



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
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**Agency:** Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

**Subject of possible rule making:** The WSLCB is changes to rules in chapter 314-55 WAC regarding Cannabis Retail License Title Certificates.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 69.50.342 and 69.50.345

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Since the passage of Initiative 502 in 2012, some local jurisdictions have passed moratoria, bans, restrictive zoning laws, reduced allocations, and placed other prohibitions on the retail sale of cannabis. In some areas, these ordinances have prevented cannabis retail licensees from opening. WSLCB rules require stores to follow all license requirements, whether they are able to open or not, resulting in significant costs to retail licensees. To reduce the costs of maintaining license requirements under WSLCB rules, this proposed rulemaking will seek to provide an option for cannabis retail licensees who are legally prohibited from opening within their allotted jurisdiction to apply for a Title Certificate. Title Certificate holders will not be required to maintain all license requirements, but must meet the conditions specified in the rule provisions that will be proposed in this rulemaking.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The WSLCB will coordinate with the Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Services as needed on proposed rule changes.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

Negotiated rule making

Pilot rule making

Agency study

Other (describe) Interested parties can participate in the discussions formulating this rule change by contacting or sending written comments to the agency staff listed below.


**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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