission rules.

20 (e)(1) "Controlled substance analog" means a substance the
21 chemical structure of which is substantially similar to the chemical
22 structure of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and:

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

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

33 (2) The term does not include:

34 (i) a controlled substance;

35 (ii) a substance for which there is an approved new drug
36 application;

37 (iii) a substance with respect to which an exemption is in effect
38 for investigational use by a particular person under Section 505 of
39 the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 355, to the

1 extent conduct with respect to the substance is pursuant to the
2 exemption; or

3 (iv) any substance to the extent not intended for human
4 consumption before an exemption takes effect with respect to the
5 substance.

6 (f) "Deliver" or "delivery," means the actual or constructive
7 transfer from one person to another of a substance, whether or not
8 there is an agency relationship.

9 (g) "Department" means the department of health.

10 (h) "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 (i) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

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

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

19 (l) "Drug" means (1) 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; (2) controlled substances intended for use in the
23 diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in
24 individuals or animals; (3) controlled substances (other than food)
25 intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of
26 individuals or animals; and (4) controlled substances intended for
27 use as a component of any article specified in (1), (2), or (3) of
28 this subsection. The term does not include devices or their
29 components, parts, or accessories.

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

33 (n) "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 (o) "Immediate precursor" means a substance:

1 (1) that the commission has found to be and by rule designates as
2 being the principal compound commonly used, or produced primarily for
3 use, in the manufacture of a controlled substance;

4 (2) that is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to
5 be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance; and

6 (3) the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or
7 limit the manufacture of the controlled substance.

8 (p) "Isomer" means an optical isomer, but in subsection (z)(5) of
9 this section, RCW 69.50.204(a) (12) and (34), and 69.50.206(b)(4),
10 the term includes any geometrical isomer; in RCW 69.50.204(a) (8) and
11 (42), and 69.50.210(c) the term includes any positional isomer; and
12 in RCW 69.50.204(a)(35), 69.50.204(c), and 69.50.208(a) the term
13 includes any positional or geometric isomer.

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

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

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

32 (1) by a practitioner as an incident to the practitioner's
33 administering or dispensing of a controlled substance in the course
34 of the practitioner's professional practice; or

35 (2) by a practitioner, or by the practitioner's authorized agent
36 under the practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an
37 incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for
38 sale.

39 (t) "Marijuana" or "marihuana" means all parts of the plant
40 *Cannabis*, whether growing or not, with a THC concentration greater

1 than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis; the seeds thereof; the resin
2 extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound,
3 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant,
4 its seeds or resin. The term does not include the mature stalks of
5 the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the
6 seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt,
7 derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the
8 resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized
9 seed of the plant which is incapable of germination.

10 (u) "Marijuana concentrates" means products consisting wholly or
11 in part of the resin extracted from any part of the plant *Cannabis*
12 and having a THC concentration greater than sixty percent.

13 (v) "Marijuana processor" means a person licensed by the state
14 liquor (~~(control)~~)and cannabis board to process marijuana into
15 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused
16 products, package and label marijuana concentrates, useable
17 marijuana, and marijuana-infused products for sale in retail outlets,
18 and sell marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-
19 infused products at wholesale to marijuana retailers.

20 (w) "Marijuana producer" means a person licensed by the state
21 liquor (~~(control)~~)and cannabis board to produce and sell marijuana at
22 wholesale to marijuana processors and other marijuana producers.

23 (x) "Marijuana-infused products" means products that contain
24 marijuana or marijuana extracts, are intended for human use, and have
25 a THC concentration greater than 0.3 percent and no greater than
26 sixty percent. The term "marijuana-infused products" does not include
27 either useable marijuana or marijuana concentrates.

28 (y) "Marijuana retailer" means a person licensed by the state
29 liquor (~~(control)~~)and cannabis board to sell marijuana concentrates,
30 useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products in a retail outlet.

31 (z) "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced
32 directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable
33 origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a
34 combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:

35 (1) Opium, opium derivative, and any derivative of opium or opium
36 derivative, including their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers,
37 whenever the existence of the salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is
38 possible within the specific chemical designation. The term does not
39 include the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium.

1 (2) Synthetic opiate and any derivative of synthetic opiate,
2 including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers,
3 esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of the isomers, esters,
4 ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical
5 designation.

6 (3) Poppy straw and concentrate of poppy straw.

7 (4) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves
8 from which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives or ecgonine or their
9 salts have been removed.

10 (5) Cocaine, or any salt, isomer, or salt of isomer thereof.

11 (6) Cocaine base.

12 (7) Ecgonine, or any derivative, salt, isomer, or salt of isomer
13 thereof.

14 (8) Any compound, mixture, or preparation containing any quantity
15 of any substance referred to in subparagraphs (1) through (7).

16 (aa) "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-forming or
17 addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable
18 of conversion into a drug having addiction-forming or addiction-
19 sustaining liability. The term includes opium, substances derived
20 from opium (opium derivatives), and synthetic opiates. The term does
21 not include, unless specifically designated as controlled under RCW
22 69.50.201, the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan
23 and its salts (dextromethorphan). The term includes the racemic and
24 levorotatory forms of dextromethorphan.

25 (bb) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver*
26 *somniferum* L., except its seeds.

27 (cc) "Person" means individual, corporation, business trust,
28 estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government,
29 governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or commercial
30 entity.

31 (dd) "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the
32 opium poppy, after mowing.

33 (ee) "Practitioner" means:

34 (1) A physician under chapter 18.71 RCW; a physician assistant
35 under chapter 18.71A RCW; an osteopathic physician and surgeon under
36 chapter 18.57 RCW; an osteopathic physician assistant under chapter
37 18.57A RCW who is licensed under RCW 18.57A.020 subject to any
38 limitations in RCW 18.57A.040; an optometrist licensed under chapter
39 18.53 RCW who is certified by the optometry board under RCW 18.53.010
40 subject to any limitations in RCW 18.53.010; a dentist under chapter

1 18.32 RCW; a podiatric physician and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW;
2 a veterinarian under chapter 18.92 RCW; a registered nurse, advanced
3 registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse under
4 chapter 18.79 RCW; a naturopathic physician under chapter 18.36A RCW
5 who is licensed under RCW 18.36A.030 subject to any limitations in
6 RCW 18.36A.040; a pharmacist under chapter 18.64 RCW or a scientific
7 investigator under this chapter, licensed, registered or otherwise
8 permitted insofar as is consistent with those licensing laws to
9 distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or administer
10 a controlled substance in the course of their professional practice
11 or research in this state.

12 (2) A pharmacy, hospital or other institution licensed,
13 registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct
14 research with respect to or to administer a controlled substance in
15 the course of professional practice or research in this state.

16 (3) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a
17 physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, a
18 dentist licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and
19 surgeon licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, a
20 licensed physician assistant or a licensed osteopathic physician
21 assistant specifically approved to prescribe controlled substances by
22 his or her state's medical quality assurance commission or equivalent
23 and his or her supervising physician, an advanced registered nurse
24 practitioner licensed to prescribe controlled substances, or a
25 veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in any state of
26 the United States.

27 (ff) "Prescription" means an order for controlled substances
28 issued by a practitioner duly authorized by law or rule in the state
29 of Washington to prescribe controlled substances within the scope of
30 his or her professional practice for a legitimate medical purpose.

31 (gg) "Production" includes the manufacturing, planting,
32 cultivating, growing, or harvesting of a controlled substance.

33 (hh) "Retail outlet" means a location licensed by the state
34 liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board for the retail sale of marijuana
35 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products.

36 (ii) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
37 designee.

38 (jj) "State," unless the context otherwise requires, means a
39 state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the

1 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or insular possession
2 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

3 (kk) "THC concentration" means percent of delta-9
4 tetrahydrocannabinol content per dry weight of any part of the plant
5 *Cannabis*, or per volume or weight of marijuana product, or the
6 combined percent of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol and
7 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the plant *Cannabis*
8 regardless of moisture content.

9 (ll) "Ultimate user" means an individual who lawfully possesses a
10 controlled substance for the individual's own use or for the use of a
11 member of the individual's household or for administering to an
12 animal owned by the individual or by a member of the individual's
13 household.

14 (mm) "Useable marijuana" means dried marijuana flowers. The term
15 "useable marijuana" does not include either marijuana-infused
16 products or marijuana concentrates.

17 (nn) "Designated provider" has the meaning provided in RCW
18 69.51A.010.

19 (oo) "Qualifying patient" has the meaning provided in RCW
20 69.51A.010.

21 (pp) "CBD concentration" has the meaning provided in RCW
22 69.51A.010.

23 (qq) "Plant" has the meaning provided in RCW 69.51A.010.

24 (rr) "Authorization card" has the meaning provided in RCW
25 69.51A.010.

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 69.50.325 and 2014 c 192 s 2 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) There shall be a marijuana producer's license to produce
29 marijuana for sale at wholesale to marijuana processors and other
30 marijuana producers, regulated by the state liquor ~~((control))~~ and
31 cannabis board and subject to annual renewal. The production,
32 possession, delivery, distribution, and sale of marijuana in
33 accordance with the provisions of this chapter ~~((3, Laws of 2013))~~
34 and the rules adopted to implement and enforce it, by a validly
35 licensed marijuana producer, shall not be a criminal or civil offense
36 under Washington state law. Every marijuana producer's license shall
37 be issued in the name of the applicant, shall specify the location at
38 which the marijuana producer intends to operate, which must be within
39 the state of Washington, and the holder thereof shall not allow any

1 other person to use the license. The application fee for a marijuana
2 producer's license shall be two hundred fifty dollars. The annual fee
3 for issuance and renewal of a marijuana producer's license shall be
4 one thousand dollars. A separate license shall be required for each
5 location at which a marijuana producer intends to produce marijuana.

6 (2) There shall be a marijuana processor's license to process,
7 package, and label marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and
8 marijuana-infused products for sale at wholesale to marijuana
9 processors and marijuana retailers, regulated by the state liquor
10 ~~((control))~~ and cannabis board and subject to annual renewal. The
11 processing, packaging, possession, delivery, distribution, and sale
12 of marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and
13 marijuana concentrates in accordance with the provisions of this
14 chapter ~~((3, Laws of 2013))~~ and chapter 69.51A RCW and the rules
15 adopted to implement and enforce ~~((it))~~ these chapters, by a validly
16 licensed marijuana processor, shall not be a criminal or civil
17 offense under Washington state law. Every marijuana processor's
18 license shall be issued in the name of the applicant, shall specify
19 the location at which the licensee intends to operate, which must be
20 within the state of Washington, and the holder thereof shall not
21 allow any other person to use the license. The application fee for a
22 marijuana processor's license shall be two hundred fifty dollars. The
23 annual fee for issuance and renewal of a marijuana processor's
24 license shall be one thousand dollars. A separate license shall be
25 required for each location at which a marijuana processor intends to
26 process marijuana.

27 (3) There shall be a marijuana retailer's license to sell
28 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused
29 products at retail in retail outlets, regulated by the state liquor
30 ~~((control))~~ and cannabis board and subject to annual renewal. The
31 possession, delivery, distribution, and sale of marijuana
32 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products in
33 accordance with the provisions of this chapter ~~((3, Laws of 2013))~~
34 and the rules adopted to implement and enforce it, by a validly
35 licensed marijuana retailer, shall not be a criminal or civil offense
36 under Washington state law. Every marijuana retailer's license shall
37 be issued in the name of the applicant, shall specify the location of
38 the retail outlet the licensee intends to operate, which must be
39 within the state of Washington, and the holder thereof shall not
40 allow any other person to use the license. The application fee for a

1 marijuana retailer's license shall be two hundred fifty dollars. The
2 annual fee for issuance and renewal of a marijuana retailer's license
3 shall be one thousand dollars. A separate license shall be required
4 for each location at which a marijuana retailer intends to sell
5 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused
6 products.

7 **Sec. 6.** RCW 69.50.331 and 2013 c 3 s 6 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) For the purpose of considering any application for a license
10 to produce, process, or sell marijuana, or for the renewal of a
11 license to produce, process, or sell marijuana, the state liquor
12 ~~((control))~~and cannabis board must conduct a comprehensive, fair, and
13 impartial evaluation of the applications timely received.

14 (a) The state liquor and cannabis board must develop a
15 competitive, merit-based application process that includes, at a
16 minimum, the opportunity for an applicant to demonstrate experience
17 and qualifications in the marijuana industry. Operating a collective
18 garden before the effective date of this section and having a
19 business license and a history of paying sales tax to the department
20 of revenue may be factors used to establish the experience and
21 qualifications of the applicant.

