

# MARIJUANA POLICIES IN NH



## THERAPEUTIC

This is about providing medical treatment with a doctor's supervision.



- Since 2013, NH law has allowed the therapeutic use of cannabis, also known as medical marijuana, for certain medical conditions.
- Seven thousand Granite Staters live with a qualifying condition and currently have a therapeutic cannabis certification through their physician.
- There are 22 qualifying conditions in NH's therapeutic cannabis program including cancer, moderate to severe chronic pain, and post traumatic stress disorder.
- In NH, we currently have four therapeutic cannabis dispensaries located in different regions of the state.

## DECRIMINALIZATION

This is about reducing arrests and social justice concerns.



- In 2017, NH decriminalized certain amounts of marijuana and some marijuana related products in order to address social justice concerns.
- Possession of up to 3/4 of an ounce of marijuana is now considered a civil offense and served with a fine instead of a criminal offense or jail time.
- An individual who receives a violation for marijuana possession will be charged \$100 for the first offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense.
- In NH, the fines collected from the violations go toward substance use disorder screening and prevention.

## LEGALIZATION

This is about risking harm to our young people and quality of life.



- Complex public health and safety concerns, including the safety of our roads and availability of highly potent edible products, surround legalization.
- Legalizing marijuana would negatively impact the health and wellness of our workforce and families.
- The legalization of any substance opens the door to corporations who use harmful advertising aimed at young people to hook and secure lifelong users.
- Marijuana use during youth, when young brains are developing, can have long-term negative health effects.

# THE FACTS ABOUT NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CURRENT MARIJUANA POLICIES

## THERAPEUTIC CANNABIS CURRENTLY IN NH LAW

2013

The year that New Hampshire began allowing the therapeutic use of cannabis (medical marijuana) for certain medical conditions

7,000

The number of Granite Staters with a qualifying condition and therapeutic cannabis certification through their physician

22

The number of qualifying conditions in New Hampshire's therapeutic cannabis program including cancer, moderate to severe chronic pain, and post traumatic stress disorder

## DECRIMINALIZATION CURRENTLY IN NH LAW

2017

The year in which New Hampshire officially decriminalized certain amounts of marijuana and some marijuana related products

3/4

In ounces, the amount of marijuana in leafy green form that NH residents over 18 can possess without being arrested and instead being fined

\$100

The fine an individual will be charged if found to be in possession of up to 3/4 oz of marijuana, with the fine increasing to \$300 for each subsequent offense, and never any criminal charges

## LEGALIZATION NOT IN NH LAW

40

States, like New Hampshire, that have not legalized marijuana

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Bills to legalize marijuana that the New Hampshire legislature has voted down in the last five years

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New Hampshire's ranking in the country when it comes to the perception that youth have of how harmful marijuana is to their health - even lower than states that have legalized

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