



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Bill Description: Prohibiting products that combine alcohol and tetrahydrocannabinol

Bill Number: HB 1772

Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Waters

Effective Date: 7/23/23

Amends: Adds a new section to chapter 69.50 RCW, and adds a new section to chapter 66.28 RCW.

Background

Alcohol and THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) both impact the brain, and both can impair those who consume them. Recent years have seen many companies developing and selling THC-infused beverages, including some companies that also manufacture alcoholic beverages. There are no products for sale in Washington that combine both alcohol and THC in the same product yet.

Scientists have found that mixing alcohol and THC can magnify the impacts of either substance on their own, and could pose risks to consumers. As an anti-emetic, THC can impede the ability of a person who has consumed too much alcohol to vomit, and alcohol slows the rate at which the body metabolizes THC. Studies of college students who consume both products show that students drink more alcohol when they also use cannabis than they do when they only drink alcohol.

Summary

The bill adds a section in the chapter governing alcohol and in the chapter governing the legal cannabis market prohibiting the manufacture, import, offer, or sale of any product that contains both alcohol and THC.

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