



CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE NEW RICHMOND REPUBLIC

DECREE 007-1RY OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC ON CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Within central Appalachia, which the New Richmond Republic calls home, an epidemic has ravaged the people for many, many years. The capitalist class of the United States and its subservient state apparatus, who have raped this land and broken the backs of its people for as long as any of us can remember, oversaw the torrential influx of opioid painkillers into our impoverished homes; thereby damning generations with the destruction of their families and lives through the disease known as opioid addiction, weaponized by the bourgeoisie to pacify the masses. In many of the American towns surrounding our own, legally-certified "pharmacies" are in operation which exist for the sole purpose of funneling as many opioids into our people's hands as possible – a lucrative racket known as the "pill mill". Many of the citizens of this Republic have fallen victim to this state-sponsored plague themselves.

The maliciousness and wilful hypocrisy of the oppressor is made even more apparent when one considers the continuing prohibition of cannabis and psychedelics – substances which are known to be much safer than opioids, and in the latter case may be effective in treating psychological ailments – and the mass incarceration of their non-violent users with a deliberate focus on those who are black, Latino, indigenous, et cetera; further propagating the vicious cycle of the so-called United States "justice" system.

In solemn recognition of this evil and guided by the unyielding anger of the entire people towards the jackals who are culpable for it, the Central Executive Committee – acting on behalf of the whole Central People's Government – resolutely enacts this Decree on Controlled Substances.

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1. Within the Republic, various substances may be classified by the Central People's Government as "controlled substances" and divided into three classes: class one substances, class two substances, and regulated substances. Contravention of the restrictions imposed by this Decree regarding these substances is a criminal offense, subject to the punishments entailed herein at the order of the People's Tribunal.
2. Class one substances are those substances which are illegal to use, possess, purchase, sell, or import within the whole Republic. No people's council or equivalent authority within any special administrative district may circumvent the prohibition of class one substances.
 - a) The class one substances recognized by this Decree are:
 - i) amphetamine (1-phenylpropan-2-amine);
 - ii) cocaine (benzoylecgonine);
 - iii) GHB (γ -Hydroxybutyric acid);
 - iv) heroin (diamorphine) and any other opioids (unless used under the direction of a physician certified within the United States of America); and
 - v) methamphetamine.
 - b) The use and possession or purchase without verifiable intent to distribute of class one substances, without a prescription from a certified physician as described herein, is punishable with the loss of the right to hold political office (including membership of their people's council) for a period of no less than two and no more than six months; or, in cases wherein it is demonstrated that the offender suffers from severe addiction, until they have received the help they need and are demonstrably sober.
 - c) The sale and importation, as well as the possession and purchase with verifiable intent to distribute, of class one substances is punishable with permanent exile from the Republic, permanent loss of citizenship, permanent loss of the right to hold any office or honor, and any other means necessary.
3. Class two substances are those substances which are, by default, illegal throughout the whole Republic in accordance with the restrictions of the second article herein; however, they may be designated as regulated substances by the people's councils or the relevant authorities of the special administrative districts.
 - a) The class two substances recognized by this Decree are:
 - i) MDMA (3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine);
 - ii) MDA (3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine);
 - iii) ketamine (C₁₃H₁₆ClNO); and
 - iv) salvia divinorum (Salvinorin A).
 - b) The use, possession, purchasing, sale, and importation of class two substances in jurisdictions wherein they have not been reclassified as regulated substances is

- punishable with the loss of the right to hold political office for a period of not less than one and not more than four months.
- c) The distribution or sale by an adult of any class two substance which has been reclassified as a regulated substance by order of a people's council to individuals under the age of eighteen is punishable with the loss of the right to hold political office for a period of not less than two years.
4. Regulated substances are those substances which are legal to use, possess, purchase, sell, and import for all citizens above the age of eighteen years.
 - a) The regulated substances recognized by this Decree are:
 - i) tobacco and nicotine;
 - ii) alcoholic beverages (ethanol); and
 - iii) cannabis and THC (tetrahydrocannabinol).
 - iv) LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide);
 - v) psilocin, psilocybin and psilocybin-containing fungi;
 - vi) mescaline and mescaline-containing cacti;
 - vii) DMT (N,N-Dimethyltryptamine);
 - b) The distribution or sale by an adult of tobacco and/or nicotine to individuals under the age of eighteen is punishable with the loss of the right to hold political office and state awards for a period of not less than one and not more than two years.
 - c) The distribution or sale by an adult of alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of eighteen, excluding its use in religious ceremonies or under the direction of a physician certified in the United States, is punishable with the loss of the right to hold political office and state awards for a period of not less than one and not more than three years.
 - d) The distribution or sale by an adult of cannabis and/or THC to individuals under the age of eighteen, excluding its use under the direction of a physician certified in the United States, is punishable with the loss of the right to hold political office for a period of not less than six months and not more than one year.
 - e) The distribution or sale by an adult of LSD, psilocin, psilocybin, mescaline, DMT, and plants or other foodstuffs containing any of them to individuals under the age of eighteen is punishable with the loss of the right to hold political office for a period of not less than eight and not more than eighteen months.
 5. Notwithstanding the other punishments as laid out in this Decree, cases wherein any substance of any class was deliberately and demonstrably used by an adult to undermine the physical and/or psychological wellbeing of a child or as a tool for abuse otherwise are punishable with permanent exile from the Republic, permanent loss of citizenship, permanent loss of the right to hold any office or honor, and any other means necessary.

6. Under no circumstance is a child legally responsible for the use, possession, purchase, sale, or importation of any substance; liability for the contravention of the provisions of this Decree by a child is inherent to the adult(s) who aided and abetted the child in carrying out such acts.
7. The law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky regarding the use, possession, purchase, sale, and importation of substances applies to all substances which are not identified within the provisions of this Decree; contravention of these laws is punished according to the directive of the People's Tribunal, not exceeding any punishment set for similar criminal offenses described herein.

*Decreed by the Central Executive Committee through a unanimous supporting vote thereof
on the 8th of July 2022 (1RY)*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooklyn Hewitt', with a stylized, cursive script.

Comrade Brooklyn Hewitt
Chairwoman of the Central Executive Committee