



## Summary of 2023 Ohio Legalization Initiative

The [Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol](#) was approved to begin circulating a petition to collect signatures for a measure to legalize, regulate, and tax cannabis for adults' use in Ohio. Below is a summary of the initiative. You can [read the full text of the initiative here](#).

**Personal use allowances.** The measure allows adults 21 and older to:

- Possess and purchase up to two and a half ounces of cannabis, including up to 15 grams of concentrate; and
- Cultivate up to six plants in a secured location (with no more than 12 plants per residence).

**Adult-use cannabis market regulations.** The measure:

- Establishes the Division of Cannabis Control (DCC) within the Department of Commerce to regulate adult-use cannabis businesses;
- Directs the DCC to establish detailed rules to promote public health and safety, including regulations related to packaging, labeling, and product testing;
- Creates a tiered licensing system for cannabis cultivators as well as licenses for adult-use cannabis stores, laboratory testing facilities, and processor facilities; and
- Allows municipalities to restrict or prohibit cannabis businesses within their jurisdiction.

**