

Again, this bill makes no sense. It is not at all reasonable for companies across the state to on-board or certify employees as drug recognition experts. When a team member has an incident that warrants a substance screening event, there should be no restrictions from testing for THC because it is all we have to go on. It is up to the government to determine a threshold that determines under the influence and without such a threshold, we have to assume under the influence – just like we do with alcohol. Employers, for the safety of their teams, should not have to turn a blind eye to personnel who may be under the influence or the effects of being under the influence prior to work. Operating machinery or driving rollingstock by someone under the affects, whether under the influence or under residual affects is dangerous and endangers the lives of fellow team members. Therefore, SB 379 is dangerous. It is simply baffling how anyone could argue for such a bill that would allow dangerous exposure to fellow employee. This bill puts personnel who want to use a mind altering substance that has known effects, even up to 24 hours of use, ahead of the safety of employees who would not use such mind altering drugs. And then: “. . .Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist. . .” Who in there right and or reasonable mind can successfully argue that this has any bearing on public peace, health and safety? In what way? Where is the intelligence from the authorities that shows peace is in jeopardy? We know that recreational medical marijuana does not give or create safety and health and in fact it does just the opposite. There is in no way a plausible argument that public peace, health and safety are jeopardized; therefore, this emergency clause is an abuse of the intended use of the emergency clause.

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