MEMORANDUM

**MOTION:**

This House Would decriminalize all possession and consumption of medically significant substances.

 **CONDITIONS:**

While the possession and consumption of all substances will be decriminalized, the production, manufacturing, and distribution of these drugs will remain strictly prohibited by legislation.

 **PURPOSE:**

This bill has been drafted for purposes of keeping Canadian civilians safe from substance abuse. Nearly 31,000 people have been affected by the opioid crisis in the past four years. Of these, almost 4,000 are from drugs produced by off-record manufacturers with illegitimate production. By decriminalizing the possession and consumption, yet keeping all production and distribution illegal, we would be taking a massive step in helping innocent Canadian lives and fighting the opioid crisis at the same time.

 **TERMINOLOGY:**

When the following words are used, their full connotations shall be listed below. They, and all other word forms of such, may only be interpreted as such:

* Motion: proposal of legislation
* Illegal: against the Criminal Code of Canada
* Off-record: unregulated by the federal government of Canada and the Crown of Great Britain
* Decriminalization: permitted by law
* Opioid: drug with chemical structure like that of opium
* Possessor: keeper
* User: he who uses substance in question
* Distributor: anyone who dispenses for monetary or moral profit

*It is worthy to note that whenever the pronoun “he” is used, it shall refer to any gender, as it is used simply to avoid confusion.*

 **RESTRICTIONS:**

Eligibility for this bill must be enforced excruciatingly. These restrictions are set in place to prevent any loopholes to be found. These restrictions will include, subject to change:

1. Given that the possessor of the substance is not distributing the substance in question, albeit that he may not have taken part in the creation of aforementioned substance.
2. Given that the possessor *and* distributor is a medical professional, licensed by all agencies require, the Restriction (1), above, will not be enforced.
3. Given that the possessor is a minor, considered in this case as twenty-one, substance possession and usage shall remain against legislation.
4. All cases brought to legal court or criminal trial shall be studied individually with a medical professional present in all proceedings to ensure professional opinion.
5. All recreational uses of substance shall not be endorsed by any government owned or funded company. In short, any company with a government stake shall never advertise the use of substance recreationally.
6. All institutions, companies, corporations, and incorporations operating in Canada shall be allowed to distribute medical substance under the condition that they have a license to do so issued by the government of Canada. A higher tax rate of 20% will ensure the discouragement of creation of these substances, but also allow for profit to be made.
7. All substances shall have a capped limit on how much quantity an individual can be in possession of on a monthly basis.

**AFTERWORD:**

This Bill’s purpose must be established that it is not be confused with legalizing all substances. It is simply put into effect to discourage users to purchase “black market” substances, which could potentially contain other harmful drugs.