

# Michigan

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Status of Medical Marijuana (Cannabis) in Michigan.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF MICHIGAN'S NEW MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW

**There are several keys to understanding the new Michigan Marijuana Law. Enacted by voters in a landslide election with a 63% margin on November 4th, Michigan now joins twelve other states that have decriminalized marijuana for medical purposes.** Prop 1 is now to be cited as the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act and for the first time in over 75-years, the 'criminal' element that has profited on this multi-billion dollar underground industry, along with the Pharmaceutical companies that also reap billions for creating synthetic pills that handle 'pain & suffering' are being opened to competition from providers and patients seeking treatment from the plant that George Washington and Thomas Jefferson harvested on a regular basis.

**Modeled after the state of Oregon's approach, the law states, "The medical use of marijuana is allowed under state law to the extent that it is carried out in accordance with the provisions of this act."** Specifically, what this translates into is that the law takes effect 10 days after the official declaration of the vote, which is scheduled for November 24th, so you can expect the law to take effect on December 4th.

▶ **MICHIGAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT LEAVES PATIENTS IN LIMBO | "A law that lets people in pain use marijuana has left those procuring the illegal drug in a legal haze. The Michigan Medical Marijuana Act forces qualified patients and caregivers to get medical marijuana and seeds from illegal black-market dealers, proponents say. The 13th state to do so, Michigan voters sided this month almost 2-1 in**

**favor of legalizing medical marijuana, allowing possession of up to 2.5 ounces and cultivation of 12 plants.** A "primary caregiver" -- any person more than 21 without a drug-related felony identified to assist patients procure the drug -- may service 5 clients and maintain up to 60 plants and 12.5 ounces, a street value near \$2,000. The problem: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, a federal agency that trumps state law, continues to identify marijuana as a "schedule I" narcotic, possession of which is punishable by up to 20 years in a federal penitentiary. The other kink in the law: "It doesn't lend any explanation of how to obtain or acquire marijuana -- joints or seeds -- legally," said James L. McCurtis, 34, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Community Health." Click > [here](#) < for more.

## The Law, LEGAL Resources

▶ **Cannabis Counsel - Criminal Defense for Marijuana Cases in Michigan | ... accused of medical, religious, or recreational cannabis use, possession, ... State Bar of Michigan.** About the Practice. Cannabis Constitutionality Motion ... Matthew Abel has over twenty years experience practicing law in Michigan, and has become known specifically for defense of criminal charges in marijuana cases. Visit - [www.cannabiscounsel.com](http://www.cannabiscounsel.com)

Also, here are some national / international Resources -

▶ **The Laws concerning marijuana in Michigan.** By NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Visit: [norml.org/index.cfm?wtm\\_view=&Group\\_ID=4544](http://norml.org/index.cfm?wtm_view=&Group_ID=4544) for more.

▶ **Medicinal Marijuana - State-by-State American Laws | U.S. State Laws on Medical Marijuana Source: CNN Interactive ....** Highlights: A licensed pharmacist may dispense cannabis type drugs to a person receiving ... click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **U.S. Marijuana Laws, Medical Marijuana Facts, Cannabis, Hemp | Provides U.S. Marijuana Laws,** Facts About Marijuana, Marijuana Drug Testing, Drug Detection Times, Medical Marijuana, and Information About Your Rights ... North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon... visit - [www.usmarijuanalaws.com](http://www.usmarijuanalaws.com)

▶ **Erowid Cannabis Vault : Legal Status, U.S. LAW | Both Cannabis and Tetrahydrocannabinols, the active chemicals contained in Cannabis plants, are Schedule I in the United States.** This means they are federally illegal to cultivate, buy, possess, or distribute (sell, trade or give) in all forms (cannabis plants, extracts, hash, hash oil, thc, etc) except synthetic THC (Marinol) which is Schedule III. The federal scheduling of Cannabis was disputed in 1988 by Judge Francis Young, an administrative law judge for the DEA, who recommended that marijuana be reclassified as schedule II on the grounds that if a respectable minority of doctors endorse it, then it has a

"currently accepted medical use". Visit:  
[http://www.erowid.org/plants/cannabis/cannabis\\_law.shtml](http://www.erowid.org/plants/cannabis/cannabis_law.shtml)

▶ **Legal and medical status of cannabis - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia | Cannabis is in Schedule IV of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, making it subject to special restrictions.** Article 2 provides for the following, in reference to Schedule IV drugs:

*A Party shall, if in its opinion the prevailing conditions in its country render it the most appropriate means of protecting the public health and welfare, prohibit the production, manufacture, export and import of, trade in, possession or use of any such drug except for amounts which may be necessary for medical and scientific research only, including clinical trials therewith to be conducted under or subject to the direct supervision and control of the Party.*

**This provision, while apparently providing for the limitation of cannabis to research purposes only, also seems to allow some latitude for nations to make their own judgments.** The official Commentary on the Single Convention indicates that Parties are expected to make that judgment in good faith. Click > [here](#) < for more.

