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California: Prop. 19 Defeated; Arizona Becomes Fifteenth State To Legalize Limited Medical Use Of Marijuana; Medical Marijuana Measures Defeated in Oregon, and South Dakota; in New Jersey: Health Officials To Hold Public Hearing On Proposed Medical Marijuana Rules; Massachusetts: Municipal Voters Back Marijuana Reform Questions ... and more!

Medical Marijuana Measures Defeated in Oregon, South Dakota

In **South Dakota**, voters decided [against Measure 13](#), the South Dakota Safe Access Act, which sought to exempt state criminal penalties for state-authorized patients who possessed marijuana. South Dakota voters had previously rejected a similar proposal in 2006. It is the only state where voters have ever decided against a medical marijuana legalization initiative.

In **Oregon**, voters decided [against Measure 74](#), The Oregon Regulate Medical Marijuana Supply System Act of 2010, which sought to create state-licensed not-for-profit facilities to assist in the production and distribution of marijuana to qualified patients. Oregon voters initially

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Arizona Becomes Fifteenth State To Legalize Limited Medical Use Of Marijuana

Phoenix, AZ, USA: Arizona voters have [narrowly passed](#) a statewide ballot measure regulating the physician-supervised use of marijuana as a medicine.

Election officials on Monday announced that [Proposition 203](#), the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act, had gained 50.13 percent of the vote. The measure had been trailing in previous vote counts.

The [Act](#) removes state-level criminal penalties on the use and possession of up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana by patients who have "written certification" from their physician indicating that cannabis may alleviate their condition.

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded

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California: Prop. 19 Defeated, Local Marijuana Tax Measures Approved, Harris Declares Victory In Attorney General Race

Oakland, CA, USA: California voters decided 46 percent to 54 percent [against](#) Proposition 19, which sought to legalize the adult possession of limited quantities of marijuana in private, and to allow for local governments to regulate its commercial production and retail distribution. Overall, more than 3.4 million Californians voted for the measure.

With 46 percent, the [Prop. 19](#) received the greatest percentage of citizen support ever recorded on a statewide marijuana legalization effort.

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The Willamette Valley NORML News Report

is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit project to record and broadcast news, announcements and information about cannabis law reform.

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A Voice for Responsible Marijuana Smokers

Since its founding in 1970, NORML has provided a voice in the public policy debate for those Americans who oppose marijuana prohibition and favor an end to the practice of arresting marijuana smokers. A nonprofit public-interest advocacy group, NORML represents the interests of the tens of millions of Americans who smoke marijuana responsibly. During the 1970s, NORML led the successful efforts to decriminalize minor marijuana offenses in 11 states and significantly lower marijuana penalties in all others.

The oldest and largest marijuana legalization organization in the country, NORML maintains a professional staff in Washington, DC, and a network of volunteer state and local [NORML Chapters](#) across the country. Check 'em out, and find the one nearest you!

The NORML mission is to move public opinion sufficiently to achieve the repeal of marijuana prohibition so that the responsible use of cannabis by adults is no longer subject to penalty.

When marijuana is enjoyed responsibly, subjecting users to harsh criminal and civil penalties provides no public benefit and causes terrible injustices. For reasons of public safety, public health, economics and justice, the prohibition laws should be repealed to the extent that they criminalize responsible marijuana use. **NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws – is located at 1600 K Street, NW, Suite 501, Washington, DC 20006-2832. Phone (202) 483-5500, Fax: (202) 483-0057 or visit: www.norml.org**

Willamette Valley NORML is your local network in the fight to reform state and federal marijuana laws, whether by voter initiative or through the elected legislatures. W-V-NORML will serve as an informational resource to media on marijuana-related stories, providing a perspective to offset the [anti-marijuana propaganda](#) from the government; lobby state and federal legislators in support of reform legislation; publish a regular [newsletter](#); host an informative web site; and serve as the umbrella group for a regional network of citizen-activists committed to ending marijuana prohibition and legalizing marijuana.

Along with their parent organization, W-V-NORML will sponsor public advertising campaigns to better educate the public about marijuana and alternatives to current marijuana policy; provide legal assistance and support to victims of the current laws; and promote relevant research.

