



# MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION INITIATIVE

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**Background:** Florida Amendment 3, the Marijuana Legalization Initiative, has qualified for the ballot in the general election on November 5, 2024. Voting yes supports legalizing marijuana for adults 21 years and older, allowing individuals to possess up to three ounces of marijuana. 60% of Floridians would need to approve it to be enacted. If enacted, existing Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers would be authorized under the initiative to sell marijuana to adults for personal use.

**State of Play:** While the Florida Supreme Court appears likely to approve the language for the ballot initiative in April, Florida Republican Attorney General Ashley Moody is asking the court to invalidate the measure while republican lawmakers are going to great lengths to advance legislation preemptively banning the sale of certain cannabis products to adults.

**Legislative Status:** Two bills, which have passed their committees of origin, HB 1259 and SB 7050, aim to prohibit the sale of cannabis flower products used to smoke, containing more than 30 percent THC to adults and 60 percent in chewable and vape cartridges in their opinion to protect consumers mental health. However, medical research does not support their opinion.

**Fall Out:** Imposing an arbitrary potency cap from state-licensed retailers will not eliminate demand.

## **Imposing an arbitrary potency cap from state-licensed retailers will:**

- Undermine the goal of legalization to provide everyone with a safe alternative.
- Restrict medical patients, already subject to existing potency levels and monthly amounts.
- Force Floridians to turn to underground markets for unregulated products with dangerous chemical additives.

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