

# 61%

of Delaware Voters want to tax and regulate cannabis like alcohol for adults 21 and older. Delaware lawmakers introduced House Bill 110 to replace the current dangerous, illicit cannabis market, with a safe, legal regulated market.

Legalization is inevitable everywhere in the near future; 8 states plus D.C. have legalized cannabis for adults 21+, and many other states have or are proposing similar measures in 2018.

## Delaware House Bill 110 will:

- ▶ Immediately save the State and Taxpayers millions annually in law enforcement and criminal justice costs by ending the unnecessary arrests and prosecutions of otherwise law abiding citizens.
- ▶ Directly protect over 100,000 Delaware adults from arrest, the threat of being subjected to the criminal justice system, civil forfeiture, fines and court costs.
- ▶ Reduce the strain on the criminal justice system and prison system.
- ▶ Create Economic Development by legalizing one of Delaware's most lucrative cash crops.
- ▶ Legalize, tax, and regulate two existing industries – the cannabis market and cannabis accessories market and benefit many other industries, such as real estate, construction, electrical, HVAC, accounting, legal, retail, manufacturing, security, tech, agriculture, restaurant, hotel, tourism, and more.
- ▶ Promote small business and create many cannabis industry jobs in diverse fields including agriculture, retail, manufacturing, laboratory testing, security, and more.
- ▶ Stimulate agricultural growth, especially in rural Kent and Sussex Counties.
- ▶ Generate substantial tax revenue while reducing government spending.
- ▶ Directly fund schools and education, evidence based treatment programs for heroin and other drug addiction, and education programs for drug abuse prevention and intervention.
- ▶ Increase property value and demand.
- ▶ Stimulate the local Delaware economy by creating an industry where all economic activity occurs within the state from cultivation through the point of sale.
- ▶ Replace the existing dangerous illicit market with a safe and regulated market.
- ▶ Significantly reduce crime associated with the illicit market and violent turf battles.
- ▶ Help law enforcement focus on real public safety and crimes with actual victims.
- ▶ Help reduce teen use with robust **We Card** programs, which have assisted in the reduction of underage alcohol and nicotine consumption in Delaware.
- ▶ Help reduce opiate overdose fatalities and addiction to hard drugs.
- ▶ Give ALL adults 21+ safe and legal access to organic cannabis.
- ▶ Help end federal cannabis prohibition by making Delaware the 9<sup>th</sup> state plus D.C. to legalize cannabis for adults 21 and older. Alcohol prohibition ended after half the states repealed local alcohol prohibition.
- ▶ Help end the stigma associated with cannabis in our state.
- ▶ Help the current medical program and canna-patients by:
  - ▶ Expanding access by increasing the number of dispensaries. Such an increase in competition will drive prices down and increase quality.
  - ▶ Allowing all medical patients instant access without lengthy approval process. It also allows patients access without waiving their HIPAA rights and being submitted to a law enforcement database.
  - ▶ Allowing low income patients safe access without extra costs for those who cannot afford their medical cannabis card and/or a doctors' appointments.
  - ▶ Helping physicians feel more comfortable recommending a medical card without fear of law enforcement intervention.
  - ▶ Helping researchers feel more comfortable doing research on cannabis.

**Cannabis is the only market in Delaware and nationwide where the market participants, cannabis consumers and prospective cannabis industry members, are lobbying to be taxed. Help reduce the strain on taxpayers and the state by making this already existing industry an asset, rather than a costly liability by creating jobs, economic growth, and millions in revenue for with common sense cannabis policy.**

# The Delaware Marijuana Control Act – ‘Yes’ On HB 110

- ▶ Legal for Adults 21 and over
  - ▶ 1 oz. or less
  - ▶ 5 grams
- ▶ Cannabis Businesses (145 initial licenses - assessing the need for more at 2 years.)
  - ▶ 40 Retail Stores
  - ▶ 75 Cultivation Centers
  - ▶ 25 Manufacturing Facilities
  - ▶ 5 Laboratories
- ▶ Legalizes Cannabis Accessories Industry – (Glassblowers/Headshops/Tobacco stores w/ bowls/bongs)
  - ▶ Many Other Industries that Directly and Indirectly Benefit
- ▶ \$5,000 Application Fee / \$10,000 Bi-annual License Fee
- ▶ Excise Tax
  - ▶ \$50 per OZ. of Flower
  - ▶ \$15 per Oz of other products
- ▶ Revenue Funds Generated :
  - ▶ 20% for Education
  - ▶ 10% DHSS programs for reentry for prisoners who have completed their sentence
  - ▶ 10% DHSS evidence based programs related to drug rehabilitation programs
  - ▶ 10% for education on Health Safety Risks of Drug Abuse
  - ▶ 50% General Fund
- ▶ Does Not Change Existing Medical Law
- ▶ Does Not Change DUID Laws – Driving Under the Influence Remains a Crime
  - ▶ We advocate for Responsible Use. People should not be operating a motor vehicle.
- ▶ We Will Continue to Work On
  - ▶ Home Cultivation, Industrial Hemp, Retroactivity, and more access...

## Call Your Legislators Today and Ask Them to Vote “Yes” on HB 110

- ▶ Find your legislators at [legis.delaware.gov](http://legis.delaware.gov)
- ▶ Visit [delawarecannabis.org](http://delawarecannabis.org) for resources to help you make an impactful call including:
  - ▶ Legislative profiles including each Representative and Senators contact information and cannabis coting history
  - ▶ Publications on relevant issues in the cannabis legalization debate
  - ▶ A variety of call scripts to follow or help you formulate your own message
- ▶ Look up your legislators’ phone numbers in our legislative directory at [delawarecannabis.org](http://delawarecannabis.org)
- ▶ Call your legislators and ask them to vote “Yes” on House Bill 110 to legalize cannabis in Delaware.