



Washington State  
**Liquor and Cannabis Board**

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March 31, 2021

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**Subject:** Request for approval to rescind Board Interim Policy (BIP) 03-2018 regarding temporary suspension of 24-hour “quarantine” for marijuana licensees prior to transferring product.

On April 4, 2018, BIP 03-2018 was approved to temporarily lift the requirement that marijuana licensees observe a 24-hour “quarantine” period prior to transfers of products to other licensees. The policy was designed to address challenges licensees encountered when transferring product as the then new LEAF traceability system was being implemented, and referred specifically to WAC 314-55-083(4)(g) and (h).

BIP 03-2018 was designed to be rescinded upon adoption of rules to implement the policy.

On October 31, 2018, the Board adopted several revisions to chapter 314-55 WAC, including revisions to WAC 314-55-083. These were filed with the Code Reviser as [WSR 18-22-055](#). Specifically, WAC 314-55-083(4)(g) and (h) were completely removed from the subsection, as was any reference to a 24-hour “quarantine” period. The rules became effective on December 1, 2018. As a result, BIP 03-2018 is no longer necessary.

If this request is approved, BIP 03-2018 will be rescinded and notice will be sent to stakeholders through the general LCB GovDelivery system, and posted on the agency website.



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David Postman, Chair

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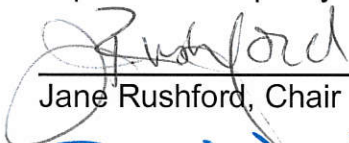
## Liquor and Cannabis Board Revised Interim Policy BIP-03-2018


**Subject:** Temporary suspension of 24-hour “quarantine” for marijuana licensees prior to transferring product

**Effective Date:** April 4, 2018

**Ending Date:** Until Board rescission or upon adoption of rules to implement this policy.

**Approved:**

  
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Jane Rushford, Chair

  
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Ollie Garrett, Board Member

  
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Russ Hauge, Board Member

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### Purpose:

This Interim Policy temporarily lifts the requirement that marijuana licensees observe a 24-hour “quarantine” period prior to transfers of products to other licensees. This change is to alleviate difficulties experienced by licensees in transferring product as we continue to implement the new state traceability system. The WSLCB will continue to assess the necessity or advisability of the 24-hour “quarantine” prior to transferring product in the coming months as we adjust to the new traceability system, and will continue looking into the potential removal of this requirement in current rulemaking activities. This adjustment to the original Board Interim Policy clarifies that the removal of the 24-hour mandatory waiting period or “quarantine” prior to transferring product between licensees applies to all transfers. Previously, the Board Interim Policy only made reference to subsection (4)(g) in WAC 314-55-083, when both subsections (4)(g) and (h) were intended to be affected by the Policy.

### Policy Statement

The 24-hour mandatory waiting period or “quarantine” prior to transferring product required under WAC 314-55-083(4)(g) and (h) is hereby suspended until further notice or until rules to implement this change are adopted. Marijuana licensees may transfer product to other licensees while this Interim Policy remains in effect without observing the 24-hour waiting period prior to transfer. All other rules relating to transfers, manifests, and transportation remain in effect and it is the licensee’s responsibility to ensure complete and accurate recordkeeping, including traceability requirements, is maintained.