
Written Testimony of Katie Novotny for SB 179 with Amendments

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I present this information as a private citizen and a gun owner. I agree with the spirit of this law, but it cannot be enacted until federal law removes marijuana from the Schedule 1 controlled substance list. Passage of this law may lead citizens to believe that it is legal to do things that are still federally illegal.

The ATF has written an open letter to FFL's regarding this issue. www.atf.gov/file/60211/download Federal Form 4473 explicitly asks if the purchaser is a user of any controlled substances, and then spells out that marijuana is still unlawful under Federal law. A false statement on the 4473 is a felony.

It is very clear that this practice is prohibited. Because of this, we cannot plead ignorance.

I propose amending this bill so that the date which it shall be enacted be changed to include language stating that it would take effect immediately upon marijuana being removed from the Schedule 1 list.

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