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## LEGISLATION, Action Items and related Resources

▶ **NORML / A Page Just For You / Medical Marijuana Patients | This section is to help you locate the information you need to become fully informed regarding medical marijuana -- as well as play an important role in changing America's misguided marijuana laws.** Select One, All States and Canada, Mexico, Europe, Other ... visit: [http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group\\_ID=4482](http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=4482)

▶ **DrugInfo - Medical Cannabis: USA > In Search of a Viable Distribution System for Oklahoma's Medical Marijuana Program** ... Medicinal Cannabis: USA Federal: Legislation, Court Decisions and Commentaries States: Legislation and Programs. Click [here](#) for more.

▶ **Others? Will be listed here.** As we get the info. You can also check the [Events](#) and [News](#) sections to see if there are any Items posted there. **Know about one yourself?** Post it on the [Bulletin Board](#), below.

## local Organizations, CONTACTs and other Resources

▶ **MINORML** is the Michigan chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws and a registered non-profit organization. We have been working to reform Michigan's marijuana laws since 2001. We have ten chapters and over 300 members throughout the State. Another Successful Hash Bash; MI NORML Summer Quarter State Meeting, Saturday, June 28th, at 1:30pm in Benzonia; Fall Quarter State Meeting, Saturday, October 18th, at 1:30pm in Ann Arbor, and more. Contact: PO Box 640, Eastpointe, MI 48021-0640 \* Phone: (586)-873-5084 \* or visit - [www.minorml.org](http://www.minorml.org) for more information.

## National and International ORGz Section

▶ **ASA : MICHIGAN | Medical cannabis (medical marijuana) resources in Michigan** ... Find info here on the therapeutic uses of and research on medical cannabis. ... visit - <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=261>

▶ **NORML Home / Medical Use by State.** All States and Canada Mexico Europe Other ... See Map: [www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group\\_ID=3376](http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3376) for more.

▶ **Patients Out of Time** is a patient advocacy organization with a universal constituency. They support the rights of patients to have a legal and safe access to the therapeutic use of cannabis. The mission of their organization, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, is the education of health care professionals and the public about the therapeutic use of cannabis. Their leadership is composed of medical and nursing professionals with expertise in the clinical applications of cannabis and five of the seven patients (two wish to remain anonymous) who receive their medical cannabis from the US government. Patients Out of Time is the only national non-profit in the United States that focuses only on therapeutic cannabis issues. Visit - [www.medicalcannabis.com](http://www.medicalcannabis.com)

▶ **Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). Join the Marijuana Policy Project!** State officials confirm Supreme Court decision does not impact state medical marijuana laws. Medical Marijuana Briefing Paper - 2005. Until 1937, marijuana (Cannabis sativa L.) was legal in the

United States ... Hawaii enacted a medical marijuana law via its state legislature in 2000 and ...  
Visit: [www.mpp.org/medicine.html](http://www.mpp.org/medicine.html)

▶ **DrugSense: Drug Law Reform** ... of Justice Statistics, State Court Organization, 1998 (Washington, DC ... Cannabis in Medical Practice: A Legal, Historical and Pharmacological...  
Visit: [www.drugsense.org](http://www.drugsense.org)

▶ **OCBC's Links Page. Organizations Supporting Medical-cannabis Reform.**  
Americans for Safe Access(ASA) coordinates "...a nation-wide day of action to push back DEA attempts to re-criminalize medical cannabis! ... Washington Citizens for Medical Rights, sponsored a successful medical cannabis ballot measure in November 1998. "As a result, this Initiative is now State ... Visit: [www.rxcbc.org/links.html](http://www.rxcbc.org/links.html)

▶ **Excellent medical info on cannabis, Washington State's I-692 Medical Marijuana Law** ... Greencross. Washington State based buyer's cooperative based in Seattle. Trailblazer in state ... Visit: [www.seattlehempfest.com/links.php](http://www.seattlehempfest.com/links.php) < for more.

▶ **Marijuana links. Popular Searches: Medical Marijuana Links. Marijuana Research Links.** ... about marijuana, The Washington State Medical Marijuana Act CHAPTER 69.51A RCW This is ... an activist for medical marijuana. Chronic Cannabis Use A report on ... Click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **Open Directory - Society: Issues: Health: Drugs: Illegal: Pro-Legalization: Marijuana: Medical Purposes** ... to providing medical cannabis to those in need. Initiative 692 - Medical Marijuana - WCMR of Washington State ... use of medical cannabis in the state of Colorado. Medical Marijuana ... click > [here](#) < for more.

