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## **Recommendations for the Implementation of Amendment 2**

There are significant concerns regarding Amendment 2, a constitutional amendment passed by voters in the 2016 election cycle that legalizes the cultivation, distribution, retail sale and possession of marijuana as a medicine in the state of Florida.

To date, twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia have passed varying types of medical marijuana laws. Of those, 24 have operating programs and Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Ohio, North Dakota and Pennsylvania are in the implementation process.

Many states with established medical marijuana programs have experienced negative impacts to public health and safety, such as increased youth use and treatment admission rates, increased emergency room admissions and increased traffic fatalities. There is legitimate concern that if proactive legislative efforts are not taken promptly, Florida will experience similar negative impacts.

### **Recommended Legislative Actions to prevent widespread program abuses.**

#### **Physicians and Patients**

1. Require all physicians who wish to recommend marijuana as a medicine to complete the training that is required for physicians who recommend low-THC under current Florida statute.
2. Require the Florida Surgeon General to draft best practices for recommending marijuana as a medicine as well as standard of care guidelines for ongoing use.
3. Require all physicians who recommend marijuana to use the prescription drug monitoring program.
4. Require Florida Board of Medicine to adopt rules for physicians recommending marijuana for pain.
5. Establish penalties for physician misconduct in regards to recommending marijuana.
6. Clearly define physician-patient relationship to include, at minimum, a requirement that physician must have treated the patient for at least 90 days before recommending the use of marijuana, and the physician must maintain an ongoing treatment plan and complete a full in-person examination and risk analysis.
7. Require that any recommendation for marijuana to a minor be made by pediatric specialists who specialize in the condition being treated and that the recommendation must come from two separate physicians.
8. Prohibit the issuance of marijuana recommendations to pregnant individuals and require that all females of child bearing age be tested for pregnancy prior to any recommendation.

#### **Caregivers**

1. Must not have been previously convicted of a felony or drug related crime.
2. Must not serve more than 5 patients at any given time.
3. Must be either an immediate family member or have received medical training and is legally qualified in the administration of medications.

### **Marijuana and Marijuana Infused Products**

1. Prohibit smoking as a delivery form for the use of medical marijuana.
2. Ban marijuana infused products that resemble candy.
3. Cap THC levels for marijuana and marijuana infused products.
4. Prohibit infusion of marijuana into trademark products
5. Develop procedures for testing marijuana and marijuana infused products for pesticides, fungus and other containments.
6. Limit the amount of marijuana and marijuana infused products that can be purchased in a 30-day period.
7. Require warning labels and content labels on all retailed marijuana and products that reflect purity and potency.
8. Require all marijuana be tested and certified free of pesticides, mold, and other contaminants before it can be sold in any form and further require reporting of these test results to the public on an annual basis.

### **Public Safety Issues**

1. Adopt an Open container law for marijuana similar to what we currently have for alcohol to prohibit use by passengers in any vehicle.
2. Prohibit residential BHO (Butane Honey Oil) extraction.
3. Prohibit the use of medical marijuana in prison, jails and detention centers and by those on probation and parole.
4. Prohibit the state to register a home day care center if owner is a medical marijuana patient.
5. Prohibit the possession and use of medical marijuana on school grounds and at school related activities including state colleges and universities.
6. Prohibit the use of marijuana in public places and prohibit the use of marijuana within 1,500 feet of schools and playgrounds.
7. Maintain a “zero tolerance” impairment law that considers any detection of THC metabolite in a driver as a DUI.
8. Require all drivers in traffic accidents involving injuries requiring medical attention or fatalities to be tested within 2 hours of the accident for THC metabolite.
9. Require that when drivers undergo alcohol testing for any reason that testing for THC metabolite occur also.

### **Marijuana Dispensaries and Cultivation Facilities**

1. Determine zoning for dispensaries and cultivation facilities and allow local government to make additional restrictions when necessary.
2. Limit the number of cultivation facilities and dispensaries that are allowed to exist in the state.
3. Prohibit marijuana vending machines.
4. Require the posting of warning signs on the dangers of marijuana for pregnant women.
5. Hold dispensaries that process marijuana infused food products to the same standards as other businesses that process food.
6. Prohibit the use of marijuana on-site.
7. Prohibit minors on the premises.

8. Require marijuana cultivation centers and dispensaries to operate as Drug-Free Workplaces under Florida law.
9. Require use of a seed to sale tracking system to limit the diversion of marijuana to the black market.
10. Establish rules for marijuana delivery services that include background checks, age restrictions and insurance requirements for drivers. Prohibition on delivery services being conducted by a third party.
11. Establish a state approved logo that can be used to identify marijuana dispensaries and only allow that one logo to be used.
12. Prohibit the use of any cartoon characters, marijuana leaves or paraphernalia to be used in the marketing of dispensaries, products or physician services. Establish marketing restrictions similar to what is in place for tobacco.

**Additional Recommendations**

1. State to provide adequate funding to develop and roll out a youth marijuana prevention campaign comparable to Florida's Tobacco Free Youth Program to prevent marijuana use from increasing.
2. Require the Department of Justice to study how medical marijuana laws impact public health and safety in the state and report back to the legislature and the public on findings at 6 month, 1 year and 2 year periods.
3. Prohibit minors from being employed in the marijuana related industry in any capacity.

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From: David Aden

Agenda Item # 7  
Marijuana Dispensaries

January 10, 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to address you and this issue.

My name is David Aden and I live in Largo. I'm a father of two and grandfather of six. I'm a Internet software engineer and am speaking as a father, grandfather and engineer.

As adults, I feel we have a responsibility to do whatever we can to protect our children and grandchildren. Children today are exposed to a phenomenal number of messages through multiple channels, that are often confusing and contradictory. An example is the glorification of marijuana in entertainment and on the Internet.

