
Regulated Substances & Gaming Committee

HB 1249

Brief Description: Regarding limits on the sale and possession of retail cannabis products.

Sponsors: Representatives Corry and Reeves.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes cannabis retailers to sell additional amounts of certain cannabis-infused product in liquid form to a retail customer in a single transaction.
- Authorizes persons 21 years of age or older to possess and, subject to requirements in current law, to transfer additional amounts of certain cannabis-infused product in liquid form to another person or persons 21 years of age or older.

Hearing Date: 1/16/23

Staff: Peter Clodfelter (786-7127).

Background:

Licensed cannabis retailers and their employees, pursuant to Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board rules, may legally sell in a transaction any combination of the following amounts of cannabis products to a person 21 years of age or older:

- 1 ounce of useable cannabis;
- 16 ounces of cannabis-infused product in solid form;
- 72 ounces of cannabis-infused product in liquid form; and
- 7 grams of cannabis concentrate.

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Persons 21 years of age or older may not legally possess a combined total of more than those amounts of cannabis products, unless the person is a qualifying patient or designated provider. Cannabis licensees and their employees are prohibited from conducting a transaction that facilitates an individual in obtaining more than the personal possession amount.

A person 21 years of age or older may transfer to another person or persons 21 years of age or older, within a single 24 hour period, for noncommercial purposes and not conditioned upon or done in connection with the provision or receipt of financial consideration, an amount of cannabis products equal to half of the possession limits for persons 21 years of age or older. The transfer must be in a location outside of the view of the general public and in a nonpublic place, or the cannabis or cannabis product must be in the original packaging as purchased from the retailer.

Summary of Bill:

New authorization is provided for cannabis retailers to sell 200 milligrams of THC within a cannabis-infused product in liquid form, to a retail customer, if the product is packaged in individual units containing no more than 4 milligrams of THC per unit.

This new authorization is in addition to the current authorization for licensed cannabis retailers and their employees to sell specified amounts of different cannabis products to a retail customer in a single transaction.

Persons 21 years of age or older may legally possess this additional amount of cannabis-infused product in liquid form. Persons 21 years of age or older may also transfer to another person or persons 21 years of age or older, within a 24 hour period, for noncommercial purposes and not conditioned upon or done in connection with the provision or receipt of financial consideration, 100 milligrams of THC within a cannabis-infused product in liquid form if the product is packaged in individual units containing no more than 4 milligrams of THC per unit.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.