

MARIJUANA Decriminalization VS Legalization

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES AND THE LAW

How are they different?



THIS IS ABOUT ARRESTS!

Decriminalization

THIS ADDRESSES SOCIAL JUSTICE CONCERNS.

- ✓ Possession of small amount of marijuana is now a civil offense as opposed to a criminal offense.
- ✓ Instead of serving jail time and having a criminal record, the punishment is paying a fine.
- ✓ Marijuana possession and use in all forms remains illegal.



YIKES, A POT SHOP ON MY STREET?

Legalization

THIS IMPACTS YOUR EVERY DAY LIFE.

- ✗ All components of the marijuana business process will be legal.
- ✗ Creates a commercial marijuana enterprise that has free reign to brand and advertise products: pot oils, pot candy & baked goods.
- ✗ Allows an industry that thrives on heavy users and luring in new users of marijuana

What are the current marijuana laws in NH?

New Hampshire already has a marijuana decriminalization policy on the books

- ✓ As of September 2017, New Hampshire law has decriminalized certain amounts of marijuana and some marijuana related products under RSA 318-B:2-C.
- ✓ Under the law a person will still be charged but NOT ARRESTED and have to pay a fine of \$100 for a first offense and \$300 for a subsequent offense.

New Hampshire already has a medical marijuana program to assist individuals

- ✓ Since 2013, New Hampshire law (126-X) has allowed the therapeutic use of cannabis for over 20 medical conditions, including cancer, moderate to severe chronic pain, and post traumatic stress disorder.

Legalization is not inevitable

- ✗ New Hampshire has joined the twenty other states that have put people over pot profits by voting down legal marijuana retail sales and commercialization.
- ✗ In fact, the New Hampshire legislature has consistently voted down Big Marijuana for the past five years.