

**UTAH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES -
EXTRACTION AND REDUCTION LABS**

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies the Clandestine Drug Lab Act to include the offense of preparing a substance or packaging a substance with the intent that the substance be used in the manufacture of specified illegal controlled substances.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

58-37d-3, as last amended by Chapter 272, Laws of Utah 2000

58-37d-4, as last amended by Chapter 64, Laws of Utah 1997

58-37d-5, as last amended by Chapter 187, Laws of Utah 2000

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-37d-3** is amended to read:

58-37d-3. Definitions.

(1) As used in this chapter:

(a) "Booby trap" means any concealed or camouflaged device designed to cause bodily injury when triggered by any action of a person making contact with the device. This term includes guns, ammunition, or explosive devices attached to trip wires or other triggering mechanisms, sharpened stakes, nails, spikes, electrical devices, lines or wires with hooks attached, and devices for the production of toxic fumes or gases.

(b) "Clandestine laboratory operation" means the:

(i) purchase or procurement of chemicals, supplies, equipment, or laboratory location for the illegal manufacture of ~~[the above]~~ specified controlled substances ~~[specified in this act]~~;

(ii) transportation or arranging for the transportation of chemicals, supplies, or equipment for the illegal manufacture of specified controlled substances ~~[specified in this act]~~;

(iii) setting up of equipment or supplies in preparation for the illegal manufacture of ~~[the above]~~ specified controlled substances ~~[specified in this act]~~;

(iv) activity of compounding, synthesis, concentration, purification, separation, extraction, or other physical or chemical processing of any substance, including a controlled substance precursor, or the packaging, repackaging, labeling, or relabeling of a container holding a substance that is a product of any of these activities, when the substance is to be used for the illegal manufacture of specified controlled substances;

~~[(iv)]~~ (v) illegal manufacture of ~~[the above]~~ specified controlled substances ~~[specified in this act]~~; or

~~[(v)]~~ (vi) distribution or disposal of chemicals, equipment, supplies, or products used in or produced by the illegal manufacture of specified controlled substances ~~[specified in this act]~~.

(c) "Controlled substance precursor" means those chemicals designated in Title 58, Chapter 37c, Controlled Substance Precursor Act, except those substances designated in Subsections 58-37c-3(2)(kk) and (ll).

(d) "Disposal" means the abandonment, discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of any hazardous or dangerous material into or on any property, land or water so that the material may enter the environment, be emitted into the air, or discharged into any waters, including groundwater.

(e) "Hazardous or dangerous material" means any substance which because of its quantity, concentration, physical characteristics, or chemical characteristics may cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality, an increase in serious illness, or may pose a substantial present or potential future hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise improperly managed.

(f) "Illegal manufacture of specified controlled substances" means in violation of Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, the:

(i) compounding, synthesis, concentration, purification, separation, extraction, or other physical or chemical processing for the purpose of producing methamphetamine, other amphetamine compounds as listed in Schedule I of the Utah Controlled Substances Act, phencyclidine, narcotic analgesic analogs as listed in Schedule I of the Utah Controlled Substances Act, lysergic acid diethylamide, or mescaline;

(ii) conversion of cocaine or methamphetamine to their base forms; or
(iii) extraction, concentration, or synthesis of marijuana as that drug is defined in Section 58-37-2.

(2) Unless otherwise specified, the definitions in Section 58-37-2 also apply to this chapter.

Section 2. Section **58-37d-4** is amended to read:

58-37d-4. Prohibited acts -- Second degree felony.

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally:
- (a) possess a controlled substance precursor with the intent to engage in a clandestine laboratory operation;
 - (b) possess laboratory equipment or supplies with the intent to engage in a clandestine laboratory operation;
 - (c) sell, distribute, or otherwise supply a precursor chemical, laboratory equipment, or laboratory supplies knowing or having reasonable cause to believe it will be used for a clandestine laboratory operation;
 - (d) evade recordkeeping provisions of Title 58, Chapter 37c, Controlled Substances Precursor Act, or the regulations issued under that act, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the material distributed or received will be used for a clandestine laboratory operation;
 - (e) conspire with or aid another to engage in a clandestine laboratory operation;
 - (f) produce or manufacture, or possess with intent to produce or manufacture a controlled or counterfeit substance except as authorized under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act; ~~[or]~~
 - (g) transport or convey a controlled or counterfeit substance with the intent to distribute or to be distributed by the person transporting or conveying the controlled or counterfeit substance or by any other person regardless of whether the final destination for the distribution is within this state or any other location[-]; or
 - (h) engage in compounding, synthesis, concentration, purification, separation, extraction,

or other physical or chemical processing of any substance, including a controlled substance precursor, or the packaging, repackaging, labeling, or relabeling of a container holding a substance that is a product of any of these activities, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the substance that is a product of any of these activities and will be used in the illegal manufacture of specified controlled substances.

(2) A person who violates any provision of Subsection (1) is guilty of a second degree felony.

Section 3. Section **58-37d-5** is amended to read:

58-37d-5. Prohibited acts -- First degree felony.

(1) A person who violates Subsection 58-37d-4(1)(a), (b), (e), [~~or~~] (f), or (h) is guilty of a first degree felony if the trier of fact also finds any one of the following conditions occurred in conjunction with that violation:

(a) possession of a firearm;

(b) use of a booby trap;

(c) illegal possession, transportation, or disposal of hazardous or dangerous material or while transporting or causing to be transported materials in furtherance of a clandestine laboratory operation, there was created a substantial risk to human health or safety or a danger to the environment;

(d) intended laboratory operation was to take place or did take place within 500 feet of a residence, place of business, church, or school;

(e) clandestine laboratory operation actually produced any amount of a specified controlled substance; or

(f) intended clandestine laboratory operation was for the production of cocaine base or methamphetamine base.

(2) If the trier of fact finds that two or more of the conditions listed in Subsections (1)(a) through (f) of this section occurred in conjunction with the violation, at sentencing for the first degree felony:

(a) probation shall not be granted;

- (b) the execution or imposition of sentence shall not be suspended; and
- (c) the court shall not enter a judgment for a lower category of offense.