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## FORUMs Section

▶ **medical marijuana in michigan - CANNABIS.COM Message Boards** | ... anyone know of a doctor in michigan who supplies medical marijuana???. Click > [here](#) < for more.

Also, here are some national / international Forums -

▶ **Ganja Grocer | We are your Medical Marijuana Resource Center. Learn How to Become a Legal Medical Marijuana Patient.** If you live in a state with Medical Marijuana Laws, Come visit our forums today! Visit - [www.ganjagrocer.com](http://www.ganjagrocer.com) < for more.

▶ **CANNABIS.COM** - is based in california and focused on providing the best possible resources for future and current medical marijuana patients, activists, and

**supporters.** MessageBoard Forum. Cannabis FAQs. Image & Picture Gallery. Medical Marijuana. Vaporizer FAQ. Advertising Information ... Visit: [www.cannabis.com](http://www.cannabis.com)

▶ **Cannabis Community Coalition. Forum for Medical Marijuana & Medicinal Cannabis Patients.** ... visit: [cannabiscom.blogspot.com](http://cannabiscom.blogspot.com) < for more.

▶ **The Compassionate Coalition's mission: To defend the rights of medical marijuana patients and care providers through education and community participation. A nonprofit grassroots organization that helps build and support local chapters nationwide, linking them with other medical marijuana reform organizations and resources.** Contact Information - Mailing Address: The Compassionate Coalition \* 1500 Oliver Road, Ste-K \* P.M.B. #248 \* Fairfield, CA 94533-3473 \* (NOTE: When sending mail to this address, please be sure to write "The Compassionate Coalition" in the address line. Thanks!) \* Fax: (916)266-7455 \* or Visit: [www.compassionatecoalition.org/forum](http://www.compassionatecoalition.org/forum)

▶ **The Amsterdam THC Ministry, First Universal Church of Kantheism, is based on ancient wisdom, modern science and the enlightening and healing properties of the cannabis sacrament.** Their mission includes liberating the sacred cannabis hemp plant and the minds and spirits of those who do and of those who do not revere it. May we all enjoy the rich, abundant, joyful and awakened life that is part of our natural inheritance. Visit: [www.thc-ministry.net/forum](http://www.thc-ministry.net/forum)

▶ **Ya-Hooka; Health\_and\_Medicinal/Buyers\_Clubs Organizations and Compassion Clubs providing access to medical marijuana** ... Co-op ~ The Alternative Relief Co-op is a patient-oriented medical cannabis dispensary located in San Francisco ... It Report Broken Link. Arizona Medical Marijuana Co-Op ~ Click [here](#) for more.

▶ **Welcome to the Cannabis Classifieds Want Ads. To buy cannabis for medical purposes is legal in some areas.** Here you will find hundreds of medical doctors, professional growers, and prescription patients in need who want to buy cannabis legally but can't find each other. Visit: [www.cannabisclassifieds.com/cannabiswant.html](http://www.cannabisclassifieds.com/cannabiswant.html)

## EVENTs, Calendars and related Resources

▶ **ASA: Events | 3rd Annual Candlelight Vigil for Medical Cannabis Patients**  
Saturday, April 22nd 2006 8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania PhillyNORML will host it's  
3rd annual ... visit - [www.safeaccessnow.org/calendar.php?calid=315](http://www.safeaccessnow.org/calendar.php?calid=315)

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## BIZ, and related Commercial Resources

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## **NEWS and related Resources**

▶ **IMPLEMENTATION OF MICHIGAN'S NEW MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW, continued** | The Department of Community Health has 120 days from the effective date of the new law to establish rules and commence issuing Registry ID Cards on **April 2, 2009**. They must also promulgate rules that govern the manner in which it shall consider applications for renewals of ID cards and Caregiver applications, and may establish application fees that generate sufficient revenues to offset expenses of administering and implementing the act.

Additionally, they must submit an annual report to the Legislature that does not disclose specific information about applicants and caregivers, but contains information on the number of applications, the number approved in each county, the nature of the debilitating medical conditions, and the number of cards revoked.

### **The Registry ID Card & Primary Caregivers**

The Act gives the Michigan Dept. of Health the duty to issue Registry ID cards, which will take a maximum of 20 days to get. Registry information is strictly confidential, and cannot be used as probable cause to target you or your Primary Care Giver. If the Department gives out your identifying information inappropriately, it is a crime. If the Registry ID Card is not issued within 20 days after proper application, the qualifying patient may "self-issue" by executing a notarized statement, available online at the Free Form Bank (see link below). This is called an Affidavit in lieu of a Registry ID card.

