

# QUESTIONS ABOUT MEASURE 3

## **What is Measure 3?**

Measure 3 is a ballot measure that will appear on all ballots statewide in the upcoming midterm election on November 6th. If approved by voters, Measure 3 would legalize possession and personal cultivation by adults over the age of 21 in the state. It would also allow licensed businesses to sell marijuana to adults over the age of 21 and the state would collect relevant state and municipal sales taxes from those sales. It would also seal the records for individuals with prior non-violent marijuana related offenses.

## **What would Measure 3 do?**

Measure 3 would end the practice of arresting responsible adults for marijuana, a substance objectively safer than currently legal alcohol and tobacco. Arresting adults for possessing marijuana infringes on personal freedoms and is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Law enforcement resources are better spent combating violent crime.

Measure 3 would create new jobs and industries for North Dakota's farmers / entrepreneurs. Marijuana would provide a new cash crop for North Dakota family farms. The tax revenue generated from the industry could support important state programs such as education and infrastructure development.

Measure 3 would help combat the opioid crisis. States that have legalized marijuana have seen significant reductions in opioid abuse and overdose fatalities. Thousands of North Dakotans are suffering, and legalizing marijuana could help prevent some of the countless deaths being caused by this epidemic.

## **Would Measure 3 legalize driving under the influence?**

Despite what you may have heard, Measure 3 would NOT change current penalties for driving under the influence. Driving under the influence of marijuana would remain illegal with current penalties in place.

## **Would Measure 3 legalize possession, use, and sale of marijuana to minors?**

No. Measure 3 would NOT legalize possession by or sale to minors. Under Measure 3, it will remain ILLEGAL to sell or distribute marijuana to minors; it only legalizes activities for those over the age of 21.

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### **Would Measure 3 allow people to smoke marijuana wherever they want?**

Measure 3 would not legalize rampant smoking of marijuana in public. Current public anti-smoking laws will still apply if Measure 3 is approved. Private businesses could continue to prohibit smoking of marijuana on their premises.

### **When would Measure 3 go into effect if approved?**

The provisions of Measure 3 related to ending criminal penalties for marijuana would go into effect 30 days after the measure's approval. Within 60 days of approval, the state must seal the records of individuals with previous non-violent marijuana charges.