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EXPLANATION OF CHANGES

House Bill 59

Marijuana Concentrates

Version E to Version P

Marijuana establishments and licensing of marijuana establishments have been added to the title of House Bill 59 to reflect new sections within the bill.

Section 2 of version E, creating an affirmative defense to prosecution, has been removed from the current version P.

The term *registration* has been replaced with *license* throughout the entirety of the bill. Sections 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 23 have been included in version P just to reflect this word change throughout the statute. In sections 2 through 4 of version P, the term *registration* has been replaced with *license*.

In section 6, requiring the board to adopt regulations governing marijuana concentrates, the regulations requirements have been extended to include prohibitions on combining marijuana concentrates with nicotine or alcohol. Prohibitions on the sale of marijuana concentrates in establishments that sell or serve alcohol have also been added.

In section 22 of version P, the specific exemption of hash or hashish oil has been removed from the definition of marijuana concentrates.

Sections 9 through 12 of version E, relating to various effective dates, have been replaced by section 24 and 25 of version P. Section 24 of version P repeals AS 17.38.100(i), the restriction on marijuana concentrates, on the earlier of November 24, 2016 or the date the board adopts regulations. Section 25 of version P establishes an immediate effective date. Previously, version E repealed AS 17.38.100(i) on November 24, 2016 and could be interpreted that it did not allow regulations to be implemented prior to that date.