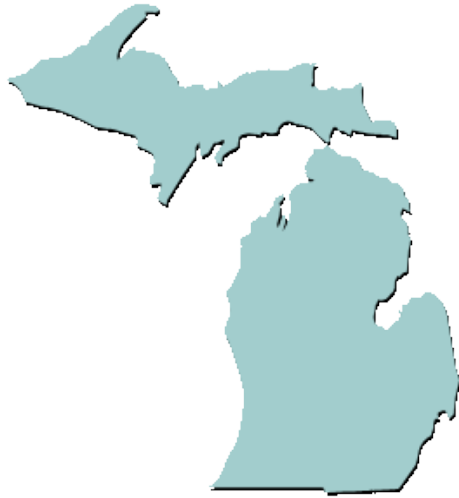


Proposal to
Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol



**Michigan Proposal to
Legalize Recreational Marijuana
Expected to be on the State Ballot in 2018**



ALLOWS THE HIGHEST PER PERSON POSSESSION LIMIT OF ANY STATE IN THE NATION

- **Allows 10 ounces or approximately 600-880 joints at home and/or**
- **2.5 oz. personal possession in public**

- **In the 7 states that now allow “recreational” marijuana use, the personal possession limit is 1 ounce.**
- **Maine, the exception, allows 2.5 ounces for-personal possession limit.**
- **Massachusetts allows the possession of 10 ounces of harvested marijuana at home.**

**Michigan would allow possession in both categories –
at home and personal possession.**



FORCES EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE TO HAVE “RECREATIONAL” MARIJUANA BUSINESSES (COMMERCIAL GROWING AND/OR RETAILS SHOPS) UNLESS THEY HOLD AN ELECTION TO “OPT OUT”

- **To opt-out or limit the number of recreational marijuana businesses, an individual in the community must petition to initiate an ordinance,**
- **Gather 5% of the signatures of registered voters in the city or township, and**
- **Create a ballot proposal for a regularly held election (cannot be a special election)**

Communities in Massachusetts are currently struggling to keep out retail marijuana because of the “opt out” provision in the legalization proposal approved there.



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**DESPITE ITS NAME, THIS PROPOSAL DOES NOT
“REGULATE LIKE ALCOHOL”.**

There is limited specified regulation.

- **The Penalty for Selling to Minors is Vaguely Stated.**
- **A young person, 18, 19, or 20 years old, therefore under the age of legal purchase and use of marijuana, need not be advised or required to take drug education or counseling if found using or selling marijuana.**



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- **ALLOWS THE TRANSFER OF 2.5 OUNCES OF MARIJUANA TO SOMEONE ELSE WITHOUT ANY REGULATION**
- **DOESN'T REGULATE THE POTENCY OF MARIJUANA**

Today's drug is much more potent - containing up to 3 to 7.5 times more THC, the addictive chemical compound in marijuana, than in the 1980s. The THC level in highly potent marijuana edibles (80% to 90% THC) is not regulated.



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HAS POTENTIAL UNFORSEEN CONSEQUENCES FOR BUSINESS AND THE ECONOMY

These include:

- **Decreased Work Safety**
- **Decreased Work Productivity**
- **Increased Absenteeism**
- **Job Applicants (and Workers) That Can't Pass a Drug Test**
- **Increased Workplace Accidents/Costs for Workman's Compensation**



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- **DOESN'T ADDRESS POSSIBLE DANGEROUS ADDITIVES TO MARIJUANA CIGARETTES, e.g. Fentanyl, Carfentanil**
- **DOESN'T PROHIBIT MARIJUANA AND ALCOHOL SALE AND CONSUMPTION IN THE SAME PLACE OF BUSINESS**

Further raises concerns about car crashes and fatalities, given the potential for drugged and drunk driving



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**MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR POLICE TO PROVE A DRIVER IS UNDER THE
INFLUENCE OF MARIJUANA EFFECTING ENFORCEMENT AND
ACCIDENT LIABILITY AND INSURANCE RATES**

The PER/SE* (BAC of .08+) criterion for driving under the influence of alcohol will not apply.



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- **DOESN'T ALLOW CITIZENS TO FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) INFORMATION TO DISCOVER WHO OWNS/OPERATES A GROW ESTABLISHMENT, EVEN IF THE BUSINESS CREATES A PUBLIC NUISANCE**
- **DOESN'T ALLOW MARIJUANA USE/ADDICTION TO BE USED AS A FACTOR IN DETERMINING CUSTODY**

Professional Organizations That Oppose the Use and Legalization of Marijuana

- The American Academy of Pediatrics www.aap.org
- The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry www.aacap.org
- The American Society of Addiction Medicine www.asam.org
- Community of Anti-Drug Coalitions of America www.cadca.org
- US Office of National Drug Control Policy www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp