

HOUSE BILL No. 1167

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-48-4.

Synopsis: Test strips. Removes provisions related to testing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of a controlled substance in the criminal laws concerning possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-48-4-8.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,
2 SECTION 634, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 8.1. (a) A person who
4 manufactures, finances the manufacture of, or designs an instrument,
5 a device, or other object that is intended to be used primarily for:
6 (1) introducing into the human body a controlled substance; **or**
7 (2) ~~testing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of a controlled~~
8 ~~substance; or~~
9 (3) ~~(2)~~ enhancing the effect of a controlled substance;
10 in violation of this chapter commits a Class A infraction for
11 manufacturing paraphernalia.
12 (b) A person who:
13 (1) knowingly or intentionally violates this section; and
14 (2) has a previous judgment for violation of this section;
15 commits manufacture of paraphernalia, a Level 6 felony.
16 SECTION 2. IC 35-48-4-8.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2015,
17 SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 8.3. (a) This section does not apply to a rolling paper.

(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally possesses an instrument, a device, or another object that the person intends to use for:

- (1) introducing into the person's body a controlled substance; **or**
- ~~(2) testing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of a controlled substance; or~~
- ~~(3)~~ **(2)** enhancing the effect of a controlled substance;

commits a Class C misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated judgment or conviction under this section.

SECTION 3. IC 35-48-4-8.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.153-2018, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 8.5. (a) A person who keeps for sale, offers for sale, delivers, or finances the delivery of a raw material, an instrument, a device, or other object that is intended to be or that is designed or marketed to be used primarily for:

- (1) ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body marijuana, hash oil, hashish, salvia, a synthetic drug, or a controlled substance;
- ~~(2) testing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of marijuana, hash oil, hashish, salvia, a synthetic drug, or a controlled substance;~~
- ~~(3)~~ **(2)** enhancing the effect of a controlled substance;
- ~~(4)~~ **(3)** manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, or preparing marijuana, hash oil, hashish, salvia, a synthetic drug, or a controlled substance;
- ~~(5)~~ **(4)** diluting or adulterating marijuana, hash oil, hashish, salvia, a synthetic drug, or a controlled substance by individuals; or
- ~~(6)~~ **(5)** any purpose announced or described by the seller that is in violation of this chapter;

commits a Class A infraction for dealing in paraphernalia.

(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates subsection (a) commits a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Level 6 felony if the person has a prior unrelated judgment or conviction under this section.

(c) This section does not apply to the following:

- (1) Items marketed for use in the preparation, compounding, packaging, labeling, or other use of marijuana, hash oil, hashish, salvia, a synthetic drug, or a controlled substance as an incident to lawful research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for sale.
- (2) Items marketed for or historically and customarily used in



1 connection with the planting, propagating, cultivating, growing,
2 harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing,
3 processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging,
4 storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, or inhaling
5 of tobacco or any other lawful substance.
6 (3) A qualified entity (as defined in IC 16-41-7.5-3) that provides
7 a syringe or needle as part of a program under IC 16-41-7.5.
8 (4) Any entity or person that provides funding to a qualified entity
9 (as defined in IC 16-41-7.5-3) to operate a program described in
10 IC 16-41-7.5.

