Proposed Amendment HB 2184
Possession of THC
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- (4), (d)(5) or (f)(2) or 65-4109(e), and amendments thereto;
 - (3) any hallucinogenic drug designated in K.S.A. 65-4105(d), 65-4107(g) or 65-4109(g), and amendments thereto;
 - (4) any substance designated in K.S.A. 65-4105(g) and 65-4111(c), (d), (e), (f) or (g), and amendments thereto;
 - (5) any anabolic steroids as defined in K.S.A. 65-4109(f), and amendments thereto;
- (6) any substance designated in K.S.A. 65-4113, and amendments thereto; or
 - (7) any substance designated in K.S.A. 65-4105(h), and amendments thereto.
 - (c) (1) Violation of subsection (a) is a drug severity level 5 felony.
 - (2) Except as provided in subsection (c)(3):
 - (A) Violation of subsection (b) is a class A nonperson misdemeanor, except as provided in subparagraph (B); and
 - (B) violation of subsection (b)(1) through (b)(5) or (b)(7) is a drug severity level 5 felony if that person has a prior conviction under such subsection, under K.S.A. 65-4162, prior to its repeal, under a substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction, or under any city ordinance or county resolution for a substantially similar offense if the substance involved was 3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), marijuana as designated in K.S.A. 65-4105(d), and amendments thereto, or any substance designated in K.S.A. 65-4105(h), and amendments thereto, or an analog thereof.
 - (3) If the substance involved is marijuana, as designated in K.S.A. 65-4105(d), and amendments thereto, or tetrahydrocannabinols, as designated in K.S.A. 65-4105(h), and amendments thereto, violation of subsection (b) is a:
 - (A) Class B nonperson <u>misdemeanor</u>, except as <u>provided in</u> subparagraphs (B) and, (C) and (D);
 - (B) class A nonperson misdemeanor if that person has a prior conviction under such subsection, under K.S.A. 65-4162, prior to its repeal, under a substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction, or under any city ordinance or county resolution for a substantially similar offense; and
 - (C) drug severity level 5 felony if that person has two or more prior convictions under such subsection, under K.S.A. 65-4162, prior to its repeal, under a substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction, or under any city ordinance or county resolution for a substantially similar offense; *and*
 - (D) nonperson misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$400, if that person is not a registered patient or caregiver under the Kansas medical marijuana regulation act, section 1 et seq., and amendments

(E) and (F)

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thereto, is found in possession of not more than 1.5 ounces of marijuana and provides a statement from such person's physician recommending the use of medical marijuana to treat such person's symptoms.

- (d) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section arising out of a person's possession of any cannabidiol treatment-preparation if the person:
- (1) Has a debilitating medical condition, as defined in K.S.A.2020 Supp. 65-6235, and amendments thereto, or is the parent or guardian of a minor child who has such debilitating medical condition;
- (2) is possessing a cannabidiol treatment preparation, as defined in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 65-6235, and amendments thereto, that is being used to treat such debilitating medical condition; and
- (3) has possession of a letter, at all times while the person haspossession of the cannabidiol treatment preparation, that:
- (A) Shall be shown to a law enforcement officer on such officer's request;
- (B) is dated within the preceding 15 months and signed by the physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas who-diagnosed the debilitating medical condition;
 - (C) is on such physician's letterhead; and
- (D) identifies the person or the person's minor child as such physician's patient and identifies the patient's debilitating medical condition If the substance involved is medical marijuana, as defined in section 2, and amendments thereto, the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) shall not apply to any person who is registered or licensed pursuant to the Kansas medical marijuana regulation act, section 1 et seq., and amendments thereto, whose possession is authorized by such act.
- (e) It shall not be a defense to charges arising under this section that the defendant was acting in an agency relationship on behalf of any other party in a transaction involving a controlled substance or controlled substance analog.
- Sec. 57. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5707 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-5707. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally use any communication facility:
- (1) In committing, causing, or facilitating the commission of any felony under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5703, 21-5705 or 21-5706, and amendments thereto; or
- (2) in any attempt to commit, any conspiracy to commit, or any criminal solicitation of any felony under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5703, 21-5705 or 21-5706, and amendments thereto. Each separate use of a communication facility may be charged as a separate offense under this subsection.
 - (b) Violation of subsection (a) is a nondrug severity level 8,

(E) class A nonperson misdemeanor if that person is a registered patient or caregiver under the Kansas medical marijuana act, section 1 et seq., and amendments thereto, and is found in possession of marijuana with a tetrahydrocannabinol content that is 15% or higher but less than 25%; and (F) drug severity level 5 felony if that person is a registered patient or caregiver under the Kansas medical marijuana act, section 1 et seq., and amendments thereto, and is found in possession of marijuana with a tetrahydrocannabinol content that is 25% or higher

with a tetrahydrocannabinol content of less than 15%