

Medical Marijuana

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www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lrb/pubs/tapthepower.htm

The medical use of marijuana is legal in 13 states and proposals have been introduced to make its use legal in Wisconsin. However, the federal government classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug meaning it has no medical value and is illegal for doctors to prescribe. This bibliography gathers some background information on the issue of legalizing the medical use of marijuana at the state level. Information against the legalization of marijuana is included to present some of the concerns opponents raise about the implications of making marijuana more accessible, but this bibliography does not intend to address the broader subject of decriminalization of marijuana use.

Access, Distribution, and Security Components of State Medical Marijuana Programs / Hawaii Legislature, Legislative Reference Bureau. 2009. (614.252/H31a) “This study examines medical marijuana distribution systems that are operating or are currently being developed in other states.”—foreword
<http://hawaii.gov/lrb/reports/2009.html>

“The Future of Medical Marijuana: Should the States Grow Their Own?” / Alex Kreit, University of Pennsylvania Law Review, 2003, v.151, no.5. (614.252/K87) This article looks at federal power under the Commerce Clause and a hypothetical, state-run medical marijuana distribution program.

“Good Cop, Bad Cop: Federal Prosecution of State-Legalized Medical Marijuana Use After United States v. Lopez” / Alistair E. Newbern, California Law Review, October 2000, v.88, no.5. (614.252/N42) This was the first Supreme Court case in decades to limit Congress’s power under the Commerce Clause. This article explores the effect of the decision on state initiatives regarding medical marijuana and the federal government’s power to regulate drug use.

A Guide to the Drug Legalization Movement and How You Can Stop It / National Families in Action. 1997. (614.252/N212) Includes medical marijuana but does not separate it from the broader issue of decriminalizing marijuana use.

Guidelines for the Security and Non-diversion of Marijuana Grown for Medical Use / California Office of the Attorney General. 2008. (614.252/C1h) These guidelines were issued to ensure medical marijuana remains secure, help law enforcement perform their duties, and help patients and caregivers understand the process. http://ag.ca.gov/cms_attachments/press/pdfs/n1601_medicalmarijuanaguidelines.pdf

In Search of a Viable Distribution System for Hawaii’s Medical Marijuana Program / Hawaii Legislature, Legislative Reference Bureau. 2004. (614.252/H31) “This study searches for a viable system within which medical marijuana may be realistically distributed to qualified patients that both complies with state law and satisfies federal restrictions.”—foreword
www.hawaii.gov/lrb/rpts04/medmari.pdf

“Legalizing Marijuana: Should Pot be Treated Like Alcohol and Taxed?” / Congressional Quarterly, Inc., CQ Researcher, June 12, 2009, v.19, no.22. (614.252/C762m)

Marihuana: A Signal of Misunderstanding / National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse. 1972. Commissioned by President Richard M. Nixon, March, 1972. The Commission recommended decriminalization of simple possession but the recommendation was never implemented. Posted online by the Schaffer Library of Drug Policy. www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/library/studies/nc/ncmenu.htm

Marijuana: Early Experiences With Four States’ Laws That Allow Use for Medical Purposes / U.S. General Accounting Office. 2002. (614.252/X61) Compares Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii, and California. www.gao.gov/new.items/d03189.pdf

“Marijuana Laws: Should State and Federal Marijuana Laws be Reformed?” / Congressional Quarterly, Inc., CQ Researcher, Feb. 11, 2005, v.15, no.6. (614.252/C762h) Published before the Supreme Court’s decision in *United States v. Lopez*.

Medical Marijuana: Review and Analysis of Federal and State Policies / U.S. Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service. 2009. (614.252/X70) The issue before Congress is whether to relax federal marijuana prohibitions or not, including moving marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act.



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“Medical Marijuana: Should Doctors Be Able to Prescribe the Drug?” / Congressional Quarterly, Inc., *CQ Researcher*, August 20, 1999, v.9, no.31. (614.252/C762e) Looks at three issues: Is it safe? Does it send the wrong message to young people? Would it lead to full-scale legalization of all drugs?

