

HOUSE BILL 1981

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to the process of extracting marijuana concentrate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

39-17-455.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Inherently hazardous substance" means any liquid chemical, compressed gas, or commercial product that has a flash point at or lower than thirty-eight degrees Celsius (38° C) or one hundred degrees Fahrenheit (100° F), including butane, propane, and diethyl ether; and

(2) "Inherently hazardous substance" does not include all forms of alcohol and ethanol.

(b) It is an offense for a person to knowingly manufacture marijuana concentrate by a process which includes use of an inherently hazardous substance.

(c) It is an offense for any person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls the use of any premises to knowingly allow marijuana concentrate to be manufactured on the premises by a process which includes use of an inherently hazardous substance.

(d)

(1) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class E felony.

(2) A violation of subsection (c) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-402, is amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (a):

() The act of abuse, neglect, or endangerment results from the knowing exposure of a child to the manufacture of marijuana concentrate by a process which includes use of an inherently hazardous substance, as described in § 39-17-455.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.