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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legal history of cannabis or marijuana in  
2 the United States primarily addresses the regulation of  
3 marijuana for medical use, and secondarily the use of marijuana  
4 for personal or recreational purposes. By the mid-1930s  
5 cannabis was regulated as a drug in every state, including  
6 thirty-five states that adopted the Uniform State Narcotic Drug  
7 Act, which was subsequently replaced in 1970 with the federal  
8 Uniform Controlled Substances Act that classifies marijuana and  
9 tetrahydrocannabinol as schedule I controlled substances.

10           Notwithstanding the prospect of federal prosecution,  
11 several states, including Hawai'i, have enacted medical marijuana  
12 laws. Chapter 329, part IX, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was  
13 enacted to create a medical use of marijuana exemption from  
14 criminal sanctions. As of November 4, 2020, thirty-six states  
15 and four U.S. territories also allow the use of marijuana for  
16 medicinal purposes. Furthermore, chapter 329D, Hawaii Revised  
17 Statutes, was enacted to establish medical marijuana



1 dispensaries that were authorized to operate beginning in July  
2 2016. As Hawai'i expands its medical marijuana program through  
3 the use of highly regulated and monitored dispensaries, more  
4 patients are anticipated to consider medical marijuana as a  
5 viable treatment, knowing that the medicine will be regulated  
6 and tested.

7 In addition to medicinal marijuana laws, some states have  
8 legalized or decriminalized marijuana. Most places that have  
9 decriminalized cannabis have civil fines, confiscation, drug  
10 education, or drug treatment in place of incarceration or  
11 criminal charges for possession of small amounts of cannabis, or  
12 have made various cannabis offenses the lowest priority for law  
13 enforcement. The jurisdictions of Alaska, Arizona, California,  
14 Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois,  
15 Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota,  
16 Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire,  
17 New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota,  
18 Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, and  
19 Washington have decriminalized marijuana in small amounts. In  
20 each of these states, marijuana users no longer face arrest or  
21 jail time for the possession or use of marijuana in an amount



1 permitted by statute. Act 273, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019,  
2 among other things, decriminalized the possession of three grams  
3 or less of marijuana and established that possession of that  
4 amount is a violation punishable by a monetary fine of \$130,  
5 beginning January 11, 2020.

6 The legislature further finds that the decriminalization of  
7 marijuana for personal or recreational use is a natural,  
8 logical, and reasonable outgrowth of the current science of  
9 marijuana and attitude toward marijuana. In 2012, voters in  
10 Colorado voted to amend the state's constitution (Amendment 64)  
11 to legalize and regulate the production, possession, and  
12 distribution of marijuana for persons age twenty-one and older.  
13 Also in 2012, voters in Washington approved a proposition to  
14 legalize and regulate the production, possession, and  
15 distribution of cannabis for persons age twenty-one and older.  
16 Colorado became the first state to remove the prohibition on  
17 commercial production of marijuana for general use. Colorado  
18 realized state tax revenue of approximately \$18,900,000 during  
19 the first half of 2014, and this revenue is expected to increase  
20 as sales of retail marijuana increase. Following Colorado and  
21 Washington's lead, Alaska, California, District of Columbia,



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1 Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, and  
2 Vermont passed legislation to also legalize and regulate the  
3 production, possession, and distribution of cannabis for persons  
4 age twenty-one and older. Several other states have followed  
5 suit in making recreational marijuana legal, and as of 2020, the  
6 number of jurisdictions in which recreational cannabis is legal  
7 has risen to fifteen states and three U.S. territories.

8 The legislature further finds that marijuana cultivation  
9 and sales hold potential for economic development, increased tax  
10 revenues, and reduction in crime.

11 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 12 (1) Remove marijuana from schedule I of the uniform  
13 controlled substances act and reclassify it as a  
14 schedule V drug; and
- 15 (2) Increase the amount that qualifies as a violation of  
16 promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree from  
17 three grams to ten grams.

