

# ICSEW BILL ALERT

Bill #SB 5977

Limited legalization  
of psilocybin



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**1.800.562.6000**

## Summary of bill and impact on Washington:

Chapter 69.50 RCW classifies psilocybin as a Schedule I controlled substance and as such, illegal for any person to manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to manufacture or deliver.

This bill will add a new section to chapter 69.50 RCW making it not illegal for a nonprofit organization to purchase, receive, possess, cultivate, deliver, or dispose of psilocybin mushrooms, or for a participant to possess or consume psilocybin, in accordance with requirements in this section.

These requirements include that the nonprofit must:

- Have an explicit goal of promoting wellness for and assisting military veterans or first responders.
- Develop a screening process provided by a licensed medical or mental health provider for appropriate assessment of a participant to safely receive psilocybin services.
- Ensure participant information is kept private and confidential to the greatest extent possible.

Companion bill: HB 2281

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