17.07 Definition Of Cannabis Trafficking

A person commits the offense of cannabis trafficking when he knowingly [(brings) (causes to be brought)] into this State [(for the purpose of manufacture) (for the purpose of delivery) (with the intent to manufacture) (with the intent to deliver)] 2,500 grams or more of cannabis in this State or any other state or country.

Committee Note

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720 ILCS 550/5.1 (West 2017), added by P.A. 85-1388, effective January 1, 1989.

Give Instruction 17.08.

Although the prosecution must prove the quantity was 2,500 grams or more, it need not prove that the defendant *knew* the quantity was of any specific amount. *See People v. Cortez*, 77 Ill.App.3d 448, 395 N.E.2d 1177; *People v. Ziehm*, 120 Ill.App.3d 777, 458 N.E.2d 588 (2d Dist. 1983).

See Committee Note to Instruction 17.05A if delivery is an issue.

If other terms used in this instruction need to be defined, see definitions contained in Chapter 720.

Use applicable bracketed material.

The brackets are present solely for the guidance of court and counsel and should not be included in the instruction submitted to the jury.