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HOUSE BILL 20

PA ADULT-USE CANNABIS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

✱ LEGALIZATION OVERVIEW

HB 20 would legalize adult-use (recreational) cannabis in Pennsylvania for individuals 21 and older. A new, independent authority—the Keystone Cannabis Authority (KCA)—would regulate all cannabis activity, including medical and adult use.



KEY DATES & INFORMATION

- Law Takes Effect: 90 days after passage
- Temporary Rules: In place for up to 2 years
- Medical Cannabis
 - Still available and expanding
 - Dissolves Medical Marijuana Advisory Board and grants KCA oversight authority
 - Transfers Medical Marijuana Funds to KCA – 80% to Community Opportunity Fund, 20% to Cannabis Regulation Fund



WHAT CAN YOU LEGALLY POSSESS?

- Mirrors Ohio law
- Up to 2.5 ounces of cannabis flower
- Up to 1,000 mg of THC in edibles
- Up to 15 grams of cannabis concentrates



SOCIAL & ECONOMIC EQUITY

- Majority of new licenses would go to social equity applicants, remainder would be available for small businesses
- Any surrendered or rescinded licenses would be made available to social equity, disadvantaged business, and small business applicants
- Creates the Community Opportunity Fund which would:
 - Invest in communities disproportionately harmed by the War on Drugs
 - Support social equity applicants by funding grants, loans, training, business incubators, and other resources to help social equity cannabis businesses get to doors open



TAXES & WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

13% effective tax rate (8% sales + 5% excise) to support:

- Community Opportunity Fund (25%)
- Pennsylvania General Fund (20%)
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (15%)
 - 10% to local law enforcement for cannabis regulation enforcement
 - 5% to support public defenders' offices
- Municipalities with cannabis businesses (10%)
- Drug prevention & treatment (10%)
- Cannabis Regulation Fund for program administration (10%)
- Agriculture investments (5%)
- Medical Marijuana patient assistance (5%)





CONSUMER & PUBLIC SAFETY

- Only licensed dispensaries may sell, with civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per offense for unlicensed sales
- Requires rigorous product testing, clear labeling, and child-safe packaging
- Regulates Delta 8, Delta 9, synthetic hemp, and THC products currently being sold in unlicensed retail locations
- Prohibits ads targeting kids or near schools



PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

- Firearm rights protected for legal users
- Employers may still enforce drug-free workplace rules



CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- Automatic expungement of past cannabis-related convictions
- Release and resentencing for incarcerated individuals with expunged convictions
- Restores licenses and driving privileges
- Medical cannabis users protected from zero tolerance THC-based DUI charges



HOME GROWING

- Allowed only for medical patients – up to 5 plants per patient



HOME DELIVERY

- Licensed dispensaries may deliver cannabis to your home



DON'T DRIVE HIGH

- Impaired driving under the influence of cannabis remains unlawful but mere presence of cannabis metabolites alone is not sufficient to prove impairment

