

[[LSD Act](#), As Amended Through [H.R.32](#), Enacted December 31, 2020]

IN THE VIRTUAL CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Co-Sponsors: Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Zander

A BILL

To end the War on Drugs with Religious and Medical Value

*Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress
Assembled*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This bill may be cited as the “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds Act” or “LSD Act”

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

- I. **Mescaline** - Mescaline is a naturally occurring psychedelic alkaloid of the substituted phenethylamine class, known for its hallucinogenic effects comparable to those of LSD and psilocybin. It occurs naturally in the peyote cactus, the San Pedro cactus, the Peruvian torch, and other members of the plant family Cactaceae.
- II. **Peyote** - *Lophophora williamsii* or peyote is a small, spineless cactus with psychoactive alkaloids, particularly mescaline. Peyote is a Spanish word derived from the Nahuatl, or Aztec, *peyōtl*, meaning "glisten" or "glistening". Other sources translate the Nahuatl word as "Divine Messenger"
- III. **DMT** - N, N-Dimethyltryptamine is a chemical substance that occurs in many plants and animals and which is both a derivative and a structural analog of tryptamine. It can be consumed as a psychedelic drug and has historically been prepared by various cultures for ritual purposes as an entheogen.
- IV. **Ayahuasca** - Ayahuasca, or ayagwasca and aioasca, from Quechua *ayawaska*; or *yagé*, is a South American entheogenic brew made out of *Banisteriopsis caapi* vine and other ingredients.

- V. **LSD** -Lysergic acid diethylamide, also known as acid, is a hallucinogenic drug. Effects typically include altered thoughts, feelings, and awareness of one's surroundings. Many users see or hear things that do not exist. Dilated pupils, increased blood pressure, and increased body temperature are typical.
- VI. **Psychedelic Mushrooms** - A psilocybin mushroom, also known as a magic mushroom or a psychedelic mushroom, is one of a polyphyletic group of fungi that contain psilocybin and psilocin. Biological genera containing psilocybin mushrooms include *Copelandia*, *Gymnopilus*, *Inocybe*, *Panaeolus*, *Pholiotina*, *Pluteus*, and *Psilocybe*.
- VII. **Psychedelic Retreat Centers** - Centers operated by certified psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed therapists, or licensed religious leaders to safely administer all drugs or plants mentioned in Section 2 for therapeutic, spiritual, or religious purposes

SECTION 3. Preamble

Every 25 seconds, an American is arrested for drug possession. While mainstream society rebuked and instituted a war on drugs in the 1960's, many religious groups have used psychedelic substances for millenia for spiritual purposes. Despite cultural differences anyone may have, infringement upon any religious or spiritual value is an infringement upon all values safe-guarded by the First Amendment. In fact, in *Gonzales v. O Centro Espirita Beneficiente Uniao Do Vegetal*, the Supreme Court ruled that a Christian group could use DMT for their religious ceremonies. This act aims to protect the most common psychedelic compounds used in therapy and religious services from the tyranny of the majority. This bill will grant Americans the very freedoms they once had and will save the U.S. government to billions of dollars in drug enforcement.

SECTION 4. Legalization of Defined Substances and Plants

The substances and plants defined in Section 2 are legalized for religious, spiritual, and therapeutic and medical purposes.

SECTION 5. Legalizing Psychedelic Retreat Centers/Tax

~~No government of the United States shall impede the creation and maintenance of Psychedelic Retreat Centers. Psychedelic Retreat Centers shall be subject to state and federal oversight, to ensure substances are safely administered in healthy, sterile, and safe environments. Only Psychedelic Retreat Centers or Religious Groups, Churches, or Organizations may distribute the substances and plants defined in Section 2. Only Psychedelic Retreat Centers may sell the substances or plants defined in Section 2. Psychedelic Retreat Centers shall pay a 4.2 percent sales tax on all substances and plants listed in Section 2.~~

SECTION 6. Rescheduling Substances Mentioned in Section 2.

All substances listed in Section 2 will be classified as a Schedule III in accordance with the 1970 Controlled Substances Act.

SECTION 7. Effect

Upon passing, this act shall take immediate effect.