22 (b) The state liquor and cannabis board may cause an inspection
23 of the premises to be made, and may inquire into all matters in
24 connection with the construction and operation of the premises. For
25 the purpose of reviewing any application for a license and for
26 considering the denial, suspension, revocation, or renewal or denial
27 thereof, of any license, the state liquor ~~((control))~~and cannabis
28 board may consider any prior criminal conduct of the applicant
29 including an administrative violation history record with the state
30 liquor ~~((control))~~and cannabis board and a criminal history record
31 information check. The state liquor ~~((control))~~and cannabis board may
32 submit the criminal history record information check to the
33 Washington state patrol and to the identification division of the
34 federal bureau of investigation in order that these agencies may
35 search their records for prior arrests and convictions of the
36 individual or individuals who filled out the forms. The state liquor
37 ~~((control))~~and cannabis board shall require fingerprinting of any
38 applicant whose criminal history record information check is
39 submitted to the federal bureau of investigation. The provisions of

1 RCW 9.95.240 and of chapter 9.96A RCW shall not apply to these cases.
2 Subject to the provisions of this section, the state liquor
3 (~~(control)~~)and cannabis board may, in its discretion, grant or deny
4 the renewal or license applied for. Denial may be based on, without
5 limitation, the existence of chronic illegal activity documented in
6 objections submitted pursuant to subsections (7)(c) and (9) of this
7 section. Authority to approve an uncontested or unopposed license may
8 be granted by the state liquor (~~(control)~~)and cannabis board to any
9 staff member the board designates in writing. Conditions for granting
10 this authority shall be adopted by rule.

11 (c) No license of any kind may be issued to:

12 (~~(a)~~)(i) A person under the age of twenty-one years;

13 (~~(b)~~)(ii) A person doing business as a sole proprietor who has
14 not lawfully resided in the state for at least three months prior to
15 applying to receive a license;

16 (~~(c)~~)(iii) A partnership, employee cooperative, association,
17 nonprofit corporation, or corporation unless formed under the laws of
18 this state, and unless all of the members thereof are qualified to
19 obtain a license as provided in this section; or

20 (~~(d)~~)(iv) A person whose place of business is conducted by a
21 manager or agent, unless the manager or agent possesses the same
22 qualifications required of the licensee.

23 (2)(a) The state liquor (~~(control)~~)and cannabis board may, in its
24 discretion, subject to the provisions of RCW 69.50.334, suspend or
25 cancel any license; and all protections of the licensee from criminal
26 or civil sanctions under state law for producing, processing, or
27 selling marijuana, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products
28 thereunder shall be suspended or terminated, as the case may be.

29 (b) The state liquor (~~(control)~~)and cannabis board shall
30 immediately suspend the license of a person who has been certified
31 pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health
32 services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order.
33 If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for
34 reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall
35 be automatic upon the state liquor (~~(control)~~)and cannabis board's
36 receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health
37 services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.

38 (c) The state liquor (~~(control)~~)and cannabis board may request
39 the appointment of administrative law judges under chapter 34.12 RCW
40 who shall have power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas for the

1 attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, books,
2 accounts, documents, and testimony, examine witnesses, and to receive
3 testimony in any inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding in
4 any part of the state, under rules and regulations the state liquor
5 (~~control~~)and cannabis board may adopt.

6 (d) Witnesses shall be allowed fees and mileage each way to and
7 from any inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding at the rate
8 authorized by RCW 34.05.446. Fees need not be paid in advance of
9 appearance of witnesses to testify or to produce books, records, or
10 other legal evidence.

11 (e) In case of disobedience of any person to comply with the
12 order of the state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board or a subpoena
13 issued by the state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board, or any of
14 its members, or administrative law judges, or on the refusal of a
15 witness to testify to any matter regarding which he or she may be
16 lawfully interrogated, the judge of the superior court of the county
17 in which the person resides, on application of any member of the
18 board or administrative law judge, shall compel obedience by contempt
19 proceedings, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a
20 subpoena issued from said court or a refusal to testify therein.

21 (3) Upon receipt of notice of the suspension or cancellation of a
22 license, the licensee shall forthwith deliver up the license to the
23 state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board. Where the license has
24 been suspended only, the state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board
25 shall return the license to the licensee at the expiration or
26 termination of the period of suspension. The state liquor
27 (~~control~~)and cannabis board shall notify all other licensees in the
28 county where the subject licensee has its premises of the suspension
29 or cancellation of the license; and no other licensee or employee of
30 another licensee may allow or cause any marijuana, useable marijuana,
31 or marijuana-infused products to be delivered to or for any person at
32 the premises of the subject licensee.

33 (4) Every license issued under chapter 3, Laws of 2013 shall be
34 subject to all conditions and restrictions imposed by chapter 3, Laws
35 of 2013 or by rules adopted by the state liquor (~~control~~)and
36 cannabis board to implement and enforce chapter 3, Laws of 2013. All
37 conditions and restrictions imposed by the state liquor
38 (~~control~~)and cannabis board in the issuance of an individual
39 license shall be listed on the face of the individual license along
40 with the trade name, address, and expiration date.

1 (5) Every licensee shall post and keep posted its license, or
2 licenses, in a conspicuous place on the premises.

3 (6) No licensee shall employ any person under the age of twenty-
4 one years.

5 (7)(a) Before the state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board
6 issues a new or renewed license to an applicant it shall give notice
7 of the application to the chief executive officer of the incorporated
8 city or town, if the application is for a license within an
9 incorporated city or town, or to the county legislative authority, if
10 the application is for a license outside the boundaries of
11 incorporated cities or towns.

12 (b) The incorporated city or town through the official or
13 employee selected by it, or the county legislative authority or the
14 official or employee selected by it, shall have the right to file
15 with the state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board within twenty
16 days after the date of transmittal of the notice for applications, or
17 at least thirty days prior to the expiration date for renewals,
18 written objections against the applicant or against the premises for
19 which the new or renewed license is asked. The state liquor
20 (~~control~~)and cannabis board may extend the time period for
21 submitting written objections.

22 (c) The written objections shall include a statement of all facts
23 upon which the objections are based, and in case written objections
24 are filed, the city or town or county legislative authority may
25 request, and the state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board may in
26 its discretion hold, a hearing subject to the applicable provisions
27 of Title 34 RCW. If the state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board
28 makes an initial decision to deny a license or renewal based on the
29 written objections of an incorporated city or town or county
30 legislative authority, the applicant may request a hearing subject to
31 the applicable provisions of Title 34 RCW. If a hearing is held at
32 the request of the applicant, state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis
33 board representatives shall present and defend the state liquor
34 (~~control~~)and cannabis board's initial decision to deny a license or
35 renewal.

36 (d) Upon the granting of a license under this title the state
37 liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board shall send written notification
38 to the chief executive officer of the incorporated city or town in
39 which the license is granted, or to the county legislative authority

1 if the license is granted outside the boundaries of incorporated
2 cities or towns.

3 (8) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the state
4 liquor ((~~control~~))and cannabis board shall not issue a license for
5 any premises within one thousand feet of the perimeter of the grounds
6 of any elementary or secondary school, playground, recreation center
7 or facility, child care center, public park, public transit center,
8 or library, or any game arcade admission to which is not restricted
9 to persons aged twenty-one years or older.

10 (b) If a city, town, or county adopts an ordinance under section
11 14 of this act, the state liquor and cannabis board shall not issue a
12 license if the premises violates the terms of the ordinance.

13 (9) In determining whether to grant or deny a license or renewal
14 of any license, the state liquor ((~~control~~))and cannabis board shall
15 give substantial weight to objections from an incorporated city or
16 town or county legislative authority based upon chronic illegal
17 activity associated with the applicant's operations of the premises
18 proposed to be licensed or the applicant's operation of any other
19 licensed premises, or the conduct of the applicant's patrons inside
20 or outside the licensed premises. "Chronic illegal activity" means
21 (a) a pervasive pattern of activity that threatens the public health,
22 safety, and welfare of the city, town, or county including, but not
23 limited to, open container violations, assaults, disturbances,
24 disorderly conduct, or other criminal law violations, or as
25 documented in crime statistics, police reports, emergency medical
26 response data, calls for service, field data, or similar records of a
27 law enforcement agency for the city, town, county, or any other
28 municipal corporation or any state agency; or (b) an unreasonably
29 high number of citations for violations of RCW 46.61.502 associated
30 with the applicant's or licensee's operation of any licensed premises
31 as indicated by the reported statements given to law enforcement upon
32 arrest.

33 **Sec. 7.** RCW 69.50.342 and 2013 c 3 s 9 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

35 (1) For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of
36 chapter 3, Laws of 2013 according to their true intent or of
37 supplying any deficiency therein, the state liquor ((~~control~~))and
38 cannabis board may adopt rules not inconsistent with the spirit of
39 chapter 3, Laws of 2013 as are deemed necessary or advisable. Without

1 limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, the state liquor
2 (~~control~~)and cannabis board is empowered to adopt rules regarding
3 the following:

4 ((1))(a) The equipment and management of retail outlets and
5 premises where marijuana is produced or processed, and inspection of
6 the retail outlets and premises where marijuana is produced or
7 processed;

8 ((2))(b) The books and records to be created and maintained by
9 licensees, the reports to be made thereon to the state liquor
10 (~~control~~)and cannabis board, and inspection of the books and
11 records;

12 ((3))(c) Methods of producing, processing, and packaging
13 marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana-
14 infused products; conditions of sanitation; safe handling
15 requirements; and standards of ingredients, quality, and identity of
16 marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana-
17 infused products produced, processed, packaged, or sold by licensees;

18 ((4))(d) Security requirements for retail outlets and premises
19 where marijuana is produced or processed, and safety protocols for
20 licensees and their employees;

21 ((5))(e) Screening, hiring, training, and supervising employees
22 of licensees;

23 ((6))(f) Retail outlet locations and hours of operation;

24 ((7))(g) Labeling requirements and restrictions on
25 advertisement of marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana
26 concentrates, and marijuana-infused products for sale in retail
27 outlets;

28 ((8))(h) Forms to be used for purposes of this chapter (~~3,~~
29 ~~Laws of 2013~~)and chapter 69.51A RCW or the rules adopted to
30 implement and enforce (~~it~~)these chapters, the terms and conditions
31 to be contained in licenses issued under this chapter (~~3,~~ ~~Laws of~~
32 ~~2013~~)and chapter 69.51A RCW, and the qualifications for receiving a
33 license issued under this chapter (~~3,~~ ~~Laws of 2013~~)and chapter
34 69.51A RCW, including a criminal history record information check.
35 The state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board may submit any
36 criminal history record information check to the Washington state
37 patrol and to the identification division of the federal bureau of
38 investigation in order that these agencies may search their records
39 for prior arrests and convictions of the individual or individuals
40 who filled out the forms. The state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis

1 board shall require fingerprinting of any applicant whose criminal
2 history record information check is submitted to the federal bureau
3 of investigation;

4 ~~((9))~~(i) Application, reinstatement, and renewal fees for
5 licenses issued under this chapter ~~((3, Laws of 2013))~~and chapter
6 69.51A RCW, and fees for anything done or permitted to be done under
7 the rules adopted to implement and enforce this chapter ~~((3, Laws of~~
8 ~~2013))~~and chapter 69.51A RCW;

9 ~~((10))~~(j) The manner of giving and serving notices required by
10 this chapter ~~((3, Laws of 2013))~~and chapter 69.51A RCW or rules
11 adopted to implement or enforce ~~((it))~~these chapters;

12 ~~((11))~~(k) Times and periods when, and the manner, methods, and
13 means by which, licensees shall transport and deliver marijuana,
14 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused
15 products within the state;

16 ~~((12))~~(l) Identification, seizure, confiscation, destruction,
17 or donation to law enforcement for training purposes of all
18 marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-
19 infused products produced, processed, sold, or offered for sale
20 within this state which do not conform in all respects to the
21 standards prescribed by this chapter ~~((3, Laws of 2013))~~or chapter
22 69.51A RCW or the rules adopted to implement and enforce ~~((it~~
23 ~~PROVIDED, That nothing in chapter 3, Laws of 2013 shall be construed~~
24 ~~as authorizing the state liquor control board to seize, confiscate,~~
25 ~~destroy, or donate to law enforcement marijuana, useable marijuana,~~
26 ~~or marijuana-infused products produced, processed, sold, offered for~~
27 ~~sale, or possessed in compliance with the Washington state medical~~
28 ~~use of cannabis act, chapter 69.51A RCW))~~these chapters.

29 (2) Rules adopted on retail outlets holding medical marijuana
30 endorsements must be adopted in coordination and consultation with
31 the department.