W-V-NORML supports the right of adults to use marijuana responsibly, whether for [medical](#) or [personal](#) purposes. All penalties, both civil and criminal, should be eliminated for responsible use. W-V-NORML also advocates the legalization of [hemp](#) (non-psychoactive marijuana) for industrial use. **To find out more, like how you can help, call, write or visit our website. You'll be glad you did!**

<continued from MEASURES DEFEATED, page 1 > authorized the physician-authorized use of marijuana in 1998. Several states, including [Colorado](#), [New Mexico](#), and [Maine](#), have enacted statewide regulations licensing the production and dispensing of medical cannabis. Measure 74 finished at 44 percent in favor with 56 percent opposed. Click [here](#) for a break down by county.

Opponents of the measure say it would have allowed more people to use the drug illegally and one of the factors contributing to M74's loss can be illustrated by looking at the numbers for M74 and M73. The results are almost reverse images of each other. What this indicates to activists is that the majority of the electorate, at least currently, was willing to uncritically accept what they believed to be a pro-law enforcement position, yes on 73 and no on 74. What allows this current formation of the electorate is that the numbers of voters who turned out was significantly lower than the 2008 election and those who stayed home were mostly ours (reviewing the 2008 polling) if there had been sufficient enthusiasm to turn them out-of course that enthusiasm in 2008 was engendered by Obama's run.

Measure 74 supporters say even with its failure, the election has people talking about the issue, and they say that is a step in the right direction. Proponents hope the discussion surrounding the availability of medical marijuana continues, and results in laws in the future.

Massachusetts: Municipal Voters Back Marijuana Reform Questions

Boston, MA, USA: Voters in over 70 cities and towns decided [favorably](#) on non-binding [public policy questions](#) regarding the taxation of the adult use of marijuana and the legalization of the physician-supervised use of medical cannabis. Approximately 13 percent of the state's registered voters weighed in on the questions. Please use these results to [write your state representative and senator](#) and demand he/she support reform! For examples –

Legalization Question I: Shall the state

representative/senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow the state to regulate the taxation, cultivation, and sale of marijuana to adults?

FIRST MIDDLESEX AND NORFOLK SENATE- Question 4 in Newton, Brookline, except Precinct 5 where it will be Question 7 and Question 4 in Wellesley, precincts A and C to E, inclusive. **Won with 63.1% of Yeas and Nays**

Incumbent [CYNTHIA STONE CREEM](#) faced no challenger in the November 2 election. She is on record as favoring [legalization](#).

And more, click on the links above for details. The results will likely influence the language of a proposed statewide, binding ballot measure in 2012. *For more information, please visit:* <http://www.masscann.org>.

<continued from ARIZONA, page 1 > legal protection under the law: cancer; glaucoma; positive status for HIV or AIDS, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), Crohn's disease, agitation of Alzheimer's disease, or any chronic or debilitating medical condition or its treatment that produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome, severe or chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy, severe or persistent muscle spasms, including those characteristic of multiple sclerosis, persistent muscle spasms or seizures, severe nausea or pain. Other conditions will be subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Patients who are in compliance with the act may [not be disciplined](#) by employers and they may not be criminally charged with DUI solely on the basis of the presence of inactive marijuana metabolites in their urine without further evidence of impairment.

Under the law, the Arizona Department of Health Services has 120 days to adopt rules governing nonprofit dispensaries, which may produce and dispense marijuana to authorized patients on a not-for-profit basis. Neither

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A spokesperson from the Arizona Department of Health Services [told The Arizona Republic](#) this week that the agency expects to begin authorizing the use and distribution of medical cannabis by April 2011.

Arizona is the [fifteenth state](#) since 1996 to approve the medical use of marijuana, and the eleventh to do so via voter initiative.

Full text of the measure is available at: <http://stoparrestingpatients.org/home/about-initiative>.

Prop. 203 Trails Leading Up To Election

Phoenix, AZ, USA: [Proposition 203](#), a proposed statewide ballot measure to permit state-registered patients to obtain cannabis legally from licensed facilities, continues to trail by an estimated [3,000 votes](#) as of Wednesday afternoon.

As of press time, state officials still say that the outcome remains [too close to call](#).

Arizonans have twice before — in 1996 and again in 1998 — voted in favor of medical marijuana ballot measures, though [neither proposal was ever enacted](#) by the legislature. This year's proposal was sponsored by the Arizona Medical Marijuana Policy Project, an affiliate of the [Marijuana Policy Project](#).

If passed, Arizona would become the [fifteenth state](#) since 1996 to authorize the use of medicinal cannabis to qualified patients, and the tenth to do so via voter initiative.

