
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARIJUANA.

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

1 SECTION 1. Government reports and medical and social
2 studies have consistently shown alcohol is a contributing factor
3 in domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crime,
4 as well as deaths caused by overdose. In contrast, marijuana
5 has never been indicated as a cause of violent behavior and
6 there has never been a documented case of a marijuana overdose.

7 Personal choices and public policies about marijuana should
8 be based on scientific information and common sense rather than
9 unjustified claims about the ill effects of the use of this
10 substance.

11 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the personal
12 possession and use of marijuana by a person twenty-one years of
13 age or more in a private residence.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately
16 designated and to read as follows:

17 "§712- Authorized possession of marijuana.

18 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, persons twenty-one



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1 years of age or older shall not be prosecuted, denied any right
2 or privilege, nor be subject to criminal or civil penalties for
3 the possession or use of not more than one ounce of marijuana in
4 a private residence unless under court order prohibiting such
5 possession or use. As used in this section "marijuana" shall
6 have the same meaning as "marijuana" and "marijuana concentrate"
7 as provided in sections 329-1 and 712-1240."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Marijuana; Authorized Possession

Description:

Authorizes the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana by a person twenty-one years of age or older.