32 **Sec. 8.** RCW 69.50.345 and 2013 c 3 s 10 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 The state liquor ~~((control))~~and cannabis board, subject to the
35 provisions of this chapter ~~((3, Laws of 2013))~~, must adopt rules ~~((by~~
36 ~~December 1, 2013,))~~ that establish the procedures and criteria
37 necessary to implement the following:

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

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

13 (b) The state liquor and cannabis board must reconsider limits on
14 the amount of square feet permitted to be in production on the
15 effective date of this section and increase the percentage of
16 production space for those marijuana producers who intend to grow
17 plants for marijuana retailers holding medical marijuana endorsements
18 if the marijuana producer designates the increased production space
19 to plants determined by the department under section 10 of this act
20 to be of a THC concentration, CBD concentration, or THC to CBD ratio
21 appropriate for marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or
22 marijuana-infused products to be sold to qualifying patients. If
23 current marijuana producers do not use all the increased production
24 space, the state liquor and cannabis board may reopen the license
25 period for new marijuana producer license applicants but only to
26 those marijuana producers who agree to grow plants for marijuana
27 retailers holding medical marijuana endorsements. Priority in
28 licensing must be given to marijuana producer license applicants who
29 have an application pending on the effective date of this section but
30 who are not yet licensed and then to new marijuana producer license
31 applicants;

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

35 (a) Population distribution;

36 (b) Security and safety issues; (~~and~~)

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

1 (d) The number of retail outlets holding medical marijuana
2 endorsements necessary to meet the medical needs of qualifying
3 patients. The state liquor and cannabis board must reconsider the
4 maximum number of retail outlets it established before the effective
5 date of this section and allow for a new license application period
6 and a greater number of retail outlets to be permitted in order to
7 accommodate the medical needs of qualifying patients and designated
8 providers;

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

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

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

20 (6) In making the determinations required by (~~subsections (3)~~
21 ~~through (5) of~~) this section, the state liquor (~~control~~)and
22 cannabis board shall take into consideration:

23 (a) Security and safety issues;

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

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

30 (7) Determining the nature, form, and capacity of all containers
31 to be used by licensees to contain marijuana, marijuana concentrates,
32 useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products, and their labeling
33 requirements, to include but not be limited to:

34 (a) The business or trade name and Washington state unified
35 business identifier number of the licensees that grew, processed, and
36 sold the marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or
37 marijuana-infused product;

38 (b) Lot numbers of the marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable
39 marijuana, or marijuana-infused product;

1 (c) THC concentration and CBD concentration of the marijuana,
2 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
3 product;

4 (d) Medically and scientifically accurate information about the
5 health and safety risks posed by marijuana use; and

6 (e) Language required by RCW 69.04.480;

7 (8) In consultation with the department of agriculture and the
8 department, establishing classes of marijuana, marijuana
9 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products
10 according to grade, condition, cannabinoid profile, THC
11 concentration, CBD concentration, or other qualitative measurements
12 deemed appropriate by the state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board;

13 (9) Establishing reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions
14 and requirements regarding advertising of marijuana, marijuana
15 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products that
16 are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter (~~(3, Laws of~~
17 ~~2013)~~), taking into consideration:

18 (a) Federal laws relating to marijuana that are applicable within
19 Washington state;

20 (b) Minimizing exposure of people under twenty-one years of age
21 to the advertising; (~~and~~)

22 (c) The inclusion of medically and scientifically accurate
23 information about the health and safety risks posed by marijuana use
24 in the advertising; and

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

27 (10) Specifying and regulating the time and periods when, and the
28 manner, methods, and means by which, licensees shall transport and
29 deliver marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and
30 marijuana-infused products within the state;

31 (11) In consultation with the department and the department of
32 agriculture, establishing accreditation requirements for testing
33 laboratories used by licensees to demonstrate compliance with
34 standards adopted by the state liquor (~~control~~)and cannabis board,
35 and prescribing methods of producing, processing, and packaging
36 marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-
37 infused products; conditions of sanitation; and standards of
38 ingredients, quality, and identity of marijuana, marijuana
39 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products
40 produced, processed, packaged, or sold by licensees;

1 (12) Specifying procedures for identifying, seizing,
2 confiscating, destroying, and donating to law enforcement for
3 training purposes all marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable
4 marijuana, and marijuana-infused products produced, processed,
5 packaged, labeled, or offered for sale in this state that do not
6 conform in all respects to the standards prescribed by this chapter
7 (~~(3, Laws of 2013)~~) or the rules of the state liquor (~~(control)~~)and
8 cannabis board.

9 **Sec. 9.** RCW 69.50.354 and 2014 c 192 s 3 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 There may be licensed, in no greater number in each of the
12 counties of the state than as the state liquor (~~(control)~~)and
13 cannabis board shall deem advisable, retail outlets established for
14 the purpose of making marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and
15 marijuana-infused products available for sale to adults aged twenty-
16 one and over. Retail sale of marijuana concentrates, useable
17 marijuana, and marijuana-infused products in accordance with the
18 provisions of this chapter (~~(3, Laws of 2013)~~) and the rules adopted
19 to implement and enforce it, by a validly licensed marijuana retailer
20 or retail outlet employee, shall not be a criminal or civil offense
21 under Washington state law.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) A medical marijuana endorsement to a marijuana retail license
25 is hereby established to permit a marijuana retailer to sell
26 marijuana for medical use to qualifying patients and designated
27 providers.

28 (2) An applicant may apply for a medical marijuana endorsement
29 concurrently with an application for a marijuana retail license.

30 (3) To be issued an endorsement, a marijuana retailer must:

31 (a) Not authorize the medical use of marijuana for qualifying
32 patients at the retail outlet or permit health care professionals to
33 authorize the medical use of marijuana for qualifying patients at the
34 retail outlet;

35 (b) Carry marijuana concentrates and marijuana-infused products
36 identified by the department under subsection (4) of this section;

1 (c) Not use labels or market marijuana concentrates, useable
2 marijuana, or marijuana-infused products in a way that make them
3 intentionally attractive to minors;

4 (d) Keep copies of the qualifying patient's or designated
5 provider's authorization card, or keep equivalent records as required
6 by rule of the state liquor and cannabis board or the department of
7 revenue to document the validity of tax exempt sales under RCW
8 69.50.535; and

9 (e) Meet other requirements as adopted by rule of the department
10 or the state liquor and cannabis board.

11 (4) The department, in conjunction with the state liquor and
12 cannabis board, must adopt rules on requirements for marijuana
13 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products that
14 may be sold to qualifying patients or designated providers at a
15 retail outlet holding a medical marijuana endorsement. These rules
16 must include:

17 (a) THC concentration, CBD concentration, or low THC, high CBD
18 ratios appropriate for marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or
19 marijuana-infused products sold to qualifying patients;

20 (b) Labeling requirements including that the labels attached to
21 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
22 products contain THC concentration, CBD concentration, and THC to CBD
23 ratios;

24 (c) Other product requirements, including any additional mold,
25 fungus, or pesticide testing requirements, or limitations to the
26 types of solvents that may be used in marijuana processing that the
27 department deems necessary to address the medical needs of qualifying
28 patients;

29 (d) Safe handling requirements for marijuana concentrates,
30 useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products; and

31 (e) Training requirements for employees.

32 (5) A marijuana retailer holding an endorsement to sell marijuana
33 to qualifying patients must train its employees on recognition of
34 valid authorization cards as well as strains, varieties, THC
35 concentration, CBD concentration, and THC to CBD ratios of marijuana
36 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products,
37 available for sale when assisting qualifying patients and designated
38 providers at the retail outlet.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 A marijuana retailer or a marijuana retailer holding a medical
4 marijuana endorsement may sell marijuana concentrates or marijuana-
5 infused products with a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or less.
6 Marijuana retailers holding a medical marijuana endorsement may also
7 provide these products at no cost to qualifying patients or
8 designated providers.

9 **Sec. 12.** RCW 69.50.357 and 2014 c 192 s 4 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) Retail outlets shall sell no products or services other than
12 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused
13 products, or paraphernalia intended for the storage or use of
14 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
15 products.

16 (2) Licensed marijuana retailers shall not employ persons under
17 twenty-one years of age or allow persons under twenty-one years of
18 age to enter or remain on the premises of a retail outlet. However,
19 qualifying patients between eighteen and twenty-one years of age may
20 enter and remain on the premises of a retail outlet holding a medical
21 marijuana endorsement and may purchase products for their personal
22 medical use. Qualifying patients who are under the age of eighteen
23 and who accompany their designated providers may enter and remain on
24 the premises of a retail outlet holding a medical marijuana
25 endorsement, but may not purchase products for their personal medical
26 use.

27 (3)(a) Licensed marijuana retailers must ensure that all
28 employees are trained on the rules adopted to implement this chapter,
29 identification of persons under the age of twenty-one, and other
30 requirements adopted by the state liquor and cannabis board to ensure
31 that persons under the age of twenty-one are not permitted to enter
32 or remain on the premises of a retail outlet.

33 (b) Licensed marijuana retailers with a medical marijuana
34 endorsement must ensure that all employees are trained on the
35 subjects required by (a) of this subsection as well as identification
36 of authorization cards. Employees must also be trained to permit
37 qualifying patients who hold authorization cards and are between the
38 ages of eighteen and twenty-one to enter the premises and purchase
39 marijuana for their personal medical use and to permit qualifying

1 patients who are under the age of eighteen to enter the premises if
2 accompanied by their designated providers.

3 (4) Licensed marijuana retailers shall not display any signage in
4 a window, on a door, or on the outside of the premises of a retail
5 outlet that is visible to the general public from a public right-of-
6 way, other than a single sign no larger than one thousand six hundred
7 square inches identifying the retail outlet by the licensee's
8 business or trade name. Retail outlets that hold medical marijuana
9 endorsements may include this information on signage.

10 ~~((4))~~(5) Licensed marijuana retailers shall not display
11 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
12 products in a manner that is visible to the general public from a
13 public right-of-way.

14 ~~((5))~~(6) No licensed marijuana retailer or employee of a retail
15 outlet shall open or consume, or allow to be opened or consumed, any
16 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
17 product on the outlet premises.

18 ~~((6))~~(7) The state liquor ~~((control))~~and cannabis board shall
19 fine a licensee one thousand dollars for each violation of any
20 subsection of this section. Fines collected under this section must
21 be deposited into the dedicated marijuana fund created under RCW
22 69.50.530.

23 **Sec. 13.** RCW 69.50.360 and 2014 c 192 s 5 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 The following acts, when performed by a validly licensed
26 marijuana retailer or employee of a validly licensed retail outlet in
27 compliance with rules adopted by the state liquor ~~((control))~~and
28 cannabis board to implement and enforce chapter 3, Laws of 2013,
29 shall not constitute criminal or civil offenses under Washington
30 state law:

31 (1) Purchase and receipt of marijuana concentrates, useable
32 marijuana, or marijuana-infused products that have been properly
33 packaged and labeled from a marijuana processor validly licensed
34 under this chapter ~~((3, Laws of 2013))~~;

35 (2) Possession of quantities of marijuana concentrates, useable
36 marijuana, or marijuana-infused products that do not exceed the
37 maximum amounts established by the state liquor ~~((control))~~and
38 cannabis board under RCW 69.50.345(5); and

1 (3) Delivery, distribution, and sale, on the premises of the
2 retail outlet, of any combination of the following amounts of
3 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
4 product to any person twenty-one years of age or older:

5 (a) One ounce of useable marijuana;

6 (b) Sixteen ounces of marijuana-infused product in solid form;

7 (c) Seventy-two ounces of marijuana-infused product in liquid
8 form; or

9 (d) Seven grams of marijuana concentrate.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) A city, town, or county may adopt an ordinance to prohibit a
13 marijuana producer, marijuana processor, or marijuana retailer from
14 locating its premises within one thousand feet of a house of worship.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, "house of worship" means a
16 building erected for and used exclusively for religious worship and
17 schooling or other activity in connection therewith.

18 **Sec. 15.** RCW 69.50.369 and 2013 c 3 s 18 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) No licensed marijuana producer, processor, or retailer shall
21 place or maintain, or cause to be placed or maintained, an
22 advertisement of marijuana, useable marijuana, or a marijuana-infused
23 product in any form or through any medium whatsoever:

24 (a) Within one thousand feet of the perimeter of a school
25 grounds, playground, recreation center or facility, child care
26 center, public park, or library, or any game arcade admission to
27 which is not restricted to persons aged twenty-one years or older;

28 (b) If a city, town, or county has adopted an ordinance under
29 section 14 of this act, within the distance of the perimeter of a
30 house of worship provided in the ordinance;

31 (c) On or in a public transit vehicle or public transit shelter;
32 or

33 ~~((e))~~(d) On or in a publicly owned or operated property.

34 (2) Merchandising within a retail outlet is not advertising for
35 the purposes of this section.

36 (3) This section does not apply to a noncommercial message.

37 (4) The state liquor control board shall fine a licensee one
38 thousand dollars for each violation of subsection (1) of this

1 section. Fines collected under this subsection must be deposited into
2 the dedicated marijuana fund created under RCW 69.50.530.

3 **Sec. 16.** RCW 69.50.401 and 2013 c 3 s 19 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Except as authorized by this chapter, it is unlawful for any
6 person to manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to manufacture
7 or deliver, a controlled substance.

