## 218A.005 Legislative findings and declarations.

The General Assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that:

- (1) The regulation of controlled substances in this Commonwealth is important and necessary for the preservation of public safety and public health; and
- (2) Successful, community-based treatment can be used as an effective tool in the effort to reduce criminal risk factors. Therapeutic intervention and ongoing individualized treatment plans prepared through the use of meaningful and validated, research-based assessment tools and professional evaluations offer a potential alternative to incarceration in appropriate circumstances and shall be used accordingly.

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