To obtain a Registry ID card the patient must get a written certification from a doctor stating the patient's debilitating medical condition and also stating that, in the physician's professional opinion, the patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the medical use of marijuana to treat or alleviate the patient's debilitating medical condition. According to the new law, Doctors are the unquestioned gatekeepers to access. No court can second-guess their professional judgment. The law provides that the physician (MD or Osteopath) is immunized against legal or professional sanctions.

The key benefit of participation in the Formal Registry is that a registered Qualifying Patient and a designated Primary Caregiver, who have in their possession Registry ID Cards, enjoy presumptions of legitimacy. This creates a prophylactic immunity from arrest. A designated Primary Caregiver must be at least 21 years of age with no prior felony convictions involving illegal drugs. The Caregiver is allowed to cultivate 12 plants (kept in a locked facility) and possess 2.5 ounces of marijuana, for each of up to 5 patients.

The law specifically bars arrest, prosecution, criminal or civil penalty, disciplinary action, and bars seizure or forfeiture of medical use marijuana. Any incidental

**amount of seeds, stalks, and unusable roots shall also be allowed under state law and shall not be included in this amount.** A registered Primary Caregiver may receive compensation for costs associated with assisting a registered qualifying patient in the medical use of marijuana. Any such compensation shall not constitute the sale of controlled substances.

**A registered "Qualifying Patient" may possess 2.5 oz. of marijuana for medical use, and can cultivate 12 plants (kept in a locked facility) unless a "primary caregiver" has been designated. The law specifically bars arrest, prosecution, criminal or civil penalty, disciplinary action, and bars seizure or forfeiture of medical use marijuana.** "Enclosed, locked facility" means a closet, room, or other enclosed area equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by a registered primary caregiver or registered qualifying patient.

**Bystanders merely in the presence or vicinity of the medical use of marijuana in accordance with the Act, or assisting a registered qualifying patient with using or administering marijuana, and suppliers of paraphernalia are legally protected under state law too.**

### **Medical Purpose Affirmative Defense**

**Perhaps most significant of Michigan's new law is that it creates a stand alone Medical Purpose Affirmative Defense, which is only employed by one other state allowing Medical Marijuana - the state of Oregon, from which the proposal was modeled.** It protects patients and primary caregivers, even if they do not have Registry ID Cards. Defendants with charges pending on December 4, 2008 may use this defense. This defense is very liberal, easy to prove, and fully explained in "The Essentials of the Affirmative Defense", which is available, along with a model Motion to Dismiss and Affidavit in Support at the Free Form Bank.

**This umbrella Affirmative Defense is the key to the Act. Using this defense, the specific limits give way to a reasonableness standard; not more than is reasonably necessary to ensure the uninterrupted availability of marijuana for the purpose of treating or alleviating the patient's serious or debilitating medical condition or symptoms of the patient's serious or debilitating medical condition.** All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this new law do not apply to the medical use of marijuana as provided by this new act.

**This protects drivers, not under the influence, from Michigan's OWI law, which makes it a crime for drivers to have any amount of a controlled substance in their body, even if it has been weeks or months since they used marijuana.** Moreover, Parental Rights are protected. A person cannot be denied custody or visitation of a minor acting in accordance with this act, unless the person's behavior is such that it creates an unreasonable danger to the minor that can be clearly articulated and substantiated.

### **Conditions Covered**



**Disqualifying Factors that preclude protections under the act include: smoking marijuana in any public place or on any form of public transportation, use by a person who has no serious or debilitating medical conditions, any conduct while being under the influence would constitute negligence or professional malpractice per se, operating, navigating or being in actual physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft, or boat while under the influence of marijuana, or use in a school bus or on school grounds or in any correctional facility.** Under the Act, Doctors are able to certify patients for an expansive list of specified debilitating medical conditions, plus any other 'chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition, or its treatment that produces symptoms or side effects like appetite loss, severe and chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures, or severe and persistent spasms.

**Some of the Debilitating Medical Conditions specified in the Statute include: cancer, glaucoma, Positive HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis C, Lou Gehrig's Disease, Crohn's Disease, Agitation of Alzheimer's disease, epileptic seizures, or Multiple Sclerosis.** Because this law was adopted as a ballot initiative instead of as an act by the State Legislature, it can only be changed by a 3/4 vote of both the State Senate and House of Representatives.