<continued from CALIFORNIA, page 1 > Commenting on the result, NORML Director Paul Armentano said: "In just a few short months, this campaign moved public opinion forward nationally, and led to the signing of historic legislation in California that will end the arrest and prosecution of tens of thousands of minor marijuana offenders. Despite last night's disappointing outcome, we have momentum

and an unparalleled coalition of supporters — from law enforcement personnel, to civil rights groups, to organized labor, to lawyers, clergy, and public health professionals."

He concluded: "Throughout this campaign, even our opponents conceded that America's present marijuana prohibition is a failure. They recognize that the question now isn't 'Should be legalize and regulate marijuana,' but 'How should we legalize and regulate marijuana?' Legalizing the adult use of marijuana in a regulated manner is no longer a matter of 'if;' it is a matter of 'when.'"

Proponents of the statewide measure have already announced plans to move forward with a similar initiative in 2012.

Municipal voters in nine cities [unanimously approved](#) citywide ordinances in **Albany** (Measure Q), **Berkeley** (Measure S), **La Puente** (Prop. M), **Oakland** (Measure V), **Rancho Cordova** (Measure O), **Richmond**, **Sacramento** (Measure C), **San Jose** (Measure U), **Stockton** (Measure I) to impose new taxes on medical marijuana sales and/or production and businesses licenses. California NORML, along with several other reform groups, specifically opposed the Rancho Cordova measure as an excessive penalty on medical cannabis growers. Groups were divided in their support of other local proposals.

Voters in **Berkeley** also approved a separate ordinance ([Measure T](#)) to permit a fourth medical marijuana dispensary in the city and reconstitute the city's Medical Marijuana Commission Voters in **Morro Bay** and **Santa Barbara** [rejected](#) proposed municipal bans on dispensaries.

In the state's extremely closely contested race for Attorney General, Democrat Kamala Harris has declared [victory](#) over Republican challenger Steven Cooley. With 100 precincts reported, Harris leads Cooley by less than one-half of one percent.

Cooley was opposed by many marijuana reform organizations, for his public opposition to medical marijuana, and his contention that any retail sale of medical cannabis is in

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More on Republican Steve Cooley In Race For Attorney General

Sacramento, CA, USA: Republican candidate Steve Cooley leads Democrat Kamala Harris by some 9,500 votes in the state's yet-to-be decided race for state Attorney General, the *East Bay Express* website [reported](#) Wednesday afternoon.

Cooley had significantly [widened](#) his lead over Harris earlier this week. But Harris recently gained some 35,000 votes after state officials counted late absentee and provisional ballots from Alameda County.

The paper reports that the race could go on for "two more weeks" as officials continue to tabulate tens of thousands of late absentee and provisional ballots.

The contest for California Attorney General has significant implications for the distribution of medical cannabis in California, as Cooley has previously [pledged](#) to prosecute dispensaries that engage in over-the-counter cash sales of marijuana to authorized patients. In October, while serving as Los Angeles District Attorney, Cooley declared that state law bars sales of medical marijuana, and [opined](#): "The vast, vast, vast majority, about 100%, of dispensaries in Los Angeles County and the city are operating illegally, they are dealing marijuana illegally. ... The time is right to deal with this problem."

State [guidelines](#), issued under former Attorney General (now Governor-elect) Jerry Brown in 2008, authorize the distribution and non-profit sales of medical cannabis in California by qualified "collectives and cooperatives," but warn that "storefront" business that engage in the for-profit sales of medical marijuana "are likely operating outside the protections" of state law. Cooley has long maintained that California dispensaries that engage in over-the-counter sales to customers do not meet a legal definition of 'collectives' or 'not-for-profit' entities.

By contrast, San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris has [previously voiced strong support](#) for protecting the legal rights of

patients who use cannabis medicinally. *For more information, please contact Allen St. Pierre, NORML Executive Director, at (202) 483-5500, or Paul Armentano, NORML Deputy Director, at: paul@norml.org.*

California: Los Angeles Voters To Decide On Marijuana Tax

Los Angeles, CA, USA: Members of the Los Angeles City Council have [decided](#) to place a proposal on the March 8, 2011 municipal ballot that, if approved by voters, would impose a five percent citywide tax on medical cannabis sold at local dispensaries.

