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## **Narcotics Paraphernalia Interpretive Statement**

Michigan Administrative Code Rule 436.1011(6)(e) prohibits licensees and certain people associated with licensees from allowing narcotics paraphernalia to be used, stored, exchanged or sold on the licensed premises. The rule does not define “narcotics paraphernalia.” The Commission interprets “narcotics paraphernalia” as a term with a peculiar meaning in the law. Often, the law describes narcotics paraphernalia as “drug paraphernalia.”

Generally, when used in the law, “narcotics paraphernalia” or “drug paraphernalia” means items or products primarily intended or designed for use in introducing a narcotic or controlled substance into the human body or for use in planting, propagating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, or concealing a controlled substance, unless authorized by law.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of items that the Commission could construe as narcotics paraphernalia:

- Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, ceramic pipes, or other pipes or tubes customarily used to smoke a controlled substance;
- Small pipe screens customarily used in conjunction with pipes or tubes used to smoke a controlled substance;
- Water pipes or bongs;
- Roach clips;
- Miniature spoons not sold with utensil gift sets;
- “Love Roses” or “Rose Pipes”;
- Glass pens;
- Glass tire gauges;
- Chore Boys and other steel or copper wool pads sold individually or sold in cut-up form;
- Grinders;
- Small baggies;
- Individual razor blades;
- Blunts;
- Rolling papers;
- Scales and balances;

- Small mirrors, not sold with other health and beauty aid products;
- Hypodermic syringes, not sold in conjunction with medical supplies;
- Lolli-pipe, edible smoking pipes;
- Vaporizers;
- Detoxification aids;
- Cutters.

In some cases, items may not be deemed “narcotics paraphernalia” if the circumstances or other store inventory shows that the item is not primarily intended for use in introducing a controlled substance into the human body.

If you have any questions concerning whether certain merchandise would be considered narcotics paraphernalia, please contact the Michigan Liquor Control Commission’s Enforcement Division at (517) 284-6330.

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