**While Federal Laws conflicting with State laws may be enforceable, the costly resources expended by the Federal government to challenge and prosecute individuals in other states that also have medical marijuana laws has averaged around one percent.** For more information. Registry & Provider Form Cards, and to complete a survey on the new Medical Marijuana Law, go to - [www.qualifypatient.com](http://www.qualifypatient.com)

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Bookmark: <http://www.mapinc.org/topic/Michigan+Medical+Marijuana+Act>  
Bookmark: <http://www.mapinc.org/mmj.htm> (Marijuana - Medicinal)

▶ **Referendum: Should some people be allowed to grow or use marijuana? | In the coming weeks, On Deadline plans to present some of the referenda that voters will see when they go to the polls on Election Day.** Today's ballot measure comes to us from Michigan, where voters are being asked to vote on a proposal that would "permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions." Visit: <http://blogs.usatoday.com/ondeadline/2008/10/referendum-sh-1.html> (Marijuana - Medicinal)

▶ **Voters make Michigan the 13th medical marijuana state! - Last update: November 4, 2008 | On November 4, 2008, 63% of Michigan voters (with 99% reporting) made their state the first in the Midwest to enact a modern medical marijuana law. The initiative, Proposal 1, will go into effect by December 4, and the Department of Community Health will have an additional 120 days to issue regulations for a medical**

**marijuana registry.** Michigan's new law allows patients with debilitating medical conditions to register to use marijuana according to their doctors' recommendations. Patients will be allowed to possess up to 2 1/2 ounces of usable marijuana without facing arrest. They will also be allowed to grow up to 12 plants in an indoor, locked facility, or to designate a caregiver to cultivate their medicine for them. Visit - <http://www.mpp.org/states/michigan/>

▶ **Michigan: Democrats Back Medical Marijuana Resolution - NORML (NEWS {March 8, 2007}, Org) Michigan: Democrats Back Medical Marijuana Resolution.** Detroit, MI, USA: "Support for medical marijuana is [now] an official part of the Michigan Democratic Party platform." Patients who use cannabis medicinally under a doctor's supervision should not be subject to criminal penalties, according to a resolution unanimously adopted by delegates of Michigan's Democratic Party at the organization's 2007 state convention in Detroit. Approximately 1,500 delegates backed the resolution, which was introduced by Benzie-County NORML and Michigan NORML. Visit: [http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group\\_ID=7202](http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=7202)

▶ **Rainbow Farm – Memorial | Supporting industrial hemp and cannabis legalization in Michigan.** ... supported the medical, spiritual, and responsible recreational uses of Marijuana for a more sane and compassionate America. Visit - <http://www.rainbowfarmcamp.com/>

▶ **MedicalMJ.org - Medical Marijuana Facts and News Updates (NEWS, Org/s {Coalition for Medical Cannabis} )** The city of Flint, MI, voted to allow patients in need to have access to medical marijuana. The Saginaw News reported on March 4, 2007 ("Flint Pot Vote Raises Awareness") that "By a 1,777-1,101 vote, Flint became the fifth Michigan city to approve legally puffing pot for health reasons. Use remains illegal under state and federal law. Officials reminded Flint residents not to start loading up their hookah pipes -- or face the consequences. Other Michigan cities that have approved medical pot-use measures are Ann Arbor, Detroit, Ferndale and Traverse City. Lansing is the next target, says NORML, a pro-marijuana outfit, and the goal is to get a medical dope initiative on the statewide ballot. Visit: <http://www.medicalmj.org/flintvote.htm>

▶ **Flint, Michigan Voters Cast 62% in Favor of Legal Med-Pot, by Associated Press (28 Feb, 2007) | Flint joins 4 other Michigan municipalities to endorse legal medical cannabis. Hundreds of towns, cities, districts and 11 states have done similarly in across the USA.** FLINT, Michigan - Voters in the city gave approval to a measure legalizing the use of medical marijuana. The proposal to allow the possession and use of marijuana with a doctor's approval passed Tuesday with nearly 62 percent of the vote, or 1,777 to 1,101, in unofficial results, WJRT-TV reported. Visit - <http://www.cannabisculture.com/articles/4906.html>

▶ **Michigan Medical Marijuana Petition OK'd. (NEWS {June 8, 2007}, Org)** The Michigan state election board has cleared the way for a medical-marijuana group to start collecting signatures for a possible ballot initiative, the Associated Press reported June 7. The panel approved the petition form submitted by the Michigan

