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Medical Marijuana Available in Soft Drinks

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Coming soon to selected shelves in California and other states is a selection of medical marijuana available as soft drinks. Individuals who have been prescribed cannabis will be able to purchase soft drinks containing THC, the main psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.

Canna Cola will provide marijuana in soda pop

Although marijuana use is against federal law, fifteen states plus the District of Columbia, have enacted laws to legalize medical marijuana within specified guidelines. (You can [see those specifications](#) and details by state.) [Arizona](#) was the latest state to legalize medical marijuana in November 2010.

Diavolo Brands is behind the new medical marijuana soft drink, which is slated for introduction to the marketplace in Colorado this February, according to an article in [Mercury News](#). It should be available in California marijuana dispensaries in the spring.

With names like Canna Cola, Doc Weed, Sour Diesel, and Grape Ape, individuals who have been prescribed cannabis by their doctor will be able to slap down \$12 to \$15 for a bottled soft drink that contains "somewhere between 35 to 65 milligrams" of THC, or [tetrahydrocannabinol](#), according to Scott Riddell, founder of Diavolo Brands.

The new soft drink line is not the first to bring medical marijuana to the market in soda pop form.

Riddell notes, however, that the new marijuana beverages, which will contain lower levels of THC than many others that are available, will be the "light beer" in a field of higher proof products.

Medical marijuana has been shown in scores of studies to be an effective treatment for a wide range of health issues, including symptoms of [cancer](#), [multiple sclerosis](#), glaucoma, epilepsy, [posttraumatic stress disorder](#), and neuropathic pain, among others.

Opponents of [medical marijuana](#) argue that the drug is too dangerous, that it is addictive, harms the lungs and the immune system, and lacks approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). [Arguments for and against](#) the use of medical marijuana are ever ongoing.

Despite some opposition to its use, more and more states are gradually legalizing medical marijuana as scientific research validates its usefulness and safety in treating health problems. As an alternative to smoking the drug, medical marijuana available in soft drinks seems to be a viable alternative when dispensed properly.

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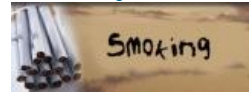
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