Our children have to grow up fast to be able to understand and identify those who mean them harm, such as drug pushers or other kids pushing drugs. I believe we need to be as clear as we can about the dangers of drugs and drug abuse which is today already a hard task. Without clear, tightly regulated guidelines about where medical marijuana shops will be allowed and what kinds of promotion they can and cannot do, we would be turning Pinellas County into a wild west.

An environment with an uncontrolled proliferation of pot shops and medical marijuana promotion can only make the already hard job of parenting even harder. I don't want my grandchildren growing up in a world that is implicitly or explicitly telling them that smoking marijuana is okay.

That's the personal side of this issue. As an engineer, I am also interested in the hardcore facts. There are many numbers you should consider including the skyrocketing potency of today's marijuana, the drop in IQ it causes and the 2 million Americans already addicted to it.

I want to focus a bit more narrowly.

1. Amendment 2 was passed in November. We are only a few weeks after that with multiple holidays in between. I think we can all acknowledge that given the shortness of time and the holidays, it is unlikely that complete regulations have been worked out, written up, distributed and learned by the agencies and departments involved.
2. Amendment 2 is remarkably broad, describing a significant number of activities for which regulations will need to be established, disseminated, learned and enforced. I would like to examine parts of just two sentences from the definition section of the Amendment so together we can begin to face what our community needs to put in place.



3. First, the single sentence in section 5 that defines a “Medical Marijuana Treatment Center” as “...*an entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their caregivers and is registered by the Department.*”

Breaking that one sentence down would take several hours so let’s lightly examine some of it. It says that Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers are entities that can engage in the following activities:

- a. Cultivation: Do regulations exist defining where cultivation can occur, who can do it, what security precautions need to be in place around marijuana fields and what quality control standards we expect?
  - b. Possession: Do we have regulations defining what security will be required for those who possess it? What kinds of locks? How about inventory procedures and reporting requirements? I am sure pharmacies are required to maintain specific levels of security, inventory and reporting. Where are the regulations for pot shops?
  - c. Processing: What quality control regulations are defined? What packaging or tracking requirements are in place? What tests are required to determine and reveal potency?
    - i. This item includes a list of possible products including “food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments”. Can anyone here tell me the number of pages of regulations that exist covering the processing of the foods we buy at Publix? Do we think that the regulation of an addictive drug should have any less regulation than common foods?
  - d. Transportation: What security regulations are in place for transportation companies? Do trucks need to be locked? Is refrigeration needed for foods? Who will be licensed to drive the transports? Are background checks required? Is regular drug testing required?
  - e. You get the idea and I’m just barely halfway through the list. For the rest of the items, we need to likewise have security, reporting, inventory and quality assurance regulations to cover each of them. The remaining items include significant activities such as selling, distributing, dispensing and administering marijuana.
4. The next item is the first sentence of section 7 which defines a ‘caregiver’ as “*a person who is at least twenty-one (21) years old who has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient’s medical use of marijuana and has qualified for and obtained a caregiver identification card issued by the Department.*” Here are some questions that need to be answered by regulation:
    - a. Do these people need background checks?
    - b. What security measures do they need to have in place to store pot?

- c. What are the zoning implications for the storage of addictive drugs in residential areas?
  - d. What are their educational requirements?
  - e. What are their inventory reporting requirements?
  - f. How many people can they distribute to?
  - g. Will they be required to take drug tests?
  - h. How will they know what a proper dosage is?
  - i. What training will they receive to identify patients with signs of addiction?
  - j. What training will they receive to identify negative drug interactions?
  - k. What are the requirements for them to ensure their patients are taking the marijuana and not selling it to others?
  - l. I'm sure you can think of additional questions.
5. I'm going to leave you with a few numbers that highlight the importance of proper regulation:
- a. The Department of Health estimated before passage of Amendment 2 that it would result in nearly 2,000 marijuana shops across the state. I'm sure Pinellas county's share of that is significant.
  - b. The same report estimated Amendment 2 would result in more than 100,000 caregivers each of which as covered above will need to be screened and regulated based on regulations we do not yet have.
  - c. Not only do we need clear regulations, we will need an army of staff to oversee implementation.
  - d. For comparison, I looked into a far less dangerous substance and scratched the surface with regards to the regulations governing it. The substance: milk. Florida Chapter 502 MILK, MILK PRODUCTS, AND FROZEN DESSERTS is 8 pages long, about double Amendment 2's language even though it relates to an addictive drug.

Like Amendment 2, Chapter 502 defines terms and assigns responsibility, though it does so in a much more detail than Amendment 2.

It also references existing regulations to govern milk production, transportation, processing and distribution. Here is where we get an idea of the kind of detail that is needed to implement Amendment 2. Remember, we are talking about milk, not an addictive drug.

Florida Chapter 502 references the Federal regulations used to define Grade A milk. Just that, Grade A milk. Those regulations are 388 pages long and cover, as they should, every aspect of production, processing and transportation. Doesn't an addictive drug with more than 100 largely unresearched compounds of a single type deserve something similar?

I haven't even mentioned the guidelines and regulations needed to cover police procedures or the effects on businesses when workers show up stoned but have a medical justification.

Again, I would like to thank you for your time and I would like to respectfully suggest that the effort to come up with regulations include people such as myself -- parents and grandparents with an interest and citizens with a love for the life we all enjoy in Florida and in particular Pinellas County. As citizens I feel those of us who are asking you to take this seriously also have a duty to help where we can.

Together, we are facing the task of completely defining and implementing sound regulation for an addictive drug. If we fail, it is our way of life and our children who will lose.



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