Coalition for Compassionate Care, which now must collect 304,101 valid voter signatures within six months in order to send a medical-marijuana measure to state lawmakers. Legislators then have the choice of adopting the proposal or allowing it to go before voters in November 2008. visit: Click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **Feature: Medical Marijuana Gets a Hearing in Michigan (NEWS {Issue #463, 12/1/06}, Org {from Drug War Chronicle})** The medical marijuana issue came to the Michigan statehouse for the first time ever this week. In Lansing on Tuesday, the state House Government Operations Committee held a hearing where medical marijuana patients, advocates, and supporters were given the floor -- and they came from across the state and the country to do just that. The hearing was tied to 5740, a bill that would allow people with 'debilitating medical conditions' to use marijuana without fear of arrest, which was introduced by Rep. LaMar Lemmons III and now has eight cosponsors. But with the legislative session just two weeks away from ending, the hearing will lead to no action this year. Visit: Click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **ASA: Michigan tackles medical, recreational marijuana | Michigan tackles medical, recreational marijuana, by Associated Press, WOOD TV8 (MI) November 28th, 2006.** Charles Snyder III says his rare disorder, nail patella syndrome, sometimes leaves him in so much pain he'd nearly be bedridden without pain medication -- such as marijuana. Snyder supports a bill discussed Tuesday in the state House that would make it legal for patients with "debilitating medical conditions" who grow or use marijuana for treatment purposes. Eleven states and several cities -- including Detroit and Ann Arbor -- have adopted similar measures in the past decade, usually through ballot proposals approved by voters. Visit - <http://safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=3886>

▶ **UK Indymedia - Don't DIS- my Ability-Medical Cannabis | A network of individuals, independent and alternative media activists and organisations, offering grassroots, non-corporate, non-commercial coverage of important social and political issues.** Part One of Medical Cannabis Campaign. Exposing Drug apartheid discrimination (social segregation defined by differential and/or preferential treatment) when it comes to personal choice and the individual human rights thereof... See Part Two of the Medical ... visit - <http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2006/12/357985.html>

▶ **NORML News Feed.** Visit - [http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group\\_ID=5858](http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=5858)

▶ **MarijuanaNews.Com, Freedom has nothing to fear from the truth ... Medical Marijuana Co-operative Writes About Value Of Cannabis For MS Patients.** Photo-ID Cards For Washington State Medical ... Visit: [www.marijuananeews.com/medical\\_cannabis.htm](http://www.marijuananeews.com/medical_cannabis.htm)

▶ **(Medical) Marijuana Info - Information.** Candidates running for the House of Representatives to the question: "Should smoked marijuana be a medical option now?" ... 10/28/02. Oklahoma House Race - District 1 ... Visit: [www.marijuanainfo.net/house3.htm](http://www.marijuanainfo.net/house3.htm)

▶ **The American Alliance For Medical Cannabis (AAMC) | Dedicated to bringing patients, caregivers and volunteers the facts they need to make informed decisions about whether Cannabis is the right medicine for them, the laws surrounding Medicinal Marijuana in your area, political activism and even handy recipes and guides to growing your own nontoxic medicine.** visit: <http://www.letfreedomgrow.com/news-t21.htm>

▶ **Cannabis Times. Alternative News Service for Cannabis and Hemp ... Montana Woman on Hunger Strike for Medical Cannabis.** Visit Robin's Site \* E-Mail the ... The science of medical cannabis continued its climb in estimation of medical professionals and ... visit: [www.cannabistimes.com](http://www.cannabistimes.com)

▶ **Common Sense for Drug Policy: Medical Marijuana Facts & News. Tuesday, July 12, 2005. Search using CSDP's own search tool or use. WWW Common Sense. More CSDP News Pages ...** card program for medical marijuana patients. The suspension has ... consequences of issuing medical marijuana ID cards that could affect medical marijuana users, their families ... [www.csdp.org/news/news/medmar.htm](http://www.csdp.org/news/news/medmar.htm)

▶ **cannabisnews.com, by DrugSense | a News feed page.** Visit: [cannabisnews.com](http://cannabisnews.com)

▶ **Stop the Drug War (DRCNet) is an international organization working for an end to drug prohibition worldwide and for interim policy reform in US drug laws and criminal justice system.** visit - [stopthedrugwar.org/news](http://stopthedrugwar.org/news)

## some HISTORY

▶ **NORML News Archive.** Visit - [http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group\\_ID=3442](http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3442)

▶ **Dr Tod | California doctor braves political pressure to prescribe marijuana for those in need. ...** German mother in a small Pennsylvania town during the Depression and ... California Cannabis Resear... Click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **Pharmaceutical Museum Cannabis medical manufacturer | [Made post-1937 medical Cannabis products].** Burrough Brothers Mfg Co. - 123 Market Place, Baltimore, ... Korn Pop Remedy Co. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. ... visit - [www.conquestdesign.com/uncler/MfgIndex.htm](http://www.conquestdesign.com/uncler/MfgIndex.htm)