18 SECTION 2. Section 329-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended as follows:

- 20 1. By amending subsection (d) to read:



1           "(d) Any material, compound, mixture, or preparation that  
2 contains any quantity of the following hallucinogenic  
3 substances, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, unless  
4 specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these salts,  
5 isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific  
6 chemical designation:

- 7           (1) Alpha-ethyltryptamine (AET);
- 8           (2) 2,5-dimethoxy-4-ethylamphetamine (DOET);
- 9           (3) 2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (2,5-DMA);
- 10          (4) 3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine;
- 11          (5) 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA);
- 12          (6) N-hydroxy-3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (N-hydroxy-  
13             MDA);
- 14          (7) 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-ethylamphetamine (MDE);
- 15          (8) 5-methoxy-3,4-methylenedioxy-amphetamine;
- 16          (9) 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-amphetamine (4-bromo-2,5-DMA);
- 17          (10) 4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (Nexus);
- 18          (11) 3,4,5-trimethoxy amphetamine;
- 19          (12) Bufotenine;
- 20          (13) 4-methoxyamphetamine (PMA);
- 21          (14) Diethyltryptamine;



- 1       (15) Dimethyltryptamine;
- 2       (16) 4-methyl-2,5-dimethoxy-amphetamine;
- 3       (17) Gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB) (some other names include
- 4             gamma hydroxybutyric acid; 4-hydroxybutyrate; 4-
- 5             hydroxybutanoic acid; sodium oxybate; sodium
- 6             oxybutyrate);
- 7       (18) Ibogaine;
- 8       (19) Lysergic acid diethylamide;
- 9       ~~[(20) Marijuana;~~
- 10       ~~(21)]~~ (20) Parahexyl;
- 11       ~~[(22)]~~ (21) Mescaline;
- 12       ~~[(23)]~~ (22) Peyote;
- 13       ~~[(24)]~~ (23) N-ethyl-3-piperidyl benzilate;
- 14       ~~[(25)]~~ (24) N-methyl-3-piperidyl benzilate;
- 15       ~~[(26)]~~ (25) Psilocybin;
- 16       ~~[(27)]~~ (26) Psilocyn;
- 17       ~~[(28)]~~ (27) 1-[1-(2-Thienyl) cyclohexyl] Pyrrolidine (TCPy);
- 18       ~~[(29)]~~ (28) Ethylamine analog of phencyclidine (PCE);
- 19       ~~[(30)]~~ (29) Pyrrolidine analog of phencyclidine (PCPy, PHP);
- 20       ~~[(31)]~~ (30) Thiophene analog of phencyclidine (TCPy; TCP);



- 1        [~~(32)~~] (31)    Gamma-butyrolactone, including butyrolactone;  
2                    butyrolactone gamma; 4-butyrolactone; 2(3H)-furanone  
3                    dihydro; dihydro-2(3H)furanone; tetrahydro-2-furanone;  
4                    1,2-butanolide; 1,4-butanolide; 4-butanolide; gamma-  
5                    hydroxybutyric acid lactone; 3-hydroxybutyric acid  
6                    lactone and 4-hydroxybutanoic acid lactone with  
7                    Chemical Abstract Service number 96-48-0 when any such  
8                    substance is intended for human ingestion;
- 9        [~~(33)~~] (32)    1,4 butanediol, including butanediol; butane-  
10                    1,4-diol; 1,4- butylenes glycol; butylene glycol; 1,4-  
11                    dihydroxybutane; 1,4- tetramethylene glycol;  
12                    tetramethylene glycol; tetramethylene 1,4- diol with  
13                    Chemical Abstract Service number 110-63-4 when any  
14                    such substance is intended for human ingestion;
- 15        [~~(34)~~] (33)    2,5-dimethoxy-4-(n)-propylthiophenethylamine  
16                    (2C-T-7), its optical isomers, salts, and salts of  
17                    isomers;
- 18        [~~(35)~~] (34)    N-benzylpiperazine (BZP; 1-benzylpiperazine) its  
19                    optical isomers, salts, and salts of isomers;
- 20        [~~(36)~~] (35)    1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)piperazine (TFMPP),  
21                    its optical isomers, salts, and salts of isomers;







1 whenever the existence of these salts, isomers, and salts of  
2 isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation:

