



Bill Title: Allowing for proper disposal of unsellable marijuana by a licensed marijuana retail outlet.

Bill Number: HB 2521

Effective Date: 7/1/2016

Amends: RCW 69.50.357

Summary:

Licensed marijuana retailers are statutorily restricted from destroying damaged, expired, or otherwise unsellable marijuana. They must return the product to the processor they purchased it from to be destroyed. In some circumstances retailers are unable to return product to the processor (lost contact, closed, etc.).

The law creates an exception to the requirement that marijuana retailers (or employees) may not open or consume, or allow to be opened or consumed, any marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, or marijuana infused product on the outlet premises in order to allow for disposal as authorized by the Board. This provides a legal pathway to regulate and oversee the disposal of unsellable products at licensed marijuana retail stores.

Implementation:

The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board is authorized to develop rules to allow marijuana retailers to properly dispose of marijuana products.

Timeline for development:

- CR-101 to initiate permanent rulemaking filed on April 20, 2016
- CR-102 with draft proposed rule language expected July 13, 2016
- Public Hearing on proposed rules expected August 24, 2016
- Request to adopt proposed rules and file CR-103 expected September 7, 2016

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