

SAFE CANNABIS SALES ACT OF 2019

The **Safe Cannabis Sales Act** builds on Initiative 71 to establish a legal sales and tax regime in Washington, DC that prioritizes safety, clarity on the use of cannabis and cannabis products, as well as equity to ensure that the benefits of this regime go to our most vulnerable communities.



WHAT TO EXPECT AS A CONSUMER:

- ✱ Must be at least 21 years old and present valid government identification to legally enter a cannabis establishment and purchase products.
- ✱ Limits daily purchase to 1 oz of usable cannabis flower, 5 grams of cannabis concentrate, 16 oz of cannabis infused edibles, or 72 oz of cannabinoid product in liquid form per day.
- ✱ Prohibits consumption in public spaces such as sidewalks, parks, schools and roadways.
- ✱ Creates the ability to purchase products online for delivery to a residential address.
- ✱ Prohibits smoking in any workplace.
- ✱ Taxes cannabis and cannabis products at a rate of 17% at the point of sale.



WHAT TO EXPECT AS A VENDOR:

- ✱ For 6 months after enactment, applications for licenses for off-premise retailers and cultivators will be first opened to those who already possess a medical marijuana license.
- ✱ Five types of licenses which will be valid for a term of three years, renewable, and limited based on demand: cultivator, manufacturer, distributor, off-premise retailer, and testing facility.
- ✱ A requirement of 60% of ownership for each new licensee and 60% of employees must be DC residents.
- ✱ Public comment and ANCs feedback during the application process.
- ✱ A seed-to-sale tracking system.
- ✱ Continuation of a medical marijuana regime.
- ✱ The regulator will be Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), renamed the Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA).



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Washington, DC has an historic opportunity to put safety and equity at the center of the Safe Cannabis Sales Act. The legislation includes measures so residents can transition to the legal market and have a fair shot to benefit from the opportunities of legalized adult use marijuana.

ENHANCES SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH



Creates a Safer Market: Illegal drugs cause violence in our neighborhoods. The Safe Cannabis Act helps get cannabis into a secure establishment where products will be free of harmful chemicals and pesticides.



Keeps Cannabis Away from Children: A legal sales market can enforce restrictions on sales and marketing to minors, just as with alcohol sales.



Continues to Outlaw Smoking in Public: The use of cannabis at bars and other licensed alcohol and tobacco establishments continues to be prohibited.

ADVANCES EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY



Provides Business and Job Opportunities: Expand opportunities for DC residents, including those most affected by prohibition, through:

- requirement for at least 60% of ownership of each new licensee and 60% of licensed employees to be DC residents;
- individuals with prior misdemeanors are allowed to work at licensed facilities;
- additional jobs in auxiliary services to support the new industry (e.g. delivery, security, accounting, etc.);
- licenses to be distributed across all 8 wards and not concentrated in designated zones;
- preference points along established Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) lines, benefiting veterans, small and disadvantaged businesses.



Automates Record Sealing: Automatic record sealing for most marijuana offenses within one year of enactment. This will reduce barriers for residents to find employment, secure housing, take out loans, and fully participate as members of our community.



Reinvests Tax Revenue: Revenue will be invested in housing and benefit the communities most negatively impacted by prohibition of cannabis.