3 ~~[(1) Tetrahydrocannabinols; meaning tetrahydrocannabinols~~  
4 ~~naturally contained in a plant of the genus Cannabis~~  
5 ~~(cannabis plant), as well as synthetic equivalents of~~  
6 ~~the substances contained in the plant, or in the~~  
7 ~~resinous extractives of Cannabis, sp. or synthetic~~  
8 ~~substances, derivatives, and their isomers with~~  
9 ~~similar chemical structure and pharmacological~~  
10 ~~activity to those substances contained in the plant,~~  
11 ~~such as the following: Delta 1 cis or trans~~  
12 ~~tetrahydrocannabinol, and their optical isomers, Delta~~  
13 ~~6 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol, and their optical~~  
14 ~~isomers, and Delta 3,4 cis or trans~~  
15 ~~tetrahydrocannabinol, and its optical isomers (since~~  
16 ~~nomenclature of these substances is not~~  
17 ~~internationally standardized, compounds of these~~  
18 ~~structures, regardless of numerical designation of~~  
19 ~~atomic positions, are covered);~~

20 ~~(2)]~~ (1) Naphthoylindoles; meaning any compound containing  
21 a 3-(1-naphthoyl)indole structure with substitution at



1 the nitrogen atom of the indole ring by a alkyl,  
2 haloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkylmethyl, cycloalkylethyl,  
3 1-(N-methyl-2-piperidinyl)methyl or 2-(4-  
4 morpholinyl)ethyl group, whether or not further  
5 substituted in the indole ring to any extent and  
6 whether or not substituted in the naphthyl ring to any  
7 extent;

8 [~~3~~] (2) Naphthylmethylindoles; meaning any compound  
9 containing a 1H-indol-3-yl-(1-naphthyl) methane  
10 structure with substitution at the nitrogen atom of  
11 the indole ring by a alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl,  
12 cycloalkylmethyl, cycloalkylethyl, 1-(N-methyl-2-  
13 piperidinyl) methyl or 2-(4-morpholinyl) ethyl group  
14 whether or not further substituted in the indole ring  
15 to any extent and whether or not substituted in the  
16 naphthyl ring to any extent;

17 [~~4~~] (3) Naphthoypyrroles; meaning any compound  
18 containing a 3-(1-naphthoyl)pyrrole structure with  
19 substitution at the nitrogen atom of the pyrrole ring  
20 by a alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkylmethyl,  
21 cycloalkylethyl, 1-(N-methyl-2-piperidinyl)methyl or



1           2-(4-morpholinyl) ethyl group whether or not further  
2           substituted in the pyrrole ring to any extent, whether  
3           or not substituted in the naphthyl ring to any extent;  
4       ~~[(5)]~~ (4) Naphthylmethylenes; meaning any compound  
5           containing a naphthylideneindene structure with  
6           substitution at the 3-position of the indene ring by a  
7           alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkylmethyl,  
8           cycloalkylethyl, 1-(N-methyl-2-piperidinyl) methyl or  
9           2-(4-morpholinyl) ethyl group whether or not further  
10          substituted in the indene ring to any extent, whether  
11          or not substituted in the naphthyl ring to any extent;  
12       ~~[(6)]~~ (5) Phenylacetylindoles; meaning any compound  
13          containing a 3-phenylacetylindole structure with  
14          substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring  
15          by a alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkylmethyl,  
16          cycloalkylethyl, 1-(N-methyl-2-piperidinyl) methyl or  
17          2-(4-morpholinyl) ethyl group whether or not further  
18          substituted in the indole ring to any extent, whether  
19          or not substituted in the phenyl ring to any extent;  
20       ~~[(7)]~~ (6) Cyclohexylphenols; meaning any compound  
21          containing a 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl) phenol structure



1 with substitution at the 5-position of the phenolic  
2 ring by a alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkylmethyl,  
3 cycloalkylethyl, 1-(N-methyl-2-piperidinyl) methyl or  
4 2-(4-morpholinyl) ethyl group whether or not  
5 substituted in the cyclohexyl ring to any extent;

6 [~~(8)~~] (7) Benzoylindoles; meaning any compound containing a  
7 3-(benzoyl) indole structure with substitution at the  
8 nitrogen atom of the indole ring by a alkyl,  
9 haloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkylmethyl, cycloalkylethyl,  
10 1-(N-methyl-2-piperidinyl) methyl, or 2-(4-  
11 morpholinyl) ethyl group whether or not further  
12 substituted in the indole ring to any extent and  
13 whether or not substituted in the phenyl ring to any  
14 extent;