8 (2) Any person who violates this section with respect to:

9 (a) A controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II which
10 is a narcotic drug or flunitrazepam, including its salts, isomers,
11 and salts of isomers, classified in Schedule IV, is guilty of a class
12 B felony and upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than ten
13 years, or (i) fined not more than twenty-five thousand dollars if the
14 crime involved less than two kilograms of the drug, or both such
15 imprisonment and fine; or (ii) if the crime involved two or more
16 kilograms of the drug, then fined not more than one hundred thousand
17 dollars for the first two kilograms and not more than fifty dollars
18 for each gram in excess of two kilograms, or both such imprisonment
19 and fine;

20 (b) Amphetamine, including its salts, isomers, and salts of
21 isomers, or methamphetamine, including its salts, isomers, and salts
22 of isomers, is guilty of a class B felony and upon conviction may be
23 imprisoned for not more than ten years, or (i) fined not more than
24 twenty-five thousand dollars if the crime involved less than two
25 kilograms of the drug, or both such imprisonment and fine; or (ii) if
26 the crime involved two or more kilograms of the drug, then fined not
27 more than one hundred thousand dollars for the first two kilograms
28 and not more than fifty dollars for each gram in excess of two
29 kilograms, or both such imprisonment and fine. Three thousand dollars
30 of the fine may not be suspended. As collected, the first three
31 thousand dollars of the fine must be deposited with the law
32 enforcement agency having responsibility for cleanup of laboratories,
33 sites, or substances used in the manufacture of the methamphetamine,
34 including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers. The fine moneys
35 deposited with that law enforcement agency must be used for such
36 clean-up cost;

37 (c) Any other controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II,
38 or III, is guilty of a class C felony punishable according to chapter

1 9A.20 RCW, except as specifically provided in subsection (4) of this
2 section;

3 (d) A substance classified in Schedule IV, except flunitrazepam,
4 including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, is guilty of a
5 class C felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW; or

6 (e) A substance classified in Schedule V, is guilty of a class C
7 felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

8 (3) The production, manufacture, processing, packaging, delivery,
9 distribution, sale, or possession of marijuana in compliance with the
10 terms set forth in RCW 69.50.360, 69.50.363, ~~((ϵ))~~ 69.50.366, or
11 69.50.4013(3) shall not constitute a violation of this section, this
12 chapter, or any other provision of Washington state law.

13 (4) Any person who violates this section with respect to:

14 (a) The delivery, during any twenty-four hour period, of not more
15 than one ounce of useable marijuana, sixteen ounces of marijuana-
16 infused product in solid form, seventy-two ounces of marijuana-
17 infused product in liquid form, or not more than seven grams of
18 marijuana concentrates that was purchased from a marijuana retailer
19 and are accompanied by packaging showing it was purchased from a
20 marijuana retailer to a person age twenty-one or over, for commercial
21 purposes, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable according to
22 chapter 9A.20 RCW; and

23 (b) The delivery or possession with intent to deliver of seven or
24 fewer grams of marijuana concentrates, for noncommercial purposes,
25 that was not purchased from a marijuana retailer or was not
26 accompanied by packaging showing it was purchased from a marijuana
27 retailer, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable according to
28 chapter 9A.20 RCW.

29 **Sec. 17.** RCW 69.50.4013 and 2013 c 3 s 20 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) It is unlawful for any person to possess a controlled
32 substance unless the substance was obtained directly from, or
33 pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while
34 acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except
35 as otherwise authorized by this chapter.

36 (2) Except as provided in RCW 69.50.4014, any person who violates
37 this section is guilty of a class C felony punishable under chapter
38 9A.20 RCW.

1 (3) The possession, by a person twenty-one years of age or older,
2 of useable marijuana or marijuana-infused products in amounts that do
3 not exceed those set forth in RCW 69.50.360(3) is not a violation of
4 this section, this chapter, or any other provision of Washington
5 state law.

6 (4) The possession by a qualifying patient or designated provider
7 of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused
8 products, or plants in accordance with chapter 69.51A RCW is not a
9 violation of this section, this chapter, or any other provision of
10 Washington state law.

11 **Sec. 18.** RCW 69.50.4014 and 2003 c 53 s 335 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Except as provided in RCW 69.50.401(2)(c)(~~(7)~~)and (4):

14 (1) Any person (~~found guilty of possession of forty grams or~~
15 less of marihuana))in possession of marijuana, useable marijuana,
16 marijuana-infused products, or marijuana concentrates in excess of
17 the limits established by RCW 69.50.4013(3), but not in excess of
18 four times the limits provided by any one element of RCW
19 69.50.4013(3), is guilty of a misdemeanor;

20 (2) Any person in possession of not more than fifteen marijuana
21 plants is guilty of a misdemeanor;

22 (3) Any person under the age of twenty-one in possession of
23 marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, or
24 marijuana concentrates not in excess of the possession limits for
25 adults ages twenty-one and over provided by any one element of RCW
26 69.50.4013(3) is guilty of a misdemeanor. This section does not apply
27 to qualifying patients under the age of twenty-one; and

28 (4) Any person who possesses marijuana concentrates that was not
29 purchased from a marijuana retailer or was not accompanied by
30 packaging showing it was purchased from a marijuana retailer:

31 (a) Commits a class 2 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW if
32 the person is in possession of seven grams or less of marijuana
33 concentrates;

34 (b) Is guilty of a misdemeanor if the person is in possession of
35 more than seven grams but not more than twenty-eight grams of
36 marijuana concentrates; or

37 (c) Is guilty of a felony punishable pursuant to any other
38 applicable provision of this chapter if the person is in possession
39 of more than twenty-eight grams of marijuana concentrates and does

1 not have a license from the state liquor and cannabis board
2 permitting the person to be in possession of more than twenty-eight
3 grams of marijuana concentrates.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 Nothing in this chapter permits anyone other than a validly
7 licensed marijuana processor to extract or separate resin from
8 marijuana or to produce or process any form of marijuana concentrates
9 or marijuana-infused products that include marijuana concentrates not
10 purchased from a validly licensed marijuana retailer as an
11 ingredient. The extraction or separation of resin from marijuana, the
12 processing of marijuana concentrates, and the processing of
13 marijuana-infused products that include marijuana concentrates not
14 purchased from a validly licensed marijuana retailer as an ingredient
15 by any person other than a validly licensed marijuana processor each
16 constitute manufacture of marijuana in violation of RCW 69.50.401.

17 **Sec. 20.** RCW 69.50.540 and 2013 c 3 s 28 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 All marijuana excise taxes collected from sales of marijuana,
20 useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products under RCW
21 69.50.535, and the license fees, penalties, and forfeitures derived
22 under chapter 3, Laws of 2013 from marijuana producer, marijuana
23 processor, and marijuana retailer licenses shall every three months
24 be disbursed by the state liquor control board as follows:

25 (1) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to the department of
26 social and health services to design and administer the Washington
27 state healthy youth survey, analyze the collected data, and produce
28 reports, in collaboration with the office of the superintendent of
29 public instruction, department of health, department of commerce,
30 family policy council, and state liquor control board. The survey
31 shall be conducted at least every two years and include questions
32 regarding, but not necessarily limited to, academic achievement, age
33 at time of substance use initiation, antisocial behavior of friends,
34 attitudes toward antisocial behavior, attitudes toward substance use,
35 laws and community norms regarding antisocial behavior, family
36 conflict, family management, parental attitudes toward substance use,
37 peer rewarding of antisocial behavior, perceived risk of substance
38 use, and rebelliousness. Funds disbursed under this subsection may be

1 used to expand administration of the healthy youth survey to student
2 populations attending institutions of higher education in Washington;

3 (2) Fifty thousand dollars to the department of social and health
4 services for the purpose of contracting with the Washington state
5 institute for public policy to conduct the cost-benefit evaluation
6 and produce the reports described in RCW 69.50.550. This
7 appropriation shall end after production of the final report required
8 by RCW 69.50.550;

9 (3) Five thousand dollars to the University of Washington alcohol
10 and drug abuse institute for the creation, maintenance, and timely
11 updating of web-based public education materials providing medically
12 and scientifically accurate information about the health and safety
13 risks posed by marijuana use;

14 (4) An amount not exceeding one million two hundred fifty
15 thousand dollars to the state liquor control board as is necessary
16 for administration of chapter 3, Laws of 2013;

17 (5) Of the funds remaining after the disbursements identified in
18 subsections (1) through (4) of this section:

19 (a) Fifteen percent to the department of social and health
20 services division of behavioral health and recovery for
21 implementation and maintenance of programs and practices aimed at the
22 prevention or reduction of maladaptive substance use, substance-use
23 disorder, substance abuse or substance dependence, as these terms are
24 defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders,
25 among middle school and high school age students, whether as an
26 explicit goal of a given program or practice or as a consistently
27 corresponding effect of its implementation; PROVIDED, That:

28 (i) Of the funds disbursed under (a) of this subsection, at least
29 eighty-five percent must be directed to evidence-based and cost-
30 beneficial programs and practices that produce objectively measurable
31 results; and

32 (ii) Up to fifteen percent of the funds disbursed under (a) of
33 this subsection may be directed to research-based and emerging best
34 practices or promising practices.

35 In deciding which programs and practices to fund, the secretary
36 of the department of social and health services shall consult, at
37 least annually, with the University of Washington's social
38 development research group and the University of Washington's alcohol
39 and drug abuse institute;

1 (b) Ten percent to the department of health for the creation,
2 implementation, operation, and management of a marijuana education
3 and public health program that contains the following:

4 (i) A marijuana use public health hotline that provides referrals
5 to substance abuse treatment providers, utilizes evidence-based or
6 research-based public health approaches to minimizing the harms
7 associated with marijuana use, and does not solely advocate an
8 abstinence-only approach;

9 (ii) A grants program for local health departments or other local
10 community agencies that supports development and implementation of
11 coordinated intervention strategies for the prevention and reduction
12 of marijuana use by youth; and

13 (iii) Media-based education campaigns across television,
14 internet, radio, print, and out-of-home advertising, separately
15 targeting youth and adults, that provide medically and scientifically
16 accurate information about the health and safety risks posed by
17 marijuana use;

18 (c) Six-tenths of one percent to the University of Washington and
19 four-tenths of one percent to Washington State University for
20 research on the short and long-term effects of marijuana use, to
21 include but not be limited to formal and informal methods for
22 estimating and measuring intoxication and impairment, and for the
23 dissemination of such research;

24 (d) Fifty percent to the state basic health plan trust account to
25 be administered by the Washington basic health plan administrator and
26 used as provided under chapter 70.47 RCW;

27 (e) Five percent to the Washington state health care authority to
28 be expended exclusively through contracts with community health
29 centers to provide primary health and dental care services, migrant
30 health services, and maternity health care services as provided under
31 RCW 41.05.220;

32 (f) Three-tenths of one percent to the office of the
33 superintendent of public instruction to fund grants to building
34 bridges programs under chapter 28A.175 RCW; and

35 (g) The remainder to the general fund.

36 (6) Ten percent of the funds transferred to the general fund
37 under subsection (5) of this section must be appropriated to local
38 public health districts to develop marijuana youth education and
39 prevention programs. Public health districts must work with schools
40 in developing and implementing youth education and prevention

1 programs. These programs must include outreach activities to
2 vulnerable youth.

3 **Sec. 21.** RCW 69.51A.005 and 2011 c 181 s 102 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) There is medical evidence that some patients with terminal or
7 debilitating medical conditions may, under their health care
8 professional's care, benefit from the medical use of
9 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana. Some of the conditions for which
10 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana appears to be beneficial include, but are not
11 limited to:

12 (i) Nausea, vomiting, and cachexia associated with cancer, HIV-
13 positive status, AIDS, hepatitis C, anorexia, and their treatments;

14 (ii) Severe muscle spasms associated with multiple sclerosis,
15 epilepsy, and other seizure and spasticity disorders;

16 (iii) Acute or chronic glaucoma;

17 (iv) Crohn's disease; and

18 (v) Some forms of intractable pain.

19 (b) Humanitarian compassion necessitates that the decision to use
20 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana by patients with terminal or debilitating
21 medical conditions is a personal, individual decision, based upon
22 their health care professional's professional medical judgment and
23 discretion.

24 (2) Therefore, the legislature intends that, so long as such
25 activities are in strict compliance with this chapter:

26 (a) Qualifying patients with terminal or debilitating medical
27 conditions who, in the judgment of their health care professionals,
28 may benefit from the medical use of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana, shall not
29 be arrested, prosecuted, or subject to other criminal sanctions or
30 civil consequences under state law based solely on their medical use
31 of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana, notwithstanding any other provision of law;

32 (b) Persons who act as designated providers to such patients
33 shall also not be arrested, prosecuted, or subject to other criminal
34 sanctions or civil consequences under state law, notwithstanding any
35 other provision of law, based solely on their assisting with the
36 medical use of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana; and

37 (c) Health care professionals shall also not be arrested,
38 prosecuted, or subject to other criminal sanctions or civil
39 consequences under state law for the proper authorization of medical

1 use of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana by qualifying patients for whom, in the
2 health care professional's professional judgment, the medical use of
3 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana may prove beneficial.

