

Key Elements for Marijuana Legalization Scorecard

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KEY ELEMENT	NECESSARY AUTHORITIES, RESOURCES, REQUIREMENTS	GRADE/SCORE (A-F) / 0 (ABSENT) – 5 (SUFFICIENT)*					
Traffic Safety							
Funding	• Provide law enforcement with sufficient resources to address additional impaired drivers.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Staffing	• Address law enforcement staffing shortage.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Impairment	• Enable “fitness to drive” and physical impairment assessments.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Education	• Fund education campaigns, similar to alcohol, to raise awareness of risks and consequences.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Public Safety							
Regulation	• Establish law enforcement role in regulated industry (see Regulated Industry).	0	1	2	3	4	5
Criminal Networks	• Provide additional funding and authority to law enforcement agencies charged with combatting organized and interstate criminal activity (See staffing shortage).	0	1	2	3	4	5
Safety and Justice vs. Criminality	• Separate impairment and the associated safety risk from determining criminality. • Address social justice and decriminalization separately from commercialization.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Regulated Industry							
Regulation	• Authorize and fund significant inspection, enforcement and regulatory capacity.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Limitations	• Establish clear and reasonable age limitations on purchase, possession and use.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Packaging	• Establish packaging and labeling requirements to prevent consumer confusion and/or deliberate marketing to underage or unaware consumers.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Social & Community Impacts							
Support	• Fund expanded addiction, substance abuse and other programs.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Local Controls	• Expressly allow local ordinances prohibiting marijuana sales in a jurisdiction.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Education	• Add marijuana education to all existing drug awareness efforts in the K-12 system.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Workplace Safety							
Employer Rights	• Explicitly allow employers to set a zero-tolerance policy for safety sensitive positions. • Address potential employer liabilities tied to complying with state and federal policies.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Impairment	• Enable “fitness to work” assessment systems.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Support	• Extend community addiction, substance abuse and other support programs into the workplace and/or provide incentives for employers to do so.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Public Investment							
Public Spending	• Determine necessary public dollar investments needed to cover the key elements.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Implications	• Assess impact on black market of taxation/fee rate necessary to cover public costs.	0	1	2	3	4	5



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Scorecard Purposes

This scorecard has two major purposes.

The first purpose is to identify the key elements that must be addressed in any legislation that would legalize marijuana use. Minnesotans will not be safer if marijuana is legalized. There will be more impaired people on the roads, in the workplace and dealing with the impacts of drug use. The safety, social services, regulatory oversight and public safety measures listed here will only reduce the impacts of marijuana legalization on the safety of Minnesotans, not remove them.

The second purpose is to provide a way to evaluate legislative and other efforts to make marijuana use legal in Minnesota. Legalization efforts that do not sufficiently address the key elements would place every Minnesotan in harms way and should not be considered or adopted.

** Key Elements get a letter grade A to F*

Bullet components of key element get a 0 (absent) to 5(Sufficiently Addressed) numerical score which is the “basis” for the letter grade

Minnesotans Against Marijuana Legalization (MAML) is a coalition to limit the expansion of recreational marijuana in Minnesota. We believe recreational marijuana should not be expanded in Minnesota without considering the negative impacts that such a policy will have on our roads, workplaces, communities, and homes, and without providing the statutory, technical and financial resources needed to address the negative impacts.

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