

LEGALIZING AND STRICTLY REGULATING CANNABIS

The proposed Cannabis Act sets out a system for legalizing, strictly regulating and restricting access to cannabis

FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS TO PROTECT YOUTH

MINIMUM AGE OF 18 TO PURCHASE

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

REQUIRING CHILDPROOF PACKAGING AND WARNING LABELS

PROHIBITIONS

- Products appealing to youth
- Packaging or labelling cannabis in a manner that makes it appealing to youth
- Selling cannabis through a self-service display or vending machine
- Promoting cannabis, except in narrow circumstances where the promotion could not be seen by a young person
- **Penalties:** Up to \$5 million fine or 3 years in jail

TWO NEW OFFENCES

- Giving or selling to youth
- Using a youth to commit a cannabis-related offence
- **Penalties:** Up to 14 years in jail

I'M AN ADULT. WHAT WILL I BE ALLOWED TO DO UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM?



[ALLOWED]



POSSESSION UP TO THE LIMIT

- Up to 30 grams in public of licit dried cannabis and equivalent in non-dried
- Sharing up to 30 grams among adults



PURCHASE AND CONSUMPTION

- From a licensed retailer
- Minimum age of 18 (or higher if set by province/territory)
- Up to possession limit (30 grams)
- Initially available: dried and fresh cannabis, cannabis oil
- Other products (e.g. edibles) available later



HOME CULTIVATION

- Up to 4 plants per residence
- From legal seeds/seedlings
- Local oversight (e.g. registration or permit)
- Make cannabis-containing products at home, such as food and drink
- No use of dangerous organic solvents



MEDICAL

- Access to cannabis for medical purposes will be maintained
- Authorization of health care professional
- Home or designated production
- Direct order from licensed producer with secure delivery through mail or by courier



[PROHIBITED]

DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED BY A DRUG (INCLUDING CANNABIS)

DRIVING WITHIN TWO HOURS OF HAVING AN ILLEGAL LEVEL OF DRUGS IN BLOOD (NEW) *

- Penalties can range from \$1,000 to life imprisonment depending on the level of drugs in blood and whether someone was hurt or killed

ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION OR SALE

- Tickets for small amounts
- Up to 14 years in jail

POSSESSION OVER THE LIMIT

- Tickets for small amounts
- Up to 5 years less a day in jail

GIVING OR SELLING TO YOUTH (NEW)

- Up to 14 years in jail

USING A YOUTH TO COMMIT A CANNABIS-RELATED OFFENCE (NEW)

- Up to 14 years in jail

TAKING CANNABIS ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS

- Up to 14 years in jail

PRODUCTION OF CANNABIS BEYOND HOME CULTIVATION LIMITS OR WITH DANGEROUS ORGANIC SOLVENTS

- Tickets for small amounts
- Up to 14 years in jail

* In proposed impaired driving legislation

This document reflects the provisions of the Cannabis Act as reported to the House of Commons by the Standing Committee on Health on October 5, 2017



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