

# MANUFACTURING CONCENTRATED CANNABIS

Many legal medical cannabis patients get relief from concentrated forms of cannabis, including kief (resin), hashish, tinctures, and extracts. Making most concentrates is completely safe. However, there is a higher degree of risk when making concentrates of medical cannabis using volatile solvents, such as butane. ASA appreciates the need for safety, which is why we hold that a piecemeal approach to regulation is less effective than a comprehensive science-based approach. Sensible regulations for manufacturing concentrated cannabis using volatile solvents should be addressed in a comprehensive medical cannabis regulatory bill, such as AB 266 (Bonta).

## **AB 849 (Bonilla) – No Position**

*Location – Senate*

AB 849 would make it a misdemeanor to cause an explosion that damages property while manufacturing concentrates of cannabis. This bill makes it a misdemeanor or a felony to damage property or forest land by causing an explosion while manufacturing concentrates of cannabis.

## **SB 212 (Mendoza) – Oppose**

*Location - Assembly*

This bill would allow for increased sentencing when concentrates of cannabis are manufactured less than 300 feet from a residence, even if no injury or property damage has occurred. Increasing penalties for this type of offense is unlikely to deter bad actors, but qualified patients or primary caregivers may be affected.

## **SB 305 (Bates) – Oppose**

*Location – Assembly*

This bill would authorize enhanced sentences for manufacturing concentrated cannabis in a structure where a child under the age of 16 is present or injured. CA Health and Safety Code Section 11006.5 defines “concentrated cannabis” as resin (crude or purified) separated from the cannabis plant. Because the bill relies on this definition, the enhanced sentences could apply to the innocuous manufacturing of hashish by hand, sifting screen, water, etc. The definition of concentrated cannabis in SB 305 should be refined to reflect situations where a potential for injury is involved. Increasing penalties for this type of offense is unlikely to deter bad actors, but qualified patients or primary caregivers may be adversely affected.

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AB 849 | SB 212 | SB 305

## Constituent Comments

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