▶ **Cannabis Quack Medicines | ... contained it as an ingredient, Medical Cannabis was as common as aspirin is ...** the Hazeltine Corp., of Warren Pennsylvania, was founded in 1869, and soon ... visit - [antiquecannabisbook.com/chap15/Quack.htm](http://antiquecannabisbook.com/chap15/Quack.htm)

▶ **Medical Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Re-legalization |... Youth," was, in fact, Cannabis Hemp, the most traded commodity in the world ...** visit - [www.afgen.com/hemp2.html](http://www.afgen.com/hemp2.html)

## Cannabis as Medicine

▶ **MedicalMJ.org - Medical Marijuana News and Facts (INF, Org/s) Michigan Medical Marijuana Initiative Petition Approved For Circulation .. ...** Get the facts about medical cannabis from Drug War Facts. ... visit: <http://www.medicalmj.org/>

▶ **MAPS: Medical Marijuana Research | ... as both a federally-licensed medical cannabis user and cultivator should prove ...** Stanley Watson of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, who co-authored a 1999 ... visit - <http://www.maps.org/mmj/>

▶ **REVIEW OF HUMAN STUDIES ON MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA** by Dale H. Gieringer, Ph.D. (INF {Article, August 1996}, Org {California NORML, 2215-R Market St. #278, San Francisco CA 94114 \* (415) 563-5858 / [canorml@igc.apc.org](mailto:canorml@igc.apc.org) } )  
**SUMMARY: HUMAN STUDIES ON MEDICAL USES OF MARIJUANA.** There have been hundreds of studies on the medical uses of cannabis since its introduction to western medicine in the early nineteenth century. A review of the literature reveals over 65 human studies, most of them in the 1970's and early 80's. \* The best established medical use of smoked marijuana is as an anti-nauseant for cancer chemotherapy. Marijuana's efficacy was demonstrated in studies by half a dozen states, involving hundreds of subjects. Most research has found smoked marijuana superior to oral THC (Marinol). Many oncologists are currently recommending marijuana to their patients. Visit: <http://www.marijuana.org/DalesReport.html>

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▶ **LESSON PLAN:MEDICAL MARIJUANA - LEGITIMATE USE OR LEGALIZED ABUSE?** By Lisa Prosocki, a former middle school and high school social studies, English, reading and technology teacher. **Estimated Time: Approximately 45 minutes/1 class period** Lesson Objectives: (1) Students will use cooperative learning activities to discuss opinions about medical marijuana use and see both sides of the issue, (2) Students will use decision making skills and strategies to render their own decision about the U.S. Supreme Court case related to medical marijuana use. Click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **Medical Marijuana Pro/Con \* Pros & cons on medical marijuana. Science, risks, policies, & laws. Should marijuana be a medical option? This site presents in a simple, nonpartisan pro-con format, responses to the core question "Should**

**marijuana be a medical option?"** Divided questions about the topic into the issues and sub-issues listed below. All individuals and organizations quoted on our site are ranked based upon our unique credibility scale. [Note: Although physicians and attorneys are listed on this site, they do not recommend or refer either.] visit: [www.medicalmarijuanaProCon.org](http://www.medicalmarijuanaProCon.org)

▶ **Medical Cannabis (marijuana) News, Information, Organizations, Links.** Resources and more. visit - <http://www.medicalmj.org/>

▶ **Factbook: Medical Marijuana**

**1. Since 1996, twelve states have legalized medical marijuana use: AK, CA, CO, HI, ME, MT, NV, NM, OR, RI, VT, and WA. Eight of the twelve did so through the initiative process.** Hawaii's law was enacted by the legislature and signed by the governor in 2000, Vermont's was enacted by the legislature and passed into law without the governor's signature in May 2004, Rhode Island's was passed into law over the governor's veto in January 2006, and New Mexico's legislation was signed into law by Governor Bill Richardson on April 2, 2007.

**2. The Institute of Medicine's 1999 report on medical marijuana stated, "The accumulated data indicate a potential therapeutic value for cannabinoid drugs, particularly for symptoms such as pain relief, control of nausea and vomiting, and appetite stimulation."** And more. Visit - [www.drugwarfacts.org/medicalm.htm](http://www.drugwarfacts.org/medicalm.htm)

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▶ **Medical Marijuana Handbook | This a draft by Todd. H. Mikuriya MD, a long-time advocate of medical cannabis, respected author and one of the medical staff at the San Francisco Buyers Club. Its patchy, and uncomplete, and acts only as a framework for Dr Todd to store snippets of info on various aspects of medical cannabis. Marijuana as Medicine - A Plea for Reconsideration, is a commentary article written by Lester Grinspoon and James Bakalar, which appeared in the June 21st 1995 edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association.** Medical cannabis web resources. Medical Marijuana Handbook This a draft by Todd. H. Mikuriya MD, a long-time advocate of medical cannabis, respected author and one of the medical staff at ... visit: <http://www.ukcia.org/medical/webresources.html>