Medical Uses of Marijuana: Opinions of U.S. Residents 45+ / AARP. 2004. (614.252/Am31) This survey found that while 72% of all respondents agreed that adults should be able to use marijuana legally for medical reasons, only 23% agreed that all marijuana use should be legal.
www.csdp.org/research/aarp_medical_marijuana.pdf

Monitoring the Future: National Survey Results on Drug Use, 1975-2008. Volume I: Secondary School Students. Volume II: College Students and Adults Ages 19-50 / National Institute on Drug Abuse. 2009. A comprehensive survey of trends in drug use and attitudes toward drugs from marijuana to cocaine, tranquilizers, alcohol, steroids, tobacco, and more.
www.monitoringthefuture.org/new.html

Rules and Regulations Related to the Medical Marijuana Program / Rhode Island Department of Health. 2008. (614.252/R3) Registry photo ID cards required.
www2.sec.state.ri.us/dar/regdocs/released/pdf/DOH/5030.pdf

State Medical Marijuana Laws: Understanding the Laws and Their Limitations / ImpactTeen. 2001. (614.252/Im7) This paper identifies four different ways states statutorily allow the medical use of marijuana, but only one is consistent with federal law.
www.impactteen.org/ab_medicalmarijuana102001.htm

Related Web Sites

Drug Free America Foundation, Inc:
www.dfaf.org/questions-answers/marijuana
“Marijuana – Questions and Answers”

Glaucoma Research Foundation:
www.glaucoma.org/treating/medical_marijua.php
“Medical Marijuana”

International Association for Cannabis as Medicine:
www.cannabis-med.org/index.php?tpl=faqlist&id=53&lng=en FAQ page

Marijuana Policy Project (MPP):
www.mpp.org/library/medical-marijuana-library.html
“Medical Marijuana”

MedicalMJ.org: www.medicalmj.org “Site for Medical Marijuana News and Information”

National Cancer Institute:
www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Support/marijuana
“Fact Sheet: Marijuana Use in Supportive Care for Cancer Patients”

National Fibromyalgia Association:
www.fmaware.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=8431
“The Cannabis Question: Is Medical Marijuana the Answer for FM?”

National Institute on Drug Abuse:
www.nida.nih.gov/tib/marijuana.html “Topics in Brief: Marijuana”

NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws): <http://norml.org> “Working to Reform Marijuana Laws”

ProCon.org: <http://medicalmarijuana.procon.org> “Should marijuana be a medical option?”

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration): <http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/multimedia/webcasts/w.aspx?ID=417> “Marijuana: Reading the Smoke Signals.” A 60-minute Webcast from 9/15/2005.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration:
www.justice.gov/dea/ongoing/calimarijuanap.html “California Medical Marijuana Information”

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration:
www.justice.gov/dea/marijuana_position.html “The DEA Position on Marijuana”

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration:
www.justice.gov/dea/ongoing/marinol.html
“Marinol – the Legal Medical Use for the Marijuana Plant”

U.S. Marijuana Laws.com: www.usmarijuanalaws.com “For up-to-date marijuana, medical marijuana, and hemp laws.” Sponsored by NORML.

University of Michigan:
<http://guides.lib.umich.edu/content.php?pid=54896> Medical
“Marijuana Patients: What Social Workers need to know about cannabis and the new Medical Marijuana law passed in November, 2008.”

BadgerLink: www.badgerlink.net

There are too many articles from journals and newspapers to include here. A search via BadgerLink in the following EBSCO-Host databases will help locate full-text articles on the subject: Academic Search Primer, Newspaper Source Plus, and health databases such as Alt Health Watch, Consumer Health Complete, Health Source – Consumer Edition, and MEDLINE. Suggested search words: “*medical marijuana*,” “*medical pot*.” Suggested subject term: “*Marijuana – Therapeutic use*.”
