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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Full and Unconditional Pardon
Convictions for Possession of Psilocybin and Psilocin

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado by Article IV, Section 7 of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. § 16-17-102(2), I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, issue this Executive Order granting full and unconditional pardons for convictions of possession of psilocybin and psilocin in the State of Colorado.

I. Background

On November 8, 2022, Coloradans passed Proposition 122 which amended Colorado law to legalize possession of Natural Medicine for those 21 years of age and older. The decriminalization of psilocybin and psilocin was codified in C.R.S. § 18-18-434(12)(b).

On June 3, 2025, I signed Senate Bill 25-297 (SB 25-297), Implementation of Colorado Natural Medicine Initiative. SB 25-297 amends C.R.S. § 16-17-102 to allow the Governor to grant pardons to a class of defendants who were convicted of the possession of Natural Medicine as defined in C.R.S. § 44-50-103(13), which at this time includes possession of psilocybin and psilocin.

This grant of authority follows House Bill 20-1424 (HB 20-1424), a bipartisan bill I signed into law in 2020 which allowed the Governor to grant pardons to a class of defendants who were convicted of possession of up to two ounces of marijuana. On October 4, 2020, using the authority granted to me in HB 20-1424, I granted full and unconditional pardons for convictions of possession of one ounce or less of marijuana, as detailed in Executive Order C 2020 004. The following year, I signed House Bill 21-1090, which doubled Colorado's recreational marijuana possession limit to two ounces of marijuana for those 21 and older. On December 30, 2021, I granted pardons in Executive Order C 2021 019 for another few thousand convictions of possession of two ounces or less of marijuana. In total, these actions resulted in over 4,000 marijuana possession convictions being pardoned.

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by SB 25-297, I am granting full and unconditional pardons for State convictions of possession of psilocybin and psilocin for those 21 years old or older at the time of the offense because possession of psilocybin and psilocin is no longer illegal in the State of Colorado and it should not be held against people since it is not a crime.

This Executive Order, pursuant to my authority, only applies to State convictions. Individuals with municipal convictions should seek a remedy on the municipal level. I urge municipal governments to adopt similar measures, if possible, to help individuals in line with this Executive Order.

II. Grant of Clemency

A. All convictions in the State of Colorado of a petty offense, misdemeanor, or felony for possession of psilocybin or psilocin under the following statutory provisions or other relevant Colorado State statutory provisions are hereby granted a full and unconditional pardon. This Executive Order applies to convictions of possession of psilocybin and psilocin under State law and no other charges or convictions are pardoned by this Executive Order.

Conviction Offense	**Charge Level**	**Statute (C.R.S.)**
Possession of psilocybin or psilocin	Petty Offense, Misdemeanor, and Felony	18-18-403.5, *et seq.*
Possession of psilocybin or psilocin	Petty Offense, Misdemeanor, and Felony	Any Colorado State statute under which an individual was convicted of possession of psilocybin or psilocin

B. For the individuals whose convictions are pardoned by this Executive Order, all rights of citizenship associated with the pardoned conviction are restored in full without condition. All civil disabilities and public sufferings associated with the pardoned conviction are removed.

C. I direct the Department of Public Safety, through the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, to develop a process to indicate on criminal background checks that these individuals' convictions have been pardoned pursuant to this Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this eighteenth day of June, 2025.

Jared Polis
Governor