The measure [defines](#) the proposed fee as a 'gross reimbursement' rather than a tax.

In November, voters in [several California municipalities](#) – including Sacramento, San Jose, Oakland, and Stockton – approved local tax measures regarding the imposition of business or sales taxes on medical marijuana.

If approved, revenue from the city's medical cannabis tax would be used to fund public safety and fire and rescue efforts.

For more information about this and other municipal marijuana taxes, please visit: http://hightimes.com/legal/ht_admin/6808.

California: Oakland Now Accepting Applications For Industrial Medical Marijuana Grows

Oakland, CA, USA: Oakland city officials are seeking to license up to four industrial-sized medical marijuana grow operations within the city limits. City officials began [accepting applications](#) from prospective growers this week.

Licensed growers would be required to pay a [\\$211,000 annual fee](#) to the city of Oakland to operate the cultivation sites.

The permits do not set limits regarding the quantity of cannabis that licensed producers may cultivate at each given site.

According to [The Associated Press](#), "The U.S.

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New Jersey: Health Officials To Hold Public Hearing On Proposed Medical Marijuana Rules

Trenton, NJ, USA: The state Department of Health and Senior Services will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 6 to discuss proposed rules for New Jersey's nascent medical marijuana program. The hearing will take place between 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, First Floor Auditorium, Health and Agriculture Building, 369 South Warren Street (at Market Street), Trenton, New Jersey 08608.

In October, health officials released [draft regulations](#) regarding the implementation of the state's [Compassionate Medical Marijuana Act](#), which was signed into law in January. The proposed rules limit the manufacture of medical cannabis to two licensed facilities, restrict the percentage to THC that may be present in the plant to no more than ten percent, and limit the varieties of legally available cannabis to no more than three strains.

Critics of the regulations say that they are unduly restrictive and are "not consistent with the intent of the legislature."

Members of the New Jersey Assembly [voted](#) this week in favor of a concurrent resolution that seeks to force DHHS to revise their proposed regulations. However, the Senate has yet to vote on the issue.

The public has until January 14, 2011, to comment on the proposal. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal must submit their comments in writing by regular mail to Ruth Charbonneau, Director, Office of Legal and

Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Commissioner, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, P O Box 360, Trenton, NJ 08625-0360. Written comments must be postmarked on or before January 14, 2011.

For more information please visit NORML New Jersey at: <http://www.normlnj.org> or the Coalition for Medical Marijuana - New Jersey at: <http://www.cmmnj.org>.

New Jersey: Legislators Say Proposed Medical Marijuana Regulations Violate Intent Of The Law

Trenton, NJ, USA: Members of the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee and the Assembly Regulatory Oversight and Gaming [voted](#) this week in favor of concurrent resolutions to repeal proposed regulations for the state's yet-to-be implemented medical cannabis program.

In October, New Jersey Department of Health officials [released draft regulations](#) regarding the implementation of the state's [Compassionate Medical Marijuana Act](#), which was signed into law in January. The proposed rules limit the manufacture of medical cannabis to two licensed facilities, restrict the percentage to THC that may be present in the plant to no more than ten percent, and limit the varieties of legally available cannabis to no more than three strains.

Four additional state licensed facilities would be permitted to dispense cannabis.

Under the yet-to-be formalized law, patients would be authorized to possess no more than two ounces of cannabis per month, and would not be permitted to grow their own marijuana or share it with other registered patients. Patients who possess unauthorized amounts or strains of marijuana will still be subject to arrest and criminal prosecution under state law.

Several patient advocacy groups and lawmakers have [criticized](#) the proposed program as being unduly restrictive, and "not consistent with the intent of the legislature."

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"Failure to publish proposed rules that are consistent with the intent of the legislature may result in the legislature passing a concurrent resolution to prohibit those proposed rules from taking effect in whole or in part," the resolutions [state](#).

For more information please visit NORML New Jersey at: <http://www.normlnj.org> or the Coalition for Medical Marijuana – New Jersey at: <http://www.cmmnj.org>

Psychomotor Impairing Effects Of Cannabis Are Nominal In Experienced Users, Study Says

Maastricht, The Netherlands: Experienced marijuana consumers become tolerant to the substance's impairing potential on psychomotor skills, according to clinical trial [data](#) published online in the journal *Psychopharmacology*.