15 [~~(9)~~] (8) 2,3-Dihydro-5-methyl-3-(4-morpholinylmethyl)  
16 pyrrolo[1,2,3-de]-1, 4-benzoxazin-6-yl]-1-  
17 naphthalenylmethanone (another trade name is WIN  
18 55,212-2);

19 [~~(10)~~] (9) (6a,10a)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-6, 6-dimethyl-3-(2-  
20 methyloctan-2-yl)-6a,7,10,10a-



1 tetrahydrobenzo[c]chromen-1-ol (Other trade names are:  
2 HU-210/HU-211);

3 [~~(11)~~] (10) Tetramethylcyclopropanoylindoles; meaning any  
4 compound containing a 3-  
5 tetramethylcyclopropanoylindole structure with  
6 substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring  
7 by an alkyl, haloalkyl, cyanoalkyl, alkenyl,  
8 cycloalkylmethyl, cycloalkylethyl, 1-(N-methyl-2-  
9 piperidinyl)methyl, 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, 1-(N-  
10 methyl-2-pyrrolidinyl)methyl, 1-(N-methyl-3-  
11 morpholinyl)methyl, or tetrahydropyranylmethyl group,  
12 whether or not further substituted in the indole ring  
13 to any extent and whether or not substituted in the  
14 tetramethylcyclopropyl ring to any extent;

15 [~~(12)~~] (11) N-(1-adamantyl)-1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-  
16 carboxamide, its optical, positional, and geometric  
17 isomers, salts, and salts of isomers (Other names:  
18 APINACA, AKB48);

19 [~~(13)~~] (12) Quinolin-8-yl 1-pentyl-1H-indole-3-carboxylate,  
20 its optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts,  
21 and salts of isomers (Other names: PB-22; QUPIC);



- 1        [~~(14)~~] (13)    Quinolin-8-yl 1-(5fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-  
2                    carboxylate, its optical, positional, and geometric  
3                    isomers, salts, and salts of isomers (Other names: 5-  
4                    fluoro-PB-22; 5F-PB-22);
- 5        [~~(15)~~] (14)    N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(4-  
6                    fluorobenzyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide, its optical,  
7                    positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of  
8                    isomers (Other names: AB-FUBINACA);
- 9        [~~(16)~~] (15)    N-(1-amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-  
10                    pentyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide, its optical,  
11                    positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of  
12                    isomers (Other names: ADB-PINACA);
- 13        [~~(17)~~] (16)    N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-  
14                    (cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide, its  
15                    optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and  
16                    salts of isomers (Other names: AB-CHMINACA);
- 17        [~~(18)~~] (17)    N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentyl-  
18                    1H-indazole-3-carboxamide, and geometric isomers,  
19                    salts, and salts of isomers (Other names: AB-PINACA);





- 1        [~~(25)~~] (24) N-(1-amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-  
2                    (cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide, and  
3                    geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers (Other  
4                    names: MAB-CHMINACA and ADB-CHMINACA);
- 5        [~~(26)~~] (25) Methyl 2-[1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazole-3-  
6                    carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (Other names: 5F-  
7                    ADB, 5-flouro-ADB, and 5F-MDMB-PINACA), its optical,  
8                    positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of  
9                    isomers; and
- 10        [~~(27)~~] (26) 1-(4-cyanobutyl)-N-(2-phenylpropan-2-  
11                    yl)indazole-3-carboxamide (CUMYL-4CN-BINACA), its  
12                    optical, positional, and geometric isomers, salts, and  
13                    salts of isomers; also known as SGT-78, 4-CN-CUMYL-  
14                    BINACA; CUMYL-CB-PINACA; CUMYL-CYBINACA; 4-cyano  
15                    CUMYL-BUTINACA."

16                    SECTION 3. Section 329-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18                    "§329-22 **Schedule V.** (a) The controlled substances  
19 listed in this section are included in schedule V.

