



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

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

Bill Number: SHB 1249

Sponsor: Rep. Chris Corry

Effective Date: 6/6/2024

Amends: Amends RCW 69.50.360 and 69.50.4013

Background

The amount of cannabis product a consumer can legally buy from a licensed cannabis retailer differ by product type. Current law (RCW 69.50.360) sets the limits for four categories of product. A customer may buy up to one ounce of usable cannabis (largely in the form of flower), 16 ounces of edibles in solid form, 72 fluid ounces of cannabis-infused beverages, and seven grams of cannabis concentrates.

Another statute governs how much cannabis one person can legally gift or provide to another person of legal age. These limits use the same categories as the buying limits but are set at half of the amount – a ½ ounce of usable cannabis, 8 ounces of solid edibles, 36 fluid ounces of beverages, and 3 ½ grams of concentrates.

Summary

SHB 1249 amends statutes on limits for buying and gifting cannabis by creating a new product type: low-THC infused beverages, defined as beverages containing no more than 4 milligrams of THC per unit. Instead of applying the existing 72 fluid ounce buying limit (and 36 fluid ounce gift limit), it creates a new cap based on milligrams of THC. For these low-THC beverages, a customer may buy up to 200mg of THC in a day and may gift up to 100mg of THC in these beverages. For example, for a product with 4mg of THC in a 12-ounce can, the current limit would be six cans. Under the bill, a customer could buy up to 50 cans at a time.