

Evaluation Checklist for Cannabis Laws and Regulations

Policies to Avert the Emergence of a New Tobacco-Like Industry

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| Place public health authorities in leadership roles. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| Notes: | |
| Favor public or nonprofit monopoly models to allow legal access without creating a profit-driven market (e.g., Quebec cannabis model, state alcohol monopoly models). | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| Notes: | |
| Preserve local control including taxation so communities can innovate and learn. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| Notes: | |
| Prohibit conflicts of interest in regulatory bodies and advisory commissions/boards. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| Notes: | |
| Prohibit healthcare practitioners who certify qualifying conditions for medical cannabis patients from being owners of a cannabis business. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| Notes: | |

Policies that Promote Public Health

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| Ensure that a system goal is not driving increased consumption. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| Notes: | |
| Tax adult-use cannabis. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| Notes: | |
| Tax adult-use cannabis based on THC content. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| Notes: | |
| Extend smoke-free air restrictions to consistently include smoking and vaporizing cannabis indoors and outdoors. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |

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Notes:

Require health warnings in text and pictorial warnings on packages and ensure they are clearly visible from the outside of the package. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Require prominent health warnings to be posted in stores and provide safer use information to consumers. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Use a specialized business model for cannabis retailers (i.e., no food or other product sales). Yes No Partially

Notes:

Prohibit healthcare practitioners who certify qualifying medical conditions for medical cannabis patients on retail premises. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Prohibit on-site cannabis consumption to protect smoke-free air, prevent drugged driving, and avoid social normalization. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Prohibit temporary cannabis events to protect smoke-free air, prevent drugged driving, and avoid social normalization. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Restrict Discounting Yes No Partially

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General Policies

Establish a minimum price (price floor). Yes No Partially

Notes:

Policies to Protect Children and Youth

Eliminate the “Cannabis Kids Menu” by prohibiting:

- Cannabis-infused beverages. Yes No Partially
- Inhalable products that are flavored or marketed using flavor-indicating names. Yes No Partially
- Flavored joint/blunt wrappers. Yes No Partially
- Other youth-appealing products. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Apply clear age limits (must be at least 21 years old) to both cannabis and intoxicating, hemp-derived products. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Prohibit packaging/labeling that is attractive to children or youth and clearly define what that means. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Prohibit marketing that is attractive to children or youth and clearly define what that means. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Restrict advertising where the audience will likely be more than 15% children or youth. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Limit the number of storefront retail outlets to fewer than 1 per 15,000 people. Yes No Partially

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General Requirements

Notes:

Require buffer zones between cannabis businesses and youth-serving facilities such as schools/colleges and public libraries. Yes No Partially

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Require buffer zones between storefront retail outlets. Yes No Partially

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Policies to Limit Aggressive Cannabis Marketing and Dangerous Product Diversification

Require pre-approval of cannabis products and any additives. Yes No Partially

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Limit THC content of cannabis and cannabis products. Yes No Partially

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Require stocking of lower THC products. Yes No Partially

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Require standardized 5 mg THC dosing of concentrates. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Limit cannabis business signage that is visible to the public. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Require prominent health warnings on cannabis advertisements. Yes No Partially

Notes:

Prohibit therapeutic or health claims related to cannabis products. Yes No Partially

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Policies that Promote Social Equity and Mitigate Harms from the War on Drugs

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| | Notes: | |
| Policies that Promote Social Equity and Mitigate Harms from the War on Drugs | Decriminalize cannabis possession to reduce cannabis-related incarceration. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| | Notes: | |
| | Automatically expunge past criminal convictions for non-violent cannabis-related offenses. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| | Notes: | |
| | Capture most or all tax revenue for substance abuse prevention, public education campaigns, mitigating negative social impacts of the war on drugs, or promoting healthy youth development. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| | Notes: | |
| | Prioritize equity when licensing business applicants (e.g., residents of communities impacted by high drug incarceration rates, people with past cannabis convictions). | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
| | Notes: | |
| | Implement equity-in-hiring requirements. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially |
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| Provide cost deferrals for equity cannabis business license applicants. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially | |
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| Inform vulnerable groups of the risks associated with cannabis use. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially | |
| Notes: | | |
| Require buffer zones between cannabis businesses and substance abuse treatment centers. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially | |

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