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Proposed Bill No. 5853

LCO No. 1470



Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by:
REP. CANDELARIA, 95th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETAIL SALE AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) provide for the retail sale
2 of marijuana to individuals twenty-one years of age and older, and (2)
3 provide for the taxation of such sales and specify that marijuana sold for
4 palliative use shall be exempt from such tax and from the sales and use
5 taxes. The revenue generated from such tax shall be dedicated as
6 follows: (A) Thirty per cent to (i) provide drug awareness education and
7 substance abuse treatment and to fund efforts to curb the abuse of
8 opioid drugs and other harmful substances, (ii) fund programs that test
9 retail marijuana for illicit substances and potency, (iii) fund a study of
10 the impact of marijuana legalization and consumption, (iv) fund the
11 placement of drug prevention officers in schools, and (v) establish a
12 public outreach campaign to prevent distracted driving and driving
13 while under the influence of marijuana; (B) twenty-five per cent to
14 provide services for the homeless, including for security deposits and

15 rental assistance; (C) ten per cent to be distributed to municipalities in
16 which a marijuana retailer is located; (D) fifteen per cent to be
17 distributed to local and regional school districts for the municipalities in
18 which a marijuana retailer is located; and (E) twenty per cent to provide
19 working capital to certain applicants for marijuana retailer licenses.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the retail sale of marijuana, the taxation of such sales and the use of revenue generated from such tax.