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BUT, the law is not perfect:

You have to give authorities your identifying information, which means they could run your name for warrants if they wanted to.

It will only protect you if you possess drugs for personal use; it's up to the authorities to decide if the amount you have on you was intended for sale.

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