20                    (b) Narcotic drugs containing nonnarcotic active medicinal  
21 ingredients. Any compound, mixture, or preparation containing



1 limited quantities of any of the following narcotic drugs, which  
2 also contains one or more nonnarcotic active medicinal ingredients  
3 in sufficient proportion to confer upon the compound, mixture, or  
4 preparation, valuable medicinal qualities other than those  
5 possessed by the narcotic drug alone:

6 (1) Not more than 200 milligrams of codeine, or any of its  
7 salts, per 100 milliliters or per 100 grams;

8 (2) Not more than 100 milligrams of dihydrocodeine, or any  
9 of its salts, per 100 milliliters or per 100 grams;

10 (3) Not more than 100 milligrams of ethylmorphine, or any of  
11 its salts, per 100 milliliters or per 100 grams;

12 (4) Not more than 2.5 milligrams of diphenoxylate and not  
13 less than 25 micrograms of atropine sulfate per dosage  
14 unit;

15 (5) Not more than 100 milligrams of opium per 100  
16 milliliters or per 100 grams; and

17 (6) Not more than 0.5 milligram of difenoxin and not less  
18 than 25 micrograms of atropine sulfate per dosage unit.

19 (c) Stimulants. Unless specifically exempted or excluded  
20 or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound,  
21 mixture, or preparation that contains any quantity of the



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1 following substances having a stimulant effect on the central  
2 nervous system, including its salts, isomers, and salts of  
3 isomers.

4 (d) Depressants. Unless specifically exempted or excluded  
5 or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound,  
6 mixture, or preparation that contains any quantity of the  
7 following substances having a depressant effect on the central  
8 nervous system, including its salts, isomers, and salts of  
9 isomers:

- 10 (1) Lacosamide [(R)-2-acetoamido-N-benzyl-3-methoxy-  
11 propionamide], (Vimpat);
- 12 (2) Pregabalin [(S)-3-(aminomethyl)-5-methylhexanoic  
13 acid]; and
- 14 (3) Brivaracetam ((2S)-2-[(4R)-2-oxo-4-propylpyrrolidin-1-  
15 yl]butanamide) (Other names: BRV; UCB-34714; Briviact)  
16 and its salts.

17 (e) Approved cannabidiol drugs. A drug product in  
18 finished dosage formulation that has been approved by the United  
19 States Food and Drug Administration that contains cannabidiol  
20 (2-[1R-3-methyl-6R-(1-methylethenyl)-2-cyclohexen-1-yl]-5-



1 pentyl-1,3-benzenediol) derived from cannabis and no more than  
2 0.1 per cent (w/w) residual tetrahydrocannabinols.

3 (f) Marijuana. Any of the following cannabinoids, their  
4 salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, unless specifically  
5 excepted, whenever the existence of these salts, isomers, and  
6 salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical  
7 designation: tetrahydrocannabinols; meaning  
8 tetrahydrocannabinols naturally contained in a plant of the  
9 genus Cannabis (cannabis plant), as well as synthetic  
10 equivalents of the substances contained in the plant, or in the  
11 resinous extractives of Cannabis, sp. or synthetic substances,  
12 derivatives, and their isomers with similar chemical structure  
13 and pharmacological activity to those substances contained in  
14 the plant, such as the following: . Delta 1 cis or trans  
15 tetrahydrocannabinol, and their optical isomers; Delta 6 cis or  
16 trans tetrahydrocannabinol, and their optical isomers; and Delta  
17 3,4 cis or trans-tetrahydrocannabinol, and its optical isomers  
18 (since nomenclature of these substances is not internationally  
19 standardized, compounds of these structures, regardless of  
20 numerical designation of atomic positions, are covered."



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1 SECTION 4. Section 712-1249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§712-1249 Promoting a detrimental drug in the third  
4 degree. (1) A person commits the offense of promoting a  
5 detrimental drug in the third degree if the person knowingly  
6 possesses any [~~marijuana or any~~] Schedule V substance in any  
7 amount.

8 (2) Promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree is a  
9 petty misdemeanor; provided that possession of [~~three~~] ten grams  
10 or less of marijuana is a violation, punishable by a fine of  
11 \$130."

12 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Marijuana; Schedule V; Penalties

**Description:**

Removes marijuana from schedule I of the uniform controlled substances act and reclassifies it as a schedule V drug. Increases the amount that qualifies as a violation of promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree from three grams to ten grams.

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