

Responsible Ohio is working to present to the voters of Ohio a ballot initiative in November 2015 that will create an Ohio constitutional amendment to *legalize marijuana for both medical and recreational use*.

This amendment will allow for a *complete monopoly* in the commercialization of legalized marijuana.

If enacted:

- Physicians would not be subject to any disciplinary or criminal action if the person issues a medical marijuana certification, possibly creating another “pill-mill” doctor system.
- There are no restrictions on marketing, including whether pot shops will be able to market on billboards, buses, television, radio, print advertisements, and social media.
- Marijuana edibles and marijuana-infused beverages will be sold. These products contain higher THC (the high) in other legalized states, which is causing more dangerous consequences such as children poisonings, adverse health effects, etc.
- People using marijuana for medicinal purposes will be allowed to use marijuana in public, schools, daycares, and any other open area.
- People using marijuana for medicinal purposes will be allowed to use marijuana in the workplace.
- Children of any age could receive marijuana with the written consent of a parent.
- 1159 legal pot shops would be allowed in Ohio. Comparatively, there are only 203 Starbucks.
- Landowners beware – There will be four plants that would be allowed to be grown. Home grows in other states lead to mold, mildew, and other issues, which damage the property.
- There is no requirement for physician training in how to recommend marijuana to patients.
- Homegrown marijuana can be shared between individuals, continuing the ability of the black market to operate.
- There are no limits to the amount of marijuana that a physician can recommend, allowing for abuse of the drug.

For more information about the *effects of marijuana on health, impact on learning and public safety, and workplace concerns*, please visit: https://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/marijuana_resources

This information is presented by the Hancock County Community Partnership, Opiate Task Force and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board: For questions or additional information, please call 419-424-1985.

