

Regulation and Taxation of Retail Marijuana

... a legislator's tale

Amendment 64 more Popular than WHO !?

Amendment 64 passes by:

- 55% Statewide
- 66% in Boulder County
- 10 Votes in El Paso County
(home of Focus on the Family)

Don't break out the ...

Hickenlooper signs EO B 12- 004

- State flag remains unchanged



Four Bills and Several Task Forces Ago ...

Task Force on Implementation of Amendment
64

- Bi-partisan
- Multi faceted
- Only 58 Recommendations in 17 Categories

Joint “Joint” Committee

- Re-hash of Task Force
- Gets their own email address
- Creates HB 1317, HB 1318, SB 283, SB 241
- Didn't have to meet on Saturday

We did Miss ...



Joint Committee (cont.)

- Promote the **health, safety**, and well-being of Colorado's youth
- Propose **efficient and effective regulation** that is clear and reasonable and not unduly burdensome
- Create **sufficient and predictable funding** mechanisms to support the regulatory and enforcement scheme

SB 283

Consensus Recommendations



SB 283

24 Sections including:

- Flammable Gas
- Minor in Possession
- Advanced Roadside Training
- Tax Deductions
- Clean indoor air act
- Open Container
- Laboratory Testing

HB 1317

Majority Recommendations



HB 1317

Highlights: 4 Parts - 73 pages

- State Licensing (MMED-MED)
- 1oz vs ¼ oz
- Marijuana Cash Fund
- Time and Place Restrictions
- MMJ gets first crack
- Seed to Sale Tracking
- Content Limit for Infused Products

HB 1318

Taxes and Smoke-filled Rooms?



HB 1318

Not quite Deja Vu

- Up to 15% Excise
- Up to 10% Sales
- **Excise Tax**
 - First \$40 million to building schools (A64)
 - \$13 million in 2013-14
 - \$27 million in 2014-15
- **Sales Tax**
 - \$19 million in 2013-14
 - \$39 million in 2014-15





HB 1318

**For our Communities.
For our Kids.**

- Popular (77% approval)
- Necessary
 - Your taxes shouldn't subsidize MJ
- Better Schools



What's Next

- 38 Bills
- Prop BB
- Banking
- Hemp
- Schools
- Federal Law
- Research
- Criminal Justice
- Cannabis Clubs
- You!



Thank You!

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