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HOUSE BILL 2522

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

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing crimes related to minors  
2 entering, remaining in, or being served by a marijuana retail outlet;  
3 amending RCW 69.50.357; and prescribing penalties.

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) No licensed marijuana retailer or employee of a retail outlet  
27 may open or consume, or allow to be opened or consumed, any marijuana  
28 concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused product on the  
29 outlet premises.

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

34 (7) Except as otherwise provided by this section, it is a gross  
35 misdemeanor to serve or allow any person under twenty-one years of  
36 age to enter or remain in any area of a retail outlet licensed by the  
37 state liquor and cannabis board.

38 (8) Except as otherwise provided by this section, it is a  
39 misdemeanor for any person under the age of twenty-one years to:

1       (a) Enter or remain in any retail outlet licensed by the state  
2 liquor and cannabis board; or

3       (b) Represent his or her age as being twenty-one or more years  
4 for the purpose of purchasing marijuana or entering or remaining in a  
5 retail outlet licensed by the state liquor and cannabis board.

6       (9) Subsections (7) and (8) of this section do not apply to  
7 persons between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years who are  
8 participating in a controlled purchase program, as authorized by this  
9 chapter, under rules adopted by the state liquor and cannabis board.

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