Investigators at Maastricht University in The Netherlands and Goethe University in Germany assessed the neurocognitive effects of cannabis and alcohol in 21 experienced marijuana consumers (defined as smoking more than four days per week.) Subjects completed various driving simulator performance tests, including measures of perceptual motor control (critical tracking test), dual task processing (divided-attention task), motor inhibition (stop-signal task), and cognition (Tower of London).

Researchers determined that alcohol dosing significantly impaired subjects' critical tracking, divided attention, and stop-signal performance. By contrast, investigators reported that smoking THC cigarettes "generally did not affect task performance."

"THC did not affect performance of heavy cannabis users in the critical tracking task, the stop-signal task, and the Tower of London," authors wrote. "These tasks have previously been shown to be very sensitive to the impairing potential of THC when administered to infrequent cannabis (users). The lack of THC

on these tasks basically confirms the previous notions that heavy cannabis users can develop tolerance to behaviorally impairing effects of THC."

Authors did report that subjects' performance on the divided-attention task was affected by both THC and alcohol, and their combination.

Investigators further reported that heavy marijuana use did not produce cross-tolerance to the impairing potential of alcohol alone or the [synergistic effects](#) of alcohol and cannabis when used concurrently.

A [previously published study](#) from July also found that experienced cannabis consumers overall performance accuracy on episodic memory and working memory tasks was not significantly altered by marijuana. Researchers in that study concluded: "This pattern of effects is consistent with results previously reported by other researchers studying the acute effects of marijuana on cognitive performance of regular users. ... The observation that frequent users' response accuracy is not altered after marijuana smoking to the same extent it is for infrequent users ... suggests that near-daily marijuana smokers may have developed tolerance to some marijuana-related behavioral effects."

For more information, please contact Paul Armentano, NORML Deputy Director, at: paul@norml.org. Full text of the study, "Tolerance and cross-tolerance to neurocognitive effects of THC and alcohol in heavy cannabis users," appears online in the journal *Psychopharmacology*. For additional information regarding marijuana and psychomotor skills, please see NORML's white paper, "Cannabis and Driving: A Scientific and Rational Review" [here](http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=7459): http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=7459.

NORML Holds 27th Annual Key West Legal Seminar

Washington, DC, USA: NORML is still accepting last minute [registrations](#) from criminal defense

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attorneys who wish to attend our 27th annual [Key West Legal Seminar](#). This year's event takes place from Thursday, December 2 through Saturday, December 4 at the [Pier House Resort and Caribbean Spa](#) in Key West, Florida. Join NORML's staff and many of the nation's top criminal defense attorneys in one of America's most 'pot-friendly' cities.

[Presentations](#) at this year's seminar include: 'Defending DUI Marijuana Cases,' 'Rebutting The State's Toxicologist and Keeping Your Client Out of Jail,' 'Building a Cannabis Practice Ethically While Avoiding Unethical Pitfalls,' 'Tips For Young Attorneys,' 'Examining The Government's Expert In a Cultivation/Possession With The Intent to Distribute Case,' and 'Representing The Poor and Disenfranchised.'

[Speakers](#) at this year's conference include: **Paul Armentano**, NORML's Deputy Director and the co-author of the book *Marijuana Is Safer: So Why Are We Driving People to Drink?* (Chelsea Green, 2009); **Gerald Goldstein**, past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) and legal counsel for the late-Hunter S. Thompson; **John Wesley Hall**, Past President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; **Ira Kurzman**, a past national President of the American Immigration Lawyers Association; **William H. 'Billy' Murphy**, recipient of the Charles Hamilton Houston Award for Lifetime Achievement in Litigation from the University of Baltimore School of Law; **William Panzer**, co-author of California's Proposition 215 and a member of NORML's Board of Directors; NORML Executive Director **Allen St. Pierre**; and **Jeffrey Weiner**, past president of the NACDL.

NORML's annual legal seminar is fully accredited in every state that requires continuing legal education (CLE) for attorneys. *Conference agenda, registration, and accommodations information for the NORML Key West Legal Seminar is available at:* http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=5341.

*** NOTE! The Willamette Valley NORML Public meeting * Happens (most!) every 4th Sat. of the month and will be at**



Cozmic Pizza - in Theo's Coffee House Meeting Room - at 199 W 8th Av, Eugene, Oregon * Excepting Holidays - Nov., Dec. - when it takes place 3rd Sat.! For more info on meeting call: 541.517-0957 -or- visit: <http://w-v-norml.org/meeting.html>

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