Washington Association For Substance Abuse & Violence Prevention 2017 Legislative Report

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Helpful Bills Enacted

SHB 1250 (Rep. Griffey), Authorizing retail marijuana outlets to give a free lockable drug box to adults age twenty-one years and over and to qualifying patients age eighteen years and over subject to restrictions

2SHB 1614 (Rep. Goodman), Concerning impaired driving

SB 5037 (Sen. Padden), Making a fourth driving under the influence offense a felony

SB 5130 (Sen. Rivers), Increasing marijuana license fees and adding a temporary additional fee on marijuana licenses issued by the Washington state liquor and cannabis board

ESSB 5131 (Sen. Rivers), Addressing provisions concerning marijuana with respect to research licenses, local authority notifications, the retail licensing application process, processor wholesale events, and jurisdictional requirements

Helpful Bills that Didn't Make It

(Note that these measures will remain automatically introduced for the 2018 session. Also, we were unable to invest much time or effort behind most of these measures, some of which didn't even get hearings):

SHB 1047 (Rep. Peterson), Protecting the public's health by creating a system for safe and secure collection and disposal of unwanted medications

SHB 1054 (Rep. Harris), Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made

SHB 1099 (Rep. Sawyer), Addressing local governments' unofficial moratoria on state-licensed marijuana retail outlets

HB 1310 (Rep. Manweller), Creating a program to provide students and the community with the means to report anonymously concerning unsafe or violent activities, or the threat of these activities

SHB 1339 (Rep. Cody), Providing for restrictions on prescriptions for opioid drugs

HB 1701 (Rep. Lovick), Lowering the allowed alcohol concentration

HB 1857 (Rep. Kloba), Addressing provisions concerning marijuana with respect to research licenses, local authority notifications, the retail licensing application process, processor wholesale events, and jurisdictional requirements

HB 2144 (Rep. Pollet), Concerning the taxation of vapor products

HB 2830 & SB 5915, Addressing fiscal notes and fiscal impact statements

SB 5025 (Sen. Miloscia), Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made

SB 5933 (Sen. Rivers), Concerning the acquisition of marijuana seeds for certain qualifying patients and designated providers

Problematic Bills Killed

HB 1020 (Rep. Johnson), Allowing beer and/or wine specialty shop licensees to sell products made by distillers that produce sixty thousand gallons or less of spirits per year

HB 1087 (Rep. Appleton), Reducing the penalty for possession of controlled substances

HB 1092 (Rep. Appleton), Authorizing home production of recreational marijuana

HB 1096 (Rep. Appleton), Removing the limit on the total number of marijuana retail outlets that may be licensed

HB 1098 (Rep. Sawyer), Establishing a process for qualifying patients age eighteen and over and designated providers to purchase their lawful marijuana plants and seeds from marijuana retailers with a medical marijuana endorsement

SHB 1212 (Rep. Blake), Concerning the possession and transfer of marijuana, marijuana plants, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana concentrates

HB 1297 (Rep. Tarleton), Concerning distillery promotional items and spirit sample sales

SHB 1518 (Rep. Senn), Improving student achievement by promoting social emotional learning throughout the calendar year

SHB 1712 (Rep. Sawyer), Establishing an endorsement to the marijuana retailer's license to authorize marijuana delivery services

HB 1762 (Rep. Kirby), Addressing the performance of personal services by members of the liquor industry to retailers

SHB 1919 (Rep. Vick), Establishing special license endorsements for cigar lounges and retail tobacconist shops

HB 1970 (Rep. Klippert), Making a fourth driving under the influence offense a felony

SB 5006 (Sen. Keiser), Allowing beer and/or wine specialty shop licensees to sell products made by distillers that produce sixty thousand gallons or less of spirits per year

SB 5229 (Sen. Honeyford), Authorizing theaters with more than four screens to obtain a license to sell beer and wine

SB 5279 (Sen. Warnick), Allowing sales of growlers of wine

SB 5549 (Sen. Honeyford), Addressing the performance of personal services by members of the liquor industry to retailers

SSB 5781 (Sen. Fortunato), Concerning special occasion and banquet provisions for charitable or nonprofit organizations

SB 5925 (Sen. Keiser), Concerning liquor licenses

Problematic Bills that Were Enacted

SSB 5589 (Sen. Keiser), Concerning distillery promotional items and spirit sample sales [note that we helped amend this measure into less objectionable form and by the time the bill got to the Governor's Office neither WASPC nor we felt we had strong enough objections to ask for a veto]