4 (3) Nothing in this chapter establishes the medical necessity or
5 medical appropriateness of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana for treating
6 terminal or debilitating medical conditions as defined in RCW
7 69.51A.010.

8 (4) Nothing in this chapter diminishes the authority of
9 correctional agencies and departments, including local governments or
10 jails, to establish a procedure for determining when the use of
11 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana would impact community safety or the effective
12 supervision of those on active supervision for a criminal conviction,
13 nor does it create the right to any accommodation of any medical use
14 of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana in any correctional facility or jail.

15 **Sec. 22.** RCW 69.51A.010 and 2010 c 284 s 2 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
18 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

19 (1) "Designated provider" means a person who ~~((+
20 -a+))~~is ~~((eighteen))~~twenty-one years of age or older ~~((+
21 -b+))~~and:

22 (a)(i) Is the parent or guardian of a qualifying patient who is
23 under the age of eighteen; or

24 (ii) Has been designated in writing by a qualifying patient to
25 serve as a designated provider ~~((under this chapter))~~for that
26 patient;

27 (b) Beginning July 1, 2016, has been entered into the medical
28 marijuana authorization database as being the designated provider to
29 a qualifying patient and may only provide marijuana to that
30 qualifying patient;

31 (c) Beginning July 1, 2016, has been provided an authorization
32 card;

33 (d) Is prohibited from consuming marijuana obtained for the
34 personal, medical use of the qualifying patient for whom the
35 individual is acting as designated provider; ~~((and~~

36 +d+))(e) Is in compliance with the terms and conditions of this
37 chapter; and

38 (f) Is the designated provider to only one patient at any one
39 time.

1 (2) "Health care professional," for purposes of this chapter
2 only, means a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, a physician
3 assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, an osteopathic physician
4 licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, an osteopathic physicians'
5 assistant licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, a naturopath licensed
6 under chapter 18.36A RCW, or an advanced registered nurse
7 practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW.

8 (3) "Medical use of marijuana" means the manufacture, production,
9 possession, transportation, delivery, ingestion, application, or
10 administration of marijuana(~~(, as defined in RCW 69.50.101(q),)~~) for
11 the exclusive benefit of a qualifying patient in the treatment of his
12 or her terminal or debilitating (~~(illness))~~medical condition.

13 (4) "Qualifying patient" means a person who:

14 (a)(~~i~~) (i) Is a patient of a health care professional;

15 (~~(b)~~) (ii) Has been diagnosed by that health care professional
16 as having a terminal or debilitating medical condition;

17 (~~(c)~~) (iii) Is a resident of the state of Washington at the time
18 of such diagnosis;

19 (~~(d)~~) (iv) Has been advised by that health care professional
20 about the risks and benefits of the medical use of marijuana; (~~and~~

21 ~~(e)~~) (v) Has been advised by that health care professional that
22 they may benefit from the medical use of marijuana;

23 (vi) Beginning July 1, 2016, has been entered into the medical
24 marijuana authorization database;

25 (vii) Beginning July 1, 2016, has been provided an authorization
26 card; and

27 (viii) Is otherwise in compliance with the terms and conditions
28 established in this chapter.

29 (b) "Qualifying patient" does not include a person who is
30 actively being supervised for a criminal conviction by a corrections
31 agency or department that has determined that the terms of this
32 chapter are inconsistent with and contrary to his or her supervision
33 and all related processes and procedures related to that supervision.

34 (5) Until July 1, 2016, "tamper-resistant paper" means paper that
35 meets one or more of the following industry-recognized features:

36 (a) One or more features designed to prevent copying of the
37 paper;

38 (b) One or more features designed to prevent the erasure or
39 modification of information on the paper; or

1 (c) One or more features designed to prevent the use of
2 counterfeit valid documentation.

3 (6) "Terminal or debilitating medical condition" means a
4 condition severe enough to significantly interfere with the patient's
5 activities of daily living and ability to function, which can be
6 objectively assessed and evaluated and limited to the following:

7 (a) Cancer, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), multiple
8 sclerosis, epilepsy or other seizure disorder, or spasticity
9 disorders; ((~~or~~))

10 (b) Intractable pain, limited for the purpose of this chapter to
11 mean pain unrelieved by standard medical treatments and medications;
12 ((~~or~~))

13 (c) Glaucoma, either acute or chronic, limited for the purpose of
14 this chapter to mean increased intraocular pressure unrelieved by
15 standard treatments and medications; ((~~or~~))

16 (d) Crohn's disease with debilitating symptoms unrelieved by
17 standard treatments or medications; ((~~or~~))

18 (e) Hepatitis C with debilitating nausea or intractable pain
19 unrelieved by standard treatments or medications; ((~~or~~))

20 (f) Diseases, including anorexia, which result in nausea,
21 vomiting, wasting, appetite loss, cramping, seizures, muscle spasms,
22 or spasticity, when these symptoms are unrelieved by standard
23 treatments or medications; or

24 (g) Any other medical condition duly approved by the Washington
25 state medical quality assurance commission in consultation with the
26 board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as directed in this
27 chapter.

28 (7) Until July 1, 2016, "valid documentation" means:

29 (a) A statement signed and dated by a qualifying patient's health
30 care professional written on tamper-resistant paper, which states
31 that, in the health care professional's professional opinion, the
32 patient may benefit from the medical use of marijuana; and

33 (b) Proof of identity such as a Washington state driver's license
34 or identicard, as defined in RCW 46.20.035.

35 (8) "Authorization card" means a card issued to qualifying
36 patients and designated providers whose health care professionals
37 have entered them into the medical marijuana authorization database.

38 (9) "CBD concentration" means the percent of cannabidiol content
39 per dry weight of any part of the plant *Cannabis*, or per volume or
40 weight of marijuana product.

- 1 (10) "Department" means the department of health.
- 2 (11) "Marijuana" has the meaning provided in RCW 69.50.101.
- 3 (12) "Marijuana concentrates" has the meaning provided in RCW
4 69.50.101.
- 5 (13) "Marijuana processor" has the meaning provided in RCW
6 69.50.101.
- 7 (14) "Marijuana producer" has the meaning provided in RCW
8 69.50.101.
- 9 (15) "Marijuana-infused products" has the meaning provided in RCW
10 69.50.101.
- 11 (16) "Medical marijuana authorization database" means the secure
12 and confidential database established in section 26 of this act.
- 13 (17) "Plant" means a marijuana plant having at least three
14 distinguishable and distinct leaves, each leaf being at least three
15 centimeters in diameter, and a readily observable root formation
16 consisting of at least two separate and distinct roots, each being at
17 least two centimeters in length. Multiple stalks emanating from the
18 same root ball or root system is considered part of the same single
19 plant.
- 20 (18) "THC concentration" has the meaning provided in RCW
21 69.50.101.
- 22 (19) "Useable marijuana" has the meaning provided in RCW
23 69.50.101.
- 24 (20) "Low THC, high CBD" means products determined by the
25 department to have a low THC, high CBD ratio under section 10 of this
26 act. Low THC, high CBD products must be inhalable, ingestible, or
27 absorbable.

28 **Sec. 23.** RCW 69.51A.030 and 2011 c 181 s 301 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) The following acts do not constitute crimes under state law
31 or unprofessional conduct under chapter 18.130 RCW, and a health care
32 professional may not be arrested, searched, prosecuted, disciplined,
33 or subject to other criminal sanctions or civil consequences or
34 liability under state law, or have real or personal property
35 searched, seized, or forfeited pursuant to state law, notwithstanding
36 any other provision of law as long as the health care professional
37 complies with subsection (2) of this section:

1 (a) Advising a patient about the risks and benefits of medical
2 use of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana or that the patient may benefit from the
3 medical use of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana; or

4 (b) ~~((Providing))~~Adding a patient or designated provider meeting
5 the criteria established under RCW 69.51A.010~~((26) with valid~~
6 ~~documentation))~~(4) to the medical marijuana authorization database,
7 based upon the health care professional's assessment of the patient's
8 medical history and current medical condition, ~~((where such use~~
9 ~~is))~~if the health care professional has complied with this chapter
10 and he or she determines within a professional standard of care or in
11 the individual health care professional's medical judgment the
12 qualifying patient may benefit from the medical use of marijuana.

13 (2)(a) Until July 1, 2016, a health care professional may
14 ~~((only))~~ provide a qualifying patient or that patient's designated
15 provider with valid documentation authorizing the medical use of
16 ~~((cannabis or register the patient with the registry established in~~
17 ~~section 901 of this act if he or she has a newly initiated or~~
18 ~~existing documented relationship with the patient, as a primary care~~
19 ~~provider or a specialist, relating to the diagnosis and ongoing~~
20 ~~treatment or monitoring of the patient's terminal or debilitating~~
21 ~~medical condition, and only after:~~

22 ~~(i) Completing a))~~marijuana in accordance with this section.

23 (b) Beginning July 1, 2016, a health care professional may only
24 authorize a patient for the medical use of marijuana by adding the
25 qualifying patient and that patient's designated provider, if any, to
26 the medical marijuana authorization database and in accordance with
27 this section.

28 (c) In order to authorize for the medical use of marijuana under
29 (a) or (b) of this subsection, the health care professional must:

30 (i) Have a documented relationship with the patient, as a
31 principal care provider or a specialist, relating to the diagnosis
32 and ongoing treatment or monitoring of the patient's terminal or
33 debilitating medical condition;

34 (ii) Complete an in-person physical examination of the patient
35 ~~((as appropriate, based on the patient's condition and age));~~

36 ~~((ii) Documenting))~~(iii) Document the terminal or debilitating
37 medical condition of the patient in the patient's medical record and
38 that the patient may benefit from treatment of this condition or its
39 symptoms with medical use of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana;

1 ~~((iii) Informing))~~(iv) Inform the patient of other options for
2 treating the terminal or debilitating medical condition and
3 documenting in the patient's medical record that the patient has
4 received this information; and

5 ~~((iv) Documenting))~~(v) Document in the patient's medical record
6 other measures attempted to treat the terminal or debilitating
7 medical condition that do not involve the medical use of
8 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana.

9 ~~((b))~~(d) A health care professional shall not:

10 (i) Accept, solicit, or offer any form of pecuniary remuneration
11 from or to a ~~((licensed dispenser, licensed producer, or licensed~~
12 ~~processor of cannabis products))~~marijuana retailer, marijuana
13 processor, or marijuana producer;

14 (ii) Offer a discount or any other thing of value to a qualifying
15 patient who is a customer of, or agrees to be a customer of, a
16 particular ~~((licensed dispenser, licensed producer, or licensed~~
17 ~~processor of cannabis products))~~marijuana retailer;

18 (iii) Examine or offer to examine a patient for purposes of
19 diagnosing a terminal or debilitating medical condition at a location
20 where ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana is produced, processed, or
21 ~~((dispensed))~~sold;

22 (iv) Have a business or practice which consists
23 ~~((solely))~~primarily of authorizing the medical use of
24 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana or authorize the medical use of marijuana at
25 any location other than his or her practice's permanent physical
26 location;

27 (v) ~~((Include any statement or reference, visual or otherwise, on~~
28 ~~the medical use of cannabis in any advertisement for his or her~~
29 ~~business or practice))~~Sell marijuana concentrates, marijuana-infused
30 products, or useable marijuana to a qualifying patient or designated
31 provider; or

32 (vi) Hold an economic interest in an enterprise that produces,
33 processes, or ~~((dispenses cannabis))~~sells marijuana if the health
34 care professional authorizes the medical use of
35 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana.

36 (3) ~~((A violation of any provision of subsection (2) of this~~
37 ~~section constitutes unprofessional conduct under chapter 18.130~~
38 ~~RCW.))~~Until July 1, 2016, a health care professional who, within
39 thirty days, authorizes more than thirty qualifying patients for the

1 medical use of marijuana must report the number of authorizations
2 made to the department.

3 (4) After a health care professional authorizes a qualifying
4 patient for the medical use of marijuana, he or she must discuss with
5 the qualifying patient how to use marijuana and the types of products
6 the qualifying patient should seek from a retail outlet.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. A new section is added to chapter 69.51A
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) As part of adding a qualifying patient or designated provider
10 to the medical marijuana authorization database, the health care
11 professional may include recommendations on the amount of marijuana
12 that is likely needed by the qualifying patient for his or her
13 medical needs and in accordance with subsection (2) of this section.
14 If no recommendations are included when the qualifying patient or
15 designated provider is added to the database, the qualifying patient
16 or designated provider may purchase at a retail outlet holding a
17 medical marijuana endorsement a combination of the following: Forty-
18 eight ounces of marijuana-infused product in solid form; three ounces
19 of useable marijuana; two hundred sixteen ounces of marijuana-infused
20 product in liquid form; or twenty-one grams of marijuana
21 concentrates. The qualifying patient or designated provider may also
22 grow, in his or her domicile, up to six plants for the personal
23 medical use of the qualifying patient and possess up to eight ounces
24 of useable marijuana produced from his or her plants.

