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By Representatives Wylie and Condotta; by request of Liquor and Cannabis Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing for proper disposal of unsellable
2 marijuana by a licensed marijuana retail outlet; amending RCW
3 69.50.357; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.357 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 203 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Retail outlets may not sell products or services other than
8 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused
9 products, or paraphernalia intended for the storage or use of
10 marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused
11 products.

12 (2) Licensed marijuana retailers may not employ persons under
13 twenty-one years of age or allow persons under twenty-one years of
14 age to enter or remain on the premises of a retail outlet. However,
15 qualifying patients between eighteen and twenty-one years of age with
16 a recognition card may enter and remain on the premises of a retail
17 outlet holding a medical marijuana endorsement and may purchase
18 products for their personal medical use. Qualifying patients who are
19 under the age of eighteen with a recognition card and who accompany
20 their designated providers may enter and remain on the premises of a

1 retail outlet holding a medical marijuana endorsement, but may not
2 purchase products for their personal medical use.

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

9 (b) Licensed marijuana retailers with a medical marijuana
10 endorsement must ensure that all employees are trained on the
11 subjects required by (a) of this subsection as well as identification
12 of authorizations and recognition cards. Employees must also be
13 trained to permit qualifying patients who hold recognition cards and
14 are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one to enter the premises
15 and purchase marijuana for their personal medical use and to permit
16 qualifying patients who are under the age of eighteen with a
17 recognition card to enter the premises if accompanied by their
18 designated providers.

19 (4) Licensed marijuana retailers may not display any signage
20 outside of the licensed premises, other than two signs identifying
21 the retail outlet by the licensee's business or trade name. Each sign
22 must be no larger than one thousand six hundred square inches, be
23 permanently affixed to a building or other structure, and be posted
24 not less than one thousand feet from any elementary school, secondary
25 school, or playground.

26 (5) Except for the purposes of disposal as authorized by the
27 board, no licensed marijuana retailer or employee of a retail outlet
28 may open or consume, or allow to be opened or consumed, any marijuana
29 concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused product on the
30 outlet premises.

31 (6) The state liquor and cannabis board must fine a licensee one
32 thousand dollars for each violation of any subsection of this
33 section. Fines collected under this section must be deposited into
34 the dedicated marijuana account created under RCW 69.50.530.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2016.

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