



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

WSLCB Agency Request

Omnibus

- A technical correction to the processor license, clarifying the Board's position on sales of finished and packaged products between licensed processors. The way in which RCW 69.50.325(2) was drafted created ambiguity as to whether processors could sell finished and packaged products to other processors rather than retailers. It has been the Board's position that these specific sales events are prohibited.
- A technical correction adding producers to provide source marijuana of their production to marijuana research licensees, rather than only from processors as the law currently states.
- A technical correction eliminating the merit-based prioritizing system for new marijuana retail license applicants. The statute did not include an end date for prioritization, however the process will not be utilized for any new application windows, as it was intended only to be used to integrate the unlicensed medical dispensaries that existed prior to the July 1, 2016 deadline.
- Codifying public notification to both federally recognized tribes in Washington, as well as port authorities, of marijuana license applicants located within their boundaries.
- Addition of standard jurisdictional requirements for any legal proceedings related to marijuana, akin to what exists already for liquor legal proceedings.



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Enforcement Authority

- The intent in this agency request proposal for 2017 is a new approach that clarifies the intent of the WSLCB's officers, which is to:
- Address public safety issues occurring in their presence;
- Provide service to licensees who request assistance on misdemeanor issues in their establishments in lieu of waiting extended durations for a police response;
- Stop/prevent impaired patrons from driving away from licensed locations;
- Address theft of alcohol issues;
- Have the ability to investigate criminal activity associated with financial crimes;
- To complete investigations during the course of their normal duties rather than delay any investigations, while still granting the local law enforcement authority the right of first refusal;
- Provide clarity for 69.50 RCW



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2017 Stakeholder Bills & Concepts

- Allowing patient access to plants/clones
- Advertising restrictions
- Out-of-state investors
- Increasing the allowable number of licenses held by one owner
- Increasing local revenue sharing
- Funding UW and WSU research (\$400k?) but with restrictions: must build a strategic plan, i.e. not just fund any kind of research.
- Penalties for minors entering or attempting to purchase
- Allowing private sharing of product
- Allowing the sale of branded merchandise
- Legalizing the private, non-commercial sharing of product, and permitting private events
- Sentencing enhancements for crimes against I-502 businesses



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Recently Adopted Rules

- “Not for Kids” warning symbol required on all marijuana products meant to be eaten or swallowed.
- Partnership with the Washington Poison Center
- New requirement effective February 14, 2017.





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Upcoming Rulemaking

- Packaging and Labeling Rulemaking
- Target completion date: June 2017
- Use of work groups with prevention community, industry, the public (both consumers and non-consumers)
- Research
- “Especially appealing to children”
- Clear, legible information on packaging
- Potential symbol development for ALL marijuana products to indicate they contain THC



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Vapor Products/E-cigs

- New regulatory scheme passed in the 2016 Legislative Session – codified mostly in chapter 70.345 RCW.
- FDA deeming regulations
- WSLCB Rulemaking to implement the new licensing scheme, administer the new regulatory scheme, and create record keeping requirements
- Preemption – federal preemption and state preemption on local authority



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- New state regulatory scheme did not include taxation
- Potential legislation for 2017
- FDA regulations