25 (2) If a health care professional determines that the medical
26 needs of a qualifying patient exceed the amounts provided for in
27 subsection (1) of this section, the health care professional may
28 recommend the patient be allowed to grow, in his or her domicile, up
29 to fifteen plants for the personal medical use of the patient. A
30 patient so authorized may possess up to sixteen ounces of useable
31 marijuana in his or her domicile. The number of plants must be
32 entered into the medical marijuana authorization database by the
33 authorizing health care professional.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. A new section is added to chapter 69.51A
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 (1) Health care professionals may authorize the medical use of
37 marijuana for qualifying patients who are under the age of eighteen
38 if:

1 (a) The minor's parent or guardian participates in the minor's
2 treatment and agrees to the medical use of marijuana by the minor;

3 (b) The parent or guardian acts as the designated provider for
4 the minor and has sole control over the minor's marijuana. However,
5 the minor may possess up to the amount of marijuana that is necessary
6 for his or her next dose; and

7 (c) The minor may not grow plants or purchase marijuana-infused
8 products, useable marijuana, or marijuana concentrates from a
9 marijuana retailer with a medical marijuana endorsement.

10 (2) A health care professional who authorizes the medical use of
11 marijuana by a minor must do so as part of the course of treatment of
12 the minor's terminal or debilitating medical condition. If
13 authorizing a minor for the medical use of marijuana, the health care
14 professional must:

15 (a) Consult with other health care providers involved in the
16 child's treatment, as medically indicated, before authorization or
17 reauthorization of the medical use of marijuana;

18 (b) Reexamine the minor at least once every six months or more
19 frequently as medically indicated. The reexamination must:

20 (i) Determine that the minor continues to have a terminal or
21 debilitating medical condition and that the condition benefits from
22 the medical use of marijuana; and

23 (ii) Include a follow-up discussion with the minor's parent or
24 guardian to ensure the parent or guardian continues to participate in
25 the treatment of the minor;

26 (c) Enter both the minor and the minor's parent or guardian who
27 is acting as the designated provider in the medical marijuana
28 authorization database.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** A new section is added to chapter 69.51A
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 (1) The department must contract with an entity to create,
32 administer, and maintain a secure and confidential medical marijuana
33 authorization database that, beginning July 1, 2016, allows:

34 (a) A health care professional to add a qualifying patient or
35 designated provider and include the amount of marijuana concentrates,
36 useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, or plants for which
37 the qualifying patient is authorized under section 24 of this act;

38 (b) Persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled
39 substances to access health care information on their patients for

1 the purpose of providing medical or pharmaceutical care for their
2 patients;

3 (c) A qualifying patient or designated provider to request and
4 receive his or her own health care information or information on any
5 person or entity that has queried their name or information;

6 (d) Appropriate local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement
7 or prosecutorial officials who are engaged in a bona fide specific
8 investigation of suspected marijuana-related activity that may be
9 illegal under Washington state law to confirm the validity of the
10 authorization card of a qualifying patient or designated provider;

11 (e) A marijuana retailer holding a medical marijuana endorsement
12 to confirm the validity of the authorization card of a qualifying
13 patient or designated provider;

14 (f) The department of revenue to verify tax exemptions under
15 chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW;

16 (g) The department and the health care professional's
17 disciplining authorities to monitor authorizations and ensure
18 compliance with this chapter and chapter 18.130 RCW by their
19 licensees; and

20 (h) Authorizations to expire six months or one year after entry
21 into the medical marijuana authorization database, depending on
22 whether the authorization is for a minor or an adult.

23 (2) A qualifying patient and his or her designated provider, if
24 any, must be placed in the medical marijuana authorization database
25 by the qualifying patient's health care professional. After a
26 qualifying patient or designated provider is placed in the medical
27 marijuana authorization database, he or she must be provided with an
28 authorization card that contains identifiers required in subsection
29 (3) of this section.

30 (3) The authorization card requirements must be developed by the
31 department in rule and include:

32 (a) A randomly generated and unique identifying number;

33 (b) For designated providers, the unique identifying number of
34 the qualifying patient whom the provider is assisting;

35 (c) A photograph of the qualifying patient's or designated
36 provider's face taken by the authorizing health care professional in
37 accordance with rules adopted by the department;

38 (d) The amount of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana,
39 marijuana-infused products, or plants for which the qualifying
40 patient is authorized under section 24 of this act;

1 (e) The effective date and expiration date of the authorization
2 card;

3 (f) The name of the health care professional who authorized the
4 qualifying patient or designated provider; and

5 (g) For the authorization card, additional security features as
6 necessary to ensure its validity.

7 (4) For qualifying patients who are eighteen years of age or
8 older and their designated providers, authorization cards are valid
9 for one year from the date the health care professional enters the
10 qualifying patient or designated provider in the medical marijuana
11 authorization database. For qualifying patients who are under the age
12 of eighteen and their designated providers, authorization cards are
13 valid for six months from the date the health care professional
14 enters the qualifying patient or designated provider in the medical
15 marijuana authorization database. Qualifying patients may not be
16 reentered into the medical marijuana authorization database until
17 they have been reexamined by a health care professional and
18 determined to meet the definition of qualifying patient. After
19 reexamination, the health care professional must reenter the
20 qualifying patient or designated provider into the medical marijuana
21 authorization database and a new authorization card will then be
22 issued in accordance with department rules.

23 (5) If an authorization card is lost or stolen, the health care
24 professional, in conjunction with the database administrator, may
25 issue a new card that will be valid for six months to one year if the
26 patient is reexamined and determined to meet the definition of
27 qualifying patient and depending on whether the patient is under the
28 age of eighteen or eighteen years of age or older as provided in
29 subsection (4) of this section. If a reexamination is not performed,
30 the expiration date of the replacement authorization card must be the
31 same as the lost or stolen authorization card.

32 (6) The database administrator must remove qualifying patients
33 and designated providers from the medical marijuana authorization
34 database upon expiration of the authorization card. Qualifying
35 patients and designated providers may request to remove themselves
36 from the medical marijuana authorization database before expiration
37 of an authorization card and health care professionals may request to
38 remove qualifying patients and designated providers from the medical
39 marijuana authorization database if the patient or provider no longer
40 qualifies for the medical use of marijuana. The database

1 administrator must retain database records for at least five calendar
2 years to permit the state liquor and cannabis board and the
3 department of revenue to verify eligibility for tax exemptions.

4 (7) During development of the medical marijuana authorization
5 database, the database administrator must consult with the
6 department, stakeholders, and persons with relevant expertise to
7 include, but not be limited to, qualifying patients, designated
8 providers, health care professionals, state and local law enforcement
9 agencies, and the University of Washington computer science and
10 engineering security and privacy research lab or a certified cyber
11 security firm, vendor, or service.

12 (8) The medical marijuana authorization database must meet the
13 following requirements:

14 (a) Any personally identifiable information included in the
15 database must be nonreversible, pursuant to definitions and standards
16 set forth by the national institute of standards and technology;

17 (b) Any personally identifiable information included in the
18 database must not be susceptible to linkage by use of data external
19 to the database;

20 (c) The database must incorporate current best differential
21 privacy practices, allowing for maximum accuracy of database queries
22 while minimizing the chances of identifying the personally
23 identifiable information included therein; and

24 (d) The database must be upgradable and updated in a timely
25 fashion to keep current with state of the art privacy and security
26 standards and practices.

27 (9)(a) Personally identifiable information of qualifying patients
28 and designated providers included in the medical marijuana
29 authorization database is confidential and exempt from public
30 disclosure, inspection, or copying under chapter 42.56 RCW.

31 (b) Information contained in the medical marijuana authorization
32 database may be released in aggregate form, with all personally
33 identifying information redacted, for the purpose of statistical
34 analysis and oversight of agency performance and actions.

35 (c) Information contained in the medical marijuana authorization
36 database shall not be shared with the federal government or its
37 agents unless the particular patient or designated provider is
38 convicted in state court for violating this chapter or chapter 69.50
39 RCW.

1 (10) The department must, in coordination with the database
2 administrator, establish a fee that is adequate to cover the costs of
3 administrating the medical marijuana authorization database.

4 (11) If the database administrator fails to comply with this
5 section, the department may cancel any contracts with the database
6 administrator and contract with another database administrator to
7 continue administration of the database. A database administrator who
8 fails to comply with this section is subject to a fine of up to five
9 thousand dollars in addition to any penalties established in the
10 contract. Fines collected under this section must be deposited into
11 the dedicated marijuana fund created under RCW 69.50.530.

12 (12) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** A new section is added to chapter 42.56
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 Records in the medical marijuana authorization database
16 established in section 26 of this act containing names and other
17 personally identifiable information of qualifying patients and
18 designated providers are exempt from disclosure under this chapter.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 28.** A new section is added to chapter 69.51A
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly or intentionally:

22 (a) Access the medical marijuana authorization database for any
23 reason not authorized under section 26 of this act;

24 (b) Disclose any information received from the medical marijuana
25 authorization database in violation of section 26 of this act
26 including, but not limited to, qualifying patient or designated
27 provider names, addresses, or amount of marijuana for which they are
28 authorized;

29 (c) Produce an authorization card or to tamper with an
30 authorization card for the purpose of having it accepted by a
31 marijuana retailer holding a medical marijuana endorsement in order
32 to purchase marijuana as a qualifying patient or designated provider
33 or to grow marijuana plants in accordance with this chapter;

34 (d) If a person is a designated provider to a qualifying patient,
35 sell, donate, or supply marijuana produced or obtained for the
36 qualifying patient to another person, or use the marijuana produced
37 or obtained for the qualifying patient for the designated provider's
38 own personal use or benefit; or

1 (e) If the person is a qualifying patient, sell, donate, or
2 otherwise supply marijuana produced or obtained by the qualifying
3 patient to another person.

4 (2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class C
5 felony and upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than two
6 years, fined not more than two thousand dollars, or both.

7 **Sec. 29.** RCW 69.51A.040 and 2011 c 181 s 401 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The medical use of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana in accordance with the
10 terms and conditions of this chapter does not constitute a crime and
11 a qualifying patient or designated provider in compliance with the
12 terms and conditions of this chapter may not be arrested, prosecuted,
13 or subject to other criminal sanctions or civil consequences~~((τ))~~ for
14 possession, manufacture, or delivery of, or for possession with
15 intent to manufacture or deliver, ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana under state
16 law, or have real or personal property seized or forfeited for
17 possession, manufacture, or delivery of, or for possession with
18 intent to manufacture or deliver, ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana under state
19 law, and investigating ~~((peace))~~law enforcement officers and ~~((law
20 enforcement))~~ agencies may not be held civilly liable for failure to
21 seize ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana in this circumstance, if:

22 (1)(a) The qualifying patient or designated provider holds a
23 valid authorization card and possesses no more than ~~((fifteen~~
24 ~~cannabis plants and:~~

25 ~~(i) No more than twenty four ounces of useable cannabis;~~

26 ~~(ii) No more cannabis product than what could reasonably be~~
27 ~~produced with no more than twenty four ounces of useable cannabis; or~~

28 ~~(iii) A combination of useable cannabis and cannabis product that~~
29 ~~does not exceed a combined total representing possession and~~
30 ~~processing of no more than twenty four ounces of useable~~
31 ~~cannabis))~~the amount of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana,
32 plants, or marijuana-infused products authorized under this chapter.