▶ **Medical Marijuana Info Online Resource for Medical Marijuana Information.** Partners. Events. Legalization. Doctors. Federal Law(s) Lawyers. Medical/Medicinal. AIDS/HIV. History. Magazines ... Ohio Marijuana Party. Montana. Montana NORML ... Visit: [www.medicalmarijuanainfo.com](http://www.medicalmarijuanainfo.com)

▶ **Medical Marijuana - Master Reference | Note: This page was prepared for the November, 1996 election.** Some of the external links may be out of date. ... Cannabis Research Library - A collection ... visit - [www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/medical\\_mj.htm](http://www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/medical_mj.htm)

▶ **Cannabis Yields and Dosage | the authoritative study of the science and legalities of calculating medical marijuana.** The booklet is available as a PDF by ... visit - [www.safeaccessnow.net/yieldsdosage.htm](http://www.safeaccessnow.net/yieldsdosage.htm)

▶ **Medical Marijuana ... to Washington's New Medical Marijuana Law" was adopted to ... The Washington State Medical Marijuana Act CHAPTER 69.51A ... list of professional medical associations. Marijuana as medicine ... Visit:** <http://www.hartbrothers.com/medimari.html>

▶ **MarijuanaNews.Com, Freedom has nothing to fear from the truth ... Court Decision On Medical Cannabis Expected This Week ... Medical Marijuana Co-operative Writes About Value Of Cannabis For MS Patients. Photo-ID Cards For Washington State Medical ... Visit:** [www.marijuananeews.com/medical\\_cannabis.htm](http://www.marijuananeews.com/medical_cannabis.htm)

▶ **CCRMG - California Cannabis Research Medical Group - WWW.CCRMG.ORG | Autumn 2004. O'Shaughnessy's. Journal of the California Cannabis Research Medical Group ... medical effects of cannabis. It is unl... visit -** [www.ccrm.org/journal/04aut/mikuriya.html](http://www.ccrm.org/journal/04aut/mikuriya.html)

▶ **Medical cannabis - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.** A catalog page offering Cannabis sativa extract. Medical cannabis refers to the use of Cannabis as a physician recommended herbal th... visit: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical\\_marijuana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_marijuana)

▶ **Accepted Medical Use of Cannabis: Medical Professionals by DrugScience.org. | Cannabis's accepted medical use in the United States is increasingly recognized by health care professionals and the medical community. visit:** [www.drugscience.org/amu/amu\\_medprof.htm](http://www.drugscience.org/amu/amu_medprof.htm)

▶ **Proven : Cannabis is Safe Medicine by Ian Williams Goddard | In reaction to medical cannabis access referendums on the ballots in Arizona and California, former presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and George Bush signed a letter stating that they "categorically oppose" access to cannabis for its many proven therapeutic uses such as the prevention of blindness and epileptic seizures. Their chief concern was that legal medical access would send the message that cannabis is safe. The presidents can, however, lay their safety concerns to rest because the scientific literature overwhelmingly confirms that cannabis is both an effective and safe medicine. The Cannabis Safety Profile. The journal PHARMACOLOGICAL REVIEWS reports that decades of research prove that, "Compared with legal drugs...marijuana does not pose greater risks." Yet based upon mortality statistics, we can safely conclude that cannabis is one of the safest medical drugs known, for, while**

prescription drugs, defined as safe by the FDA, kill up to 27,000 and aspirin up to 1,000 Americans per year, cannabis kills 0 per year. Click [here](#) for more.

▶ **Medicinal Cannabis Cannabis Facts, Cannabis Law, Hemp, Peyote Info, Salvia Divinorum Info** ... therapeutic uses for medical cannabis has been entertained in ... 1990's, medical cannabis ballot initiatives have received a majority of votes in Arizona, Arizona, California, Colorado ... visit: <http://www.cannabis-growing.com/medicinal-cannabis.htm>.

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▶ **Marijuana Rx: The Patient's Fight for Medicinal Pot (Book)** by Robert Randall & Alice O'Leary \* This is a story of government betrayal -- a betrayal that continues today. But it is also a story of human courage and perseverance. Please take the time to read this book. Afterall, none of us are immune from the illnesses that marijuana can treat -- glaucoma, cancer, multiple sclerosis and more. Some day you might need medical access to marijuana. We pray that it will be as simple as a doctor's prescription. Full text articles, news summaries, supporting organizations and states, additional resources, and information on medical marijuana. Visit: [marijuana-as-medicine.org](http://marijuana-as-medicine.org)

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