

**The Standing Committees on Government Operations and Social Development
want to hear from the public on Bill 6, *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act***

What is Bill 6, *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act*?

When the Government of Canada legalizes cannabis (marijuana), the Northwest Territories will need local rules for cannabis control, including use, sale, transportation, production, and smoking in public places. To create these rules, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) introduced [Bill 6, *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act*](#). Bill 6 proposes new laws for cannabis control and amendments to current laws on impaired driving.

The Committees are reviewing the bill and wish to hear from the public.

What can the Committees do with Bill 6?

When the Committees make their report on Bill 6, they can make recommendations to the GNWT to change the bill and/or to improve the way the GNWT implements the bill.

Any changes must be "within the scope of the bill." This means that any changes must fit within the GNWT's responsibilities for cannabis control. The other side of this sheet shows the different responsibilities of the federal government, the GNWT, and municipal, community, and Indigenous governments.

How can I tell the Committees what I think about Bill 6?

- Write an email or letter to the Committees
- Tell the Committees what you think at a public meeting

If you have questions about the bill, if you want to make a submission, or if you would like this information in another official language, please contact:

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What kinds of rules are proposed in Bill 6?

Possession and Sales

- Set minimum age for cannabis purchase, use, and possession at 19 years
- Match federal possession limits of 30 grams per person, four plants per household
- Distribution and sales, including mail orders, through the Liquor Commission and existing liquor stores

Community Control

- Option to hold a plebiscite on cannabis restriction or prohibition, *if* there is no local store selling cannabis
- Option to request "temporary prohibition orders" (short-term bans), *if* there is no local store selling cannabis
- Proposed "advisory committee" to give advice to the government on cannabis regulation

Drug-impaired Driving

- Zero tolerance for novice drivers, drivers 21 and under, commercial drivers
- Administrative licence suspensions

Smoking Control

- Permitted on private property
- Prohibited in specific public places, including school grounds, health facilities, and outdoor bus shelters
- Option to request "special occasion permits" (short-term permission)

Rules for Youth

- Youth 19 years and under can't buy, possess, or use cannabis
- Youth 19 years and under must be supervised in cannabis stores
- Zero tolerance for drug impairment in drivers 21 and under
- Higher fines for people selling or giving cannabis to youth 19 years and under
- Release of driving records to enforcement on request

Government of Canada

- Nation-wide cannabis legalization
 - Basic rules for minimum age, possession limits, sales, production
 - Rules for cannabis product safety and quality
 - Federal oversight of the cannabis supply chain
 - Impaired driving rules (*Criminal Code of Canada*)
 - Cannabis packaging, including labels and warnings
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Government of the Northwest Territories

- Rules to support nation-wide cannabis legalization
 - Option to enhance basic federal rules
 - Rules on cannabis smoking in public places
 - Framework for cannabis sales in the NWT
 - Impaired driving rules (*Motor Vehicles Act*)
 - Enforcement and fines
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Municipal and community governments

- Option to hold plebiscites, introduce local cannabis restrictions or prohibition
 - Option to have local officers (e.g., bylaw) enforce NWT laws
 - Option to enhance NWT rules on cannabis smoking in public places
 - Option to give input to the government on local cannabis vendor agreements
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