33 ~~((b))~~ If a person is both a qualifying patient and a designated
34 provider for another qualifying patient, the person may possess no
35 more than twice the amounts described in ~~((a) of this~~
36 ~~subsection))~~section 21 of this act for the qualifying patient and
37 designated provider, whether the plants, ((useable cannabis, and
38 cannabis product))marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or
39 marijuana-infused products are possessed individually or in

1 combination between the qualifying patient and his or her designated
2 provider;

3 ~~((+2))~~(b) The qualifying patient or designated provider presents
4 his or her ~~((proof of registration with the department of
5 health,))~~authorization card to any ~~((peace))~~law enforcement officer
6 who questions the patient or provider regarding his or her medical
7 use of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana;

8 ~~((+3))~~(c) The qualifying patient or designated provider keeps a
9 copy of his or her ~~((proof of registration with the registry
10 established in section 901 of this act))~~authorization card and the
11 qualifying patient or designated provider's contact information
12 posted prominently next to any ~~((cannabis))~~ plants,
13 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, marijuana-
14 infused products, or useable ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana located at his or
15 her residence;

16 ~~((+4))~~(d) The investigating ~~((peace))~~law enforcement officer
17 does not possess evidence that:

18 ~~((+a))~~(i) The designated provider has converted
19 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana produced or obtained for the qualifying patient
20 for his or her own personal use or benefit; or

21 ~~((+b))~~(ii) The qualifying patient ~~((has converted cannabis
22 produced or obtained for his or her own medical use to the qualifying
23 patient's personal, nonmedical use or benefit))~~sold, donated, or
24 supplied marijuana to another person; and

25 ~~((+5))~~(e) The ~~((investigating peace officer does not possess
26 evidence that the))~~ designated provider has not served as a
27 designated provider to more than one qualifying patient within a
28 fifteen-day period; ~~((and~~

29 ~~+6))~~or

30 (2) The ~~((investigating peace officer has not observed evidence
31 of any of the circumstances identified in section 901(4))~~qualifying
32 patient or designated provider participates in a cooperative as
33 provided in section 31 of this act.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 30. A new section is added to chapter 69.51A
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 (1) Qualifying patients or designated providers may form a
37 cooperative and share responsibility for acquiring and supplying the
38 resources needed to produce and process marijuana only for the
39 medical use of members of the cooperative. No more than four people

1 may become members of the cooperative under this section and all
2 members must hold valid authorization cards.

3 (2) Cooperatives may not be located within fifteen miles of a
4 marijuana retailer. People who wish to form a cooperative must
5 register the location with the state liquor and cannabis board and
6 this is the only location where cooperative members may grow or
7 process marijuana. This registration must include the names of all
8 participating members and copies of each participant's authorization
9 card. Only qualifying patients or designated providers registered
10 with the state liquor and cannabis board in association with the
11 location may participate in growing or receive useable marijuana or
12 marijuana-infused products grown at that location. The state liquor
13 and cannabis board must deny the registration of any cooperative if
14 the location is within fifteen miles of a marijuana retailer.

15 (3) If a qualifying patient or designated provider no longer
16 participates in growing at the location, he or she must notify the
17 state liquor and cannabis board within fifteen days of the date the
18 qualifying patient or designated provider ceases participation. The
19 state liquor and cannabis board must remove his or her name from
20 connection to the cooperative. Additional qualifying patients or
21 designated providers may not join the cooperative until sixty days
22 have passed since the date on which the last qualifying patient or
23 designated provider notifies the state liquor and cannabis board that
24 he or she no longer participates in that cooperative.

25 (4) Qualifying patients or designated providers who grow plants
26 under this section:

27 (a) May grow up to the total amount of plants for which each
28 participating member is authorized on their authorization cards. At
29 the location, the qualifying patients or designated providers may
30 possess the amount of useable marijuana that can be produced with the
31 number of plants permitted under this subsection, but no more than
32 seventy-two ounces;

33 (b) Must provide assistance in growing plants. A monetary
34 contribution or donation is not to be considered assistance under
35 this section. Participants must provide nonmonetary resources and
36 labor in order to participate; and

37 (c) May not sell, donate, or otherwise provide marijuana,
38 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
39 products to a person who is not participating under this section.

1 (5) The location of the cooperative must be the domicile of one
2 of the participants. Only one cooperative may be located per property
3 tax parcel. A copy of each participant's authorization card must be
4 kept at the location at all times.

5 (6) The state liquor and cannabis board may adopt rules to
6 implement this section including:

7 (a) Any security requirements necessary to ensure the safety of
8 the cooperative and to reduce the risk of diversion from the
9 cooperative;

10 (b) A seed to sale traceability model that is similar to the seed
11 to sale traceability model used by licensees that will allow the
12 state liquor and cannabis board to track all marijuana grown in a
13 cooperative.

14 (7) The state liquor and cannabis board or law enforcement may
15 inspect a cooperative registered under this section to ensure members
16 are in compliance with this section. The state liquor and cannabis
17 board must adopt rules on reasonable inspection hours and reasons for
18 inspections.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 31.** A new section is added to chapter 69.51A
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and even
22 if multiple qualifying patients or designated providers reside in the
23 same housing unit, no more than fifteen plants may be grown or
24 located in any one housing unit other than a cooperative established
25 pursuant to section 30 of this act.

26 (2) Neither the production nor processing of marijuana or
27 marijuana-infused products pursuant to this section nor the storage
28 or growing of plants may occur if any portion of such activity can be
29 readily seen by normal unaided vision or readily smelled from a
30 public place or the private property of another housing unit.

31 (3) Cities, towns, counties, and other municipalities may create
32 and enforce civil penalties, including abatement procedures, for the
33 growing or processing of marijuana and for keeping marijuana plants
34 beyond or otherwise not in compliance with this section.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 32.** A new section is added to chapter 69.51A
36 RCW to read as follows:

37 Nothing in this chapter permits qualifying patients or designated
38 providers to extract or separate the resin from marijuana or to

1 produce or process any form of marijuana concentrates or
2 marijuana-infused products that include marijuana concentrates not
3 purchased from a validly licensed marijuana retailer as an
4 ingredient. The extraction or separation of resin from marijuana, the
5 processing of marijuana concentrates, and the processing of
6 marijuana-infused products that include marijuana concentrates not
7 purchased from a validly licensed marijuana retailer as an ingredient
8 by any person other than a validly licensed marijuana processor each
9 constitute manufacture of marijuana in violation of RCW 69.50.401.

10 **Sec. 33.** RCW 69.51A.045 and 2011 c 181 s 405 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) A qualifying patient or designated provider in possession of
13 ~~((cannabis))~~ plants, marijuana concentrates, useable
14 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana, or ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana-infused products
15 exceeding the limits set forth in ~~((RCW 69.51A.040(1)))~~this chapter
16 but otherwise in compliance with all other terms and conditions of
17 this chapter may establish an affirmative defense to charges of
18 violations of state law relating to ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana through
19 proof at trial, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the
20 qualifying patient's necessary medical use exceeds the amounts set
21 forth in RCW 69.51A.040~~((1))~~.

22 (2) An investigating ~~((peace))~~law enforcement officer may seize
23 ~~((cannabis))~~ plants, marijuana concentrates, useable
24 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana, or ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana-infused products
25 exceeding the amounts set forth in ~~((RCW 69.51A.040(1): PROVIDED,~~
26 ~~That))~~this chapter. In the case of ~~((cannabis))~~ plants, the
27 qualifying patient or designated provider shall be allowed to select
28 the plants that will remain at the location. The officer and his or
29 her law enforcement agency may not be held civilly liable for failure
30 to seize ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana in this circumstance.

31 **Sec. 34.** RCW 69.51A.055 and 2011 c 181 s 1105 are each amended
32 to read as follows:

33 (1)(a) The arrest and prosecution protections established in RCW
34 69.51A.040 may not be asserted in a supervision revocation or
35 violation hearing by a person who is supervised by a corrections
36 agency or department, including local governments or jails, that has
37 determined that the terms of this section are inconsistent with and
38 contrary to his or her supervision.

1 (b) The affirmative defenses established in RCW (~~69.51A.043,~~)
2 69.51A.045(~~(, 69.51A.047, and section 407 of this act)~~) may not be
3 asserted in a supervision revocation or violation hearing by a person
4 who is supervised by a corrections agency or department, including
5 local governments or jails, that has determined that the terms of
6 this section are inconsistent with and contrary to his or her
7 supervision.

8 (2) (~~The provisions of~~) RCW 69.51A.040(~~(, 69.51A.085, and~~
9 ~~69.51A.025 do)~~)does not apply to a person who is supervised for a
10 criminal conviction by a corrections agency or department, including
11 local governments or jails, that has determined that the terms of
12 this chapter are inconsistent with and contrary to his or her
13 supervision.

14 (~~(3) A person may not be licensed as a licensed producer,~~
15 ~~licensed processor of cannabis products, or a licensed dispenser~~
16 ~~under section 601, 602, or 701 of this act if he or she is supervised~~
17 ~~for a criminal conviction by a corrections agency or department,~~
18 ~~including local governments or jails, that has determined that~~
19 ~~licensure is inconsistent with and contrary to his or her~~
20 ~~supervision.)~~)

21 **Sec. 35.** RCW 69.51A.060 and 2011 c 181 s 501 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) It shall be a class 3 civil infraction to use or display
24 medical (~~(cannabis))~~marijuana in a manner or place which is open to
25 the view of the general public.

26 (2) Nothing in this chapter establishes a right of care as a
27 covered benefit or requires any state purchased health care as
28 defined in RCW 41.05.011 or other health carrier or health plan as
29 defined in Title 48 RCW to be liable for any claim for reimbursement
30 for the medical use of (~~(cannabis))~~marijuana. Such entities may enact
31 coverage or noncoverage criteria or related policies for payment or
32 nonpayment of medical (~~(cannabis))~~marijuana in their sole discretion.

33 (3) Nothing in this chapter requires any health care professional
34 to authorize the medical use of (~~(cannabis))~~marijuana for a patient.

35 (4) Nothing in this chapter requires any accommodation of any on-
36 site medical use of (~~(cannabis))~~marijuana in any place of employment,
37 in any school bus or on any school grounds, in any youth center, in
38 any correctional facility, or smoking (~~(cannabis))~~marijuana in any
39 public place or hotel or motel. However, a school may permit a minor

1 who meets the requirements of section 22 of this act to consume
2 marijuana on school grounds. Such use must be in accordance with
3 school policy relating to medication use on school grounds.

4 (5) Nothing in this chapter authorizes the possession or use of
5 marijuana, marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-
6 infused products on federal property.

7 ~~((5))~~(6) Nothing in this chapter authorizes the use of medical
8 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana by any person who is subject to the Washington
9 code of military justice in chapter 38.38 RCW.

10 ~~((6))~~(7) Employers may establish drug-free work policies.
11 Nothing in this chapter requires an accommodation for the medical use
12 of ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana if an employer has a drug-free workplace.

13 ~~((7) It is a class C felony to fraudulently produce any record~~
14 ~~purporting to be, or tamper with the content of any record for the~~
15 ~~purpose of having it accepted as, valid documentation under RCW~~
16 ~~69.51A.010(32)(a), or to backdate such documentation to a time~~
17 ~~earlier than its actual date of execution.))~~

18 (8) No person shall be entitled to claim the protection from
19 arrest and prosecution under RCW 69.51A.040 ~~((or the affirmative~~
20 ~~defense under RCW 69.51A.043))~~ for engaging in the medical use of
21 ~~((cannabis))~~marijuana in a way that endangers the health or well-
22 being of any person through the use of a motorized vehicle on a
23 street, road, or highway, including violations of RCW 46.61.502 or
24 46.61.504, or equivalent local ordinances.

25 **Sec. 36.** RCW 69.51A.070 and 2007 c 371 s 7 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 The Washington state medical quality assurance commission in
28 consultation with the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery, or
29 other appropriate agency as designated by the governor, shall accept
30 for consideration petitions submitted to add terminal or debilitating
31 conditions to those included in this chapter. In considering such
32 petitions, the Washington state medical quality assurance commission
33 in consultation with the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery
34 shall include public notice of, and an opportunity to comment in a
35 public hearing upon, such petitions. The Washington state medical
36 quality assurance commission in consultation with the board of
37 osteopathic medicine and surgery may make a preliminary finding of
38 good cause before the public hearing and shall, after hearing,
39 approve or deny such petitions within ~~((one))~~two hundred

1 ((eighty))ten days of submission. The approval or denial of such a
2 petition shall be considered a final agency action, subject to
3 judicial review.

4 **Sec. 37.** RCW 69.51A.085 and 2011 c 181 s 403 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Qualifying patients may create and participate in collective
7 gardens for the purpose of producing, processing, transporting, and
8 delivering ((cannabis))marijuana for medical use subject to the
9 following conditions:

10 (a) No more than ten qualifying patients may participate in a
11 single collective garden at any time;

12 (b) No person under the age of twenty-one may participate in a
13 collective garden or receive marijuana that was produced, processed,
14 transported, or delivered through a collective garden. A designated
15 provider for a person who is under the age of twenty-one may
16 participate in a collective garden on behalf of the person under the
17 age of twenty-one;

18 (c) A collective garden may contain no more than fifteen plants
19 per patient up to a total of forty-five plants;

20 ((+e))(d) A collective garden may contain no more than twenty-
21 four ounces of useable ((cannabis))marijuana per patient up to a
22 total of seventy-two ounces of useable ((cannabis))marijuana;

23 ((+d))(e) A copy of each qualifying patient's valid
24 documentation ~~((or proof of registration with the registry~~
25 ~~established in section 901 of this act))~~, including a copy of the
26 patient's proof of identity, must be available at all times on the
27 premises of the collective garden; and

28 ((+e))(f) No useable ((cannabis))marijuana from the collective
29 garden is delivered to anyone other than one of the qualifying
30 patients participating in the collective garden.

