

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON MARIJUANA LAW

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason W. Ellsworth, on April 20, 2021 at 4:30 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)  
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Bob Brown (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Corina Hach, Legislative Branch  
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch  
Hallie Swain, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Lauren de Paepe, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Executive Action: HB 655 - Be Concurred in as Amended

Discussion of amendments to HB 701.

16:44:27 Chair Ellsworth

16:45:39 Sen. Vance left the meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 655**

16:44:59 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 655 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**  
(The bill was amended by the committee on Monday, April 19, 2021.)

16:45:10 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 655 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(sms75a01\)](#)

#### **Discussion:**

16:45:22 Sen. Cohenour

16:49:44 Chair Ellsworth

16:49:52 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:50:49 Chair Ellsworth

16:51:13 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch and Sen. Morigeau voting aye. Sen. Brown, Sen. Howard, Sen. Lynch and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

#### **Discussion:**

16:52:12 Ms. Hach, LSD

16:52:23 Chair Ellsworth

16:53:08 Ms. Hach

16:53:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 655 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Brown, Sen. Howard, Sen. Lynch and Sen. Vance were excused.

[EXHIBIT\(sms75a02\)](#)

16:53:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 655 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Brown, Sen. Howard, Sen. Lynch and Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Friedel will carry the bill.

#### **Committee Discussion:**

16:55:32 Sen. Jacobson

16:56:09 Chair Ellsworth

16:56:36 Sen. Jacobson

16:56:47 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:57:13 Chair Ellsworth

16:57:18 Sen. Jacobson

16:57:31 Lauren de Paepe, committee secretary

16:57:36 Chair Ellsworth

16:57:59 Sen. Friedel

16:58:01 Chair Ellsworth

16:58:13 Sen. Bogner

16:58:25	Chair Ellsworth
16:59:35	Sen. Bogner
16:59:39	Sen. Jacobson
17:01:14	Chair Ellsworth
17:01:18	Cori Hach, LSD
17:02:46	Chair Ellsworth
17:04:17	Sen. Jacobson
17:04:23	Chair Ellsworth
17:04:27	Ms. Hach
17:04:54	Chair Ellsworth
17:05:18	Sen. Friedel
17:06:00	Chair Ellsworth
17:06:17	Ms. Hach
17:06:31	Ms. Moore, LSD
17:06:49	Sen. Jacobson
17:07:07	Sen. Friedel
17:07:12	Sen. Jacobson
17:07:32	Sen. Cohenour
17:07:57	Sen. Jacobson
17:08:18	Chair Ellsworth
17:08:26	Sen. Friedel
17:08:47	Sen. Cohenour
17:09:24	Sen. Friedel
17:09:30	Sen. Jacobson
17:09:42	Sen. Friedel
17:10:32	Sen. Cohenour
17:10:37	Chair Ellsworth
17:10:47	Sen. Jacobson
17:10:54	Ms. Hach
17:11:09	Sen. Jacobson
17:11:17	Chair Ellsworth
17:11:26	Sen. Cohenour
17:11:29	Sen. Friedel
17:12:01	Sen. Jacobson
17:12:07	Ms. Hach
17:13:29	Chair Ellsworth
17:13:32	Sen. Cohenour
17:14:06	Sen. Friedel
17:14:36	Sen. Cohenour
17:15:01	Chair Ellsworth
17:15:24	Sen. Friedel
17:15:47	Sen. Jacobson
17:15:50	Chair Ellsworth
17:16:21	Sen. Cohenour
17:16:31	Chair Ellsworth
17:16:35	Ms. Hach
17:16:44	Sen. Cohenour
17:16:57	Chair Ellsworth
17:20:24	Ms. Hach
17:20:32	Sen. Cohenour

17:20:44	Chair Ellsworth
17:21:16	Ms. Hach
17:21:29	Chair Ellsworth
17:22:05	Sen. Bogner
17:22:10	Chair Ellsworth
17:22:32	Ms. Hach
17:23:02	Ms. Moore
17:23:18	Chair Ellsworth
17:23:22	Sen. Jacobson
17:24:04	Chair Ellsworth
17:24:36	Ms. Hach
17:24:55	Chair Ellsworth

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:25 PM

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Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sms75aad.pdf](#))