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State of Colorado

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CHAPTER 95

DRUGS

MARIJUANA—GROWING AND SALE REGULATIONS

(H. B. No. 477, by Representatives Leach, Talbot and Gonzales)

AN ACT

IN RELATION TO CANNABIS INDICA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS HASHEESH OR INDIAN HEMP.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. That Cannabis Indica, or Cannabis Sativa, commonly known as Indian Hemp, Hasheesh, or Marijuana, is hereby found and declared to be a habit-forming drug, the unrestricted use of which is injurious to the wellbeing of the users.

Marijuana habit-forming drug

Section 2. That from and after the passage of this Act the growing, possession, sale or gift of Cannabis Indica or any derivative thereof, in any form or compound, shall be prohibited, PROVIDED that the production, possession and sale of Cannabis Indica may be permitted under the following conditions:

Growing, sale and gift prohibited

FIRST: Cannabis Indica may be grown and the product sold by the grower alone, under rules and regulations consistent with this Act, to be formulated by the Board of Health of the State of Colorado, the sale by the grower to be restricted to regularly established manufacturing or wholesale druggists.

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SECOND: Wholesale and manufacturing druggists may sell Cannabis Indica and the derivatives and compounds thereof to retail druggists who either are or who regularly employ licensed or registered pharmacists under the laws of the State of Colorado.

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THIRD: Retail druggists may sell Cannabis Indica and derivatives and compounds thereof only upon original prescription of a physician regularly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Colorado, and such prescription may not be refilled or used a second time.

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PROVIDED, FURTHER, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit the sale of Cannabis Indica or derivatives thereof when compounded with other drugs or medicines in which the amount of Cannabis Indica or any derivative thereof shall not exceed one half grain solid extract or its equivalent to one fluid ounce of solution in which it is contained or when it shall not exceed one half grain solid extract or its equivalent to one ounce, avoirdupoise weight, of total with which it is included, in solid or semi-solid form, and only such fluids, solids, or semi-solid substances containing Cannabis Indica or a derivative thereof, are prepared for and by reason of their composition suitable for external use only.

## Penalty

Section 3. Any person who violates the terms of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars or more than Three Hundred Dollars, or by imprisonment in the County jail for not less than one month, nor more than six months or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

Section 4. Section 6879, Compiled Laws of Colorado, 1921, the same being Chapter 39 of the Session Laws of Colorado, 1917, and all acts or portions of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; PROVIDED this repeal shall not affect any cause of action or proceeding under the existing law at the date this repeal becomes effective.

Section 5. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares this Act to be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety. Safety clause

Section 6. In the opinion of the General Assembly an emergency exists wherefor this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Emergency

Approved March 21st, 1927.