



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I am in full Support of this Bill. These Alternative Therapies NEED to be made legal and know to Missourians. If these Therapies work, then that is the right action to allow our citizens. I Supported this Bill for the past four (4) as the Legislation was offered by Former State Representative and Veteran Aaron McMullen. Let's get Bill passed this Session!



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I was put on narcotics and Valium for a few years, and started drinking alot. I heard about the right to try law in Missouri and Iowa , I was able to obtain some active mushrooms from a ex marine and CI A anlist out of Detroit. I micro dosed mushrooms for 6 months . Been 3 years no alchol no Valium or pain killers, my life has improved and holding a successful job at a resort in lake ozark. They saved my life , I would like to see this bill pass and be as helpful as possible learned Mycolgy and stand 100 % behind this life changing lifesaving natural medicine that comes from the ground. Ssri and benzos made me a zombie and a regular at camden Co jail 4 drunk and driving . I have a dl and motorcycle license. I want to grow and provide mushrooms for the other in need of a real change. Thank you for listening of my rambles of a ex drunk and now a productive citizen. Brian Dean Griga. 573/280/9561



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WITNESS NAME: CARL SHEPARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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House Bill 829, regarding the use of psilocybin mushrooms directly states “Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 195 or 579 or any other provision of law to the contrary, any person who acquires, uses, produces, possesses, transfers or administers psilocybin for the person’s own therapeutic use shall not be in violation of state or local law and shall not be subject to a civil fine, penalty, or sanction so long as the following conditions are met”. Obviously, the bill intends to exempt study participants from criminal liability as it relates to their participation in the study. However, as written, the bill might inadvertently grant a broader range of legal immunity than originally intended. We would like to edit the language of the bill to keep the goals of the legislation clear and distinguishable. The language should be amended to say, “Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 195 or 579, any person who acquires, uses, produces, possesses, transfers or administers psilocybin for the person’s own therapeutic use shall not be in violation of the provisions of chapters 195 or 579 for the acquisition, use, production, possession, transfer, or administration of such psilocybin and shall not be subject to a civil fine, penalty, or sanction for the acquisition, use, production, possession, transfer, or administration of such psilocybin so long as the following conditions are met:”. This language provides clearer and distinguishable wording without opportunity to be misconstrued.



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WITNESS NAME: TIMOTHY FABER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I would encourage each of you to vote no on HB829. First, this legislation proposes to legalize something that is illegal on the federal level. Currently, the Drug Enforcement Administration lists psilocybin as a Schedule 1 controlled substance and possessing it is illegal at the Federal level in the United States. A Schedule 1 controlled substance is a drug that has been determined to lack safety even under medical supervision, has no currently accepted medical use, and has a high potential for abuse. At best, this can create conflict and confusion between what is legal and what is not. Physicians and patients may inadvertently find themselves fighting federal charges when they believed they were doing something legal. Second, this is experimental, and our veterans deserve better than being treated like lab rats. According to the National Institutes of Health, . . . the effects of taking psilocybin are hard to predict and can vary widely from person to person. At certain doses, psychedelic drugs, including psilocybin, can change peoples' moods, thoughts, and perceptions. For example, people who use psilocybin may report feeling strong emotions, seeing vibrant images, reliving vivid memories, or experiencing perceptual changes such as a sense of timelessness or a dissolving of the ego. Some people take psilocybin in "microdoses," or very small amounts (e.g., one-tenth or one-twentieth of a typical nonclinical dose), because they believe it will improve mental health symptoms such as depression and stress, increase productivity, or reduce pain. However, it is not clear if microdosing is safe or effective. In the early 20th century there were medical / psychological treatments that today we are appalled by, such as electric shock therapy and lobotomies. In more recent history, there was a big rush to approve opioids for various treatments . . . and that led to a whole societal problem and regret. I believe the same could be true for psilocybin. It may have a useful purpose – but using our brave veterans as guinea pigs to help discover that purpose is not honoring them, it is treating them like mice, not men and women. Please vote "do NOT pass" on HB829. 1. <https://www.nccih.nih.gov/health/psilocybin-for-mental-health-and-addiction-what-you-need-to-know>; accessed 22 February, 2025. 2. Ibid.



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I am a clinical social worker living and working in Kansas City, MO. Since April of 2022, I have worked as a facilitator on clinical trials with psilocybin. I am currently on a Phase 3 clinical trial studying psilocybin for treatment resistant depression and a Phase 2 clinical trial studying psilocybin for postpartum depression. I wholeheartedly support this work and the research shows remarkable safety and efficacy. HB 829 is redundant and does nothing to substantially expand access to this treatment for Missourians. HB 951 sponsored by Rep Overcast is a careful and substantive bill which offers a regulated path to psilocybin assisted therapy.