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State House overwhelming votes to pass Cannabis Patient Protection Act

Bipartisan 60-36 vote builds momentum to support a safe, quality-controlled and regulated marketplace for cannabis in Washington State

WASHINGTON – The Washington State House today approved the Cannabis Patient Protection Act in a 60-36 bipartisan vote to create a safe, quality-controlled and regulated marketplace for cannabis in Washington State. The legislation now returns to the State Senate for consideration of House amendments to the bill, 2SSB 5052, having previously passed the Senate in a 36-11 bipartisan vote in February.

“Our state is now one step closer to leading the nation in supporting a safe, quality-controlled and regulated marketplace for cannabis,” said Washington CannaBusiness Association Executive Director Vicki Christophersen. “This work started with voters’ overwhelming approval of I-502 in 2012, but challenges persist. That’s why I-502 license holders are working hard to share the experiences of their small businesses, the obstacles currently confronting them from unregulated competition and the issues concerning untested products sold to legitimate patients and consumers. We thank the State House for their support and look forward to working with the Senate to advance this important legislation to the governor’s desk for ultimate approval.”

About Washington CannaBusiness Association

Washington CannaBusiness Association solely represents Washington’s licensed and regulated cannabis businesses and provides its members with general support and representation before regulatory agencies and the legislature. As an association of cannabis producers, processors and retailers who have gathered to promote the private cannabis industry created by Initiative 502 and our member companies, our mission is to advocate on behalf of our member companies in the legislative, regulatory, legal and public policy arenas.

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