31 (2) For purposes of this section, the creation of a "collective
32 garden" means qualifying patients sharing responsibility for
33 acquiring and supplying the resources required to produce and process
34 cannabis for medical use such as, for example, a location for a
35 collective garden; equipment, supplies, and labor necessary to plant,
36 grow, and harvest ((cannabis; cannabis))marijuana plants, seeds, and
37 cuttings; and equipment, supplies, and labor necessary for proper
38 construction, plumbing, wiring, and ventilation of a garden of
39 ((cannabis))marijuana plants.

1 (3) A person who knowingly violates a provision of subsection (1)
2 of this section is not entitled to the protections of this chapter.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 38.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The state liquor and cannabis board may conduct controlled
6 purchase programs to determine whether:

7 (a) A marijuana retailer is unlawfully selling marijuana to
8 persons under the age of twenty-one;

9 (b) A marijuana retailer holding a medical marijuana endorsement
10 is selling to persons under the age of eighteen or selling to persons
11 between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one who do not hold valid
12 authorization cards;

13 (c) Until July 1, 2016, collective gardens under RCW 69.51A.085
14 are providing marijuana to persons under the age of twenty-one; or

15 (d) A cooperative organized under section 30 of this act is
16 permitting a person under the age of twenty-one to participate.

17 (2) Every person under the age of twenty-one years who purchases
18 or attempts to purchase marijuana is guilty of a violation of this
19 chapter or chapter 69.51A RCW. This section does not apply to:

20 (a) Persons between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one who hold
21 valid authorization cards and purchase marijuana at a marijuana
22 retail outlet holding a medical marijuana endorsement;

23 (b) Persons between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years who
24 are participating in a controlled purchase program authorized by the
25 state liquor and cannabis board under rules adopted by the board.
26 Violations occurring under a private, controlled purchase program
27 authorized by the state liquor and cannabis board may not be used for
28 criminal or administrative prosecution.

29 (3) A marijuana retailer who conducts an in-house controlled
30 purchase program authorized under this section shall provide his or
31 her employees a written description of the employer's in-house
32 controlled purchase program. The written description must include
33 notice of actions an employer may take as a consequence of an
34 employee's failure to comply with company policies regarding the sale
35 of marijuana during an in-house controlled purchase program.

36 (4) An in-house controlled purchase program authorized under this
37 section shall be for the purposes of employee training and employer
38 self-compliance checks. A marijuana retailer may not terminate an
39 employee solely for a first-time failure to comply with company

1 policies regarding the sale of marijuana during an in-house
2 controlled purchase program authorized under this section.

3 (5) Every person between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one who
4 is convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a
5 misdemeanor punishable as provided by RCW 9A.20.021, except that a
6 minimum fine of two hundred fifty dollars shall be imposed and any
7 sentence requiring community restitution shall require not fewer than
8 twenty-five hours of community restitution.

9 **Sec. 39.** RCW 69.51A.100 and 2011 c 181 s 404 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) A qualifying patient may revoke his or her designation of a
12 specific designated provider and designate a different designated
13 provider at any time. A revocation of designation must be in writing,
14 signed and dated, and provided to the medical marijuana authorization
15 database administrator and designated provider. The protections of
16 this chapter cease to apply to a person who has served as a
17 designated provider to a qualifying patient seventy-two hours after
18 receipt of that patient's revocation of his or her designation.

19 (2) A person may stop serving as a designated provider to a given
20 qualifying patient at any time by revoking that designation in
21 writing, signed and dated, and provided to the medical marijuana
22 authorization database administrator and the qualifying patient.
23 However, that person may not begin serving as a designated provider
24 to a different qualifying patient until fifteen days have elapsed
25 from the date the last qualifying patient designated him or her to
26 serve as a provider.

27 (3) The department may adopt rules to implement this section,
28 including a procedure to remove the name of the designated provider
29 from the medical marijuana authorization database upon receipt of a
30 revocation under this section.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 40.** A new section is added to chapter 69.51A
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 Neither this chapter nor chapter 69.50 RCW prohibits a health
34 care professional from selling or donating topical, noningestable
35 products that have a THC concentration of less than .3 percent to
36 qualifying patients.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 41.** A new section is added to chapter 69.51A
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) A medical marijuana consultant certificate is hereby
4 established. The department shall adopt rules establishing
5 certification requirements, including:

6 (a) Education requirements relating to the products determined to
7 be of benefit to medical patients under section 10 of this act;

8 (b) The medical conditions that constitute terminal or
9 debilitating conditions;

10 (c) Demonstrated knowledge of this chapter and the rules adopted
11 to implement it;

12 (d) Training and education requirements relating to the medical
13 use of marijuana; and

14 (e) Other items deemed necessary and appropriate by the
15 department to ensure medical marijuana consultant certificate holders
16 are able to provide professional advice on the medical use of
17 marijuana.

18 (2) Medical marijuana consultant certificates are subject to
19 annual renewals and continuing education requirements established by
20 the department.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 42.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to:

24 (a) Beginning July 1, 2016, sales of marijuana concentrates,
25 useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products identified by the
26 department of health under section 10 of this act by marijuana
27 retailers holding medical marijuana endorsements to qualifying
28 patients or designated providers who hold authorization cards;

29 (b) Beginning July 1, 2016, sales of marijuana concentrates,
30 useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products containing THC with
31 a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or less to qualifying patients or
32 designated providers who hold authorization cards by marijuana
33 retailers holding medical marijuana endorsements;

34 (c) Beginning July 1, 2016, sales of marijuana concentrates,
35 useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products determined by the
36 department of health under section 10 of this act to have a low THC,
37 high CBD ratio and which would be beneficial to people using
38 marijuana for medical use by marijuana retailers, regardless of
39 whether they are a qualifying patient;

1 (d) Beginning July 1, 2016, sales of products containing THC with
2 a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or less by health care
3 professionals under section 40 of this act; or

4 (e) Until July 1, 2016, sales of marijuana concentrates, useable
5 marijuana, marijuana-infused products, or products containing THC
6 with a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or less by collective gardens
7 under RCW 69.51A.085.

8 (2) Each seller making exempt sales under subsection (1) of this
9 section must maintain information establishing the purchaser's
10 eligibility for the exemption in the form and manner required by the
11 department.

12 (3) For the purposes of this section, the terms "THC
13 concentration," "marijuana concentrates," "useable marijuana,"
14 "marijuana retailer," and "marijuana-infused products" have the
15 meaning provided in RCW 69.50.101 and the terms "qualifying
16 patients," "designated providers," and "authorization card" have the
17 meaning provided in RCW 69.51A.010.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 43.** A new section is added to chapter 82.12
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the use of
21 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
22 products in compliance with chapter 69.51A RCW by:

23 (a) Until July 1, 2016, collective gardens under RCW 69.51A.085
24 and the qualifying patients or designated providers participating in
25 the collective gardens; or

26 (b) Beginning July 1, 2016, qualifying patients or designated
27 providers who hold authorization cards and have purchased marijuana
28 concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products found
29 by the department of health under section 10 of this act to be
30 beneficial for the medical use of marijuana from a marijuana retailer
31 holding a medical marijuana endorsement.

32 (2) Beginning July 1, 2016, the provisions of this chapter shall
33 not apply to the use of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or
34 marijuana-infused products with a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or
35 less in compliance with chapter 69.51A RCW by qualifying patients or
36 designated providers who hold authorization cards and have purchased
37 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
38 products containing THC with a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or

1 less from a marijuana retailer holding a medical marijuana
2 endorsement.

3 (3) Beginning July 1, 2016, the provisions of this chapter shall
4 not apply to marijuana retailers holding a medical marijuana
5 endorsement with respect to:

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

8 (b) Marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-
9 infused products containing THC with a THC concentration of 0.3
10 percent or less;

11 if such marijuana or product is provided at no charge to a
12 qualifying patient or designated provider who holds an authorization
13 card. Each such retailer providing such marijuana or product at no
14 charge must maintain information establishing eligibility for this
15 exemption in the form and manner required by the department.

16 (4) For the purposes of this section, the terms "THC
17 concentration," "marijuana concentrates," "useable marijuana,"
18 "marijuana retailer," and "marijuana-infused products" have the
19 meaning provided in RCW 69.50.101 and the terms "qualifying
20 patients," "designated providers," and "authorization card" have the
21 meaning provided in RCW 69.51A.010.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 44.** (1) The legislature finds marijuana use
23 for qualifying patients is a valid and necessary option health care
24 professionals may recommend for their patients. The legislature
25 further finds that although there is a distinction between
26 recreational and medical use of marijuana, the changing environment
27 for recreational marijuana use in Washington will also affect
28 qualifying patients. The legislature further finds that while
29 recognizing the difference between recreational and medical use of
30 marijuana, it is imperative to develop a single, comprehensive
31 regulatory scheme for marijuana use in the state. Acknowledging that
32 the implementation of this act may result in changes to how
33 qualifying patients access marijuana for their medical use, the
34 legislature intends to ease the transition towards a regulated market
35 and provide a statutory means for a safe, consistent, and secure
36 source of marijuana for qualifying patients. Therefore, the
37 legislature intends to provide qualifying patients a retail sales and
38 use tax exemption on purchases of marijuana for medical use when
39 authorized by a health care professional and when purchased at a

1 marijuana retailer with a medical marijuana endorsement. Because
2 marijuana is neither a prescription medicine nor an over-the-counter
3 medication, this policy should in no way be construed as precedence
4 for changes in the treatment of prescription medications or over-the-
5 counter medications.

6 (2)(a) This section is the tax preference performance statement
7 for the retail sales and use tax exemptions for marijuana
8 concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products
9 purchased by qualifying patients provided in sections 42 and 43 of
10 this act. The performance statement is only intended to be used for
11 subsequent evaluation of the tax preference. It is not intended to
12 create a private right of action by any party or be used to determine
13 eligibility for preferential tax treatment.

14 (b) The legislature categorizes the tax preference as one
15 intended to accomplish the general purposes indicated in RCW
16 82.32.808(2)(e).

17 (c) It is the legislature's specific public policy objective to
18 provide qualifying patients a retail sales and use tax exemption on
19 purchases of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and
20 marijuana-infused products for medical use when qualifying patients
21 hold a valid authorization card. It is also the legislature's
22 specific public policy objective to provide a retail sales and use
23 tax exemption for all people who purchase low THC, high CBD products.
24 These products are more likely to be beneficial to those who use
25 marijuana for medical use and are not likely to appeal to nonmedical
26 users.

27 (d) To measure the effectiveness of the exemption provided in
28 sections 42 and 43 of this act in achieving the specific public
29 policy objectives described in (c) of this subsection, the joint
30 legislative audit and review committee must evaluate the actual
31 fiscal impact of the sales and use tax exemption compared to the
32 estimated impact in the fiscal note for this act.

33 (3) For the purposes of this section, the terms "authorization
34 card," "marijuana retailer," "qualifying patient," "low THC, high
35 CBD," and "health care professional" have the meaning provided in RCW
36 69.51A.010 and the terms "marijuana concentrates," "useable
37 marijuana," "marijuana retailer," and "marijuana-infused products"
38 have the meaning provided in RCW 69.50.101.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 45.** All references to the Washington state
2 liquor control board must be construed as referring to the Washington
3 state liquor and cannabis board. The code reviser must prepare
4 legislation for the 2016 legislative session changing all references
5 in the Revised Code of Washington from the Washington state liquor
6 control board to the Washington state liquor and cannabis board.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 46.** The following acts or parts of acts are
8 each repealed:

- 9 (1) RCW 69.51A.020 (Construction of chapter) and 2011 c 181 s 103
10 & 1999 c 2 s 3;
- 11 (2) RCW 69.51A.025 (Construction of chapter—Compliance with RCW
12 69.51A.040) and 2011 c 181 s 413;
- 13 (3) RCW 69.51A.047 (Failure to register or present valid
14 documentation—Affirmative defense) and 2011 c 181 s 406;
- 15 (4) RCW 69.51A.090 (Applicability of valid documentation
16 definition) and 2010 c 284 s 5;
- 17 (5) RCW 69.51A.140 (Counties, cities, towns—Authority to adopt
18 and enforce requirements) and 2011 c 181 s 1102; and
- 19 (6) RCW 69.51A.200 (Evaluation) and 2011 c 181 s 1001.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 47.** The following acts or parts of acts are
21 each repealed:

- 22 (1) RCW 69.51A.043 (Failure to register—Affirmative defense) and
23 2011 c 181 s 402; and
- 24 (2) RCW 69.51A.085 (Collective gardens) and 2011 c 181 s 403.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 48.** Sections 10, 12, 18, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30,
26 35, 39, and 47 of this act take effect July 1, 2016.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 49.** Sections 26, 27, 37, and 38 of this act
28 are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, or
29 safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
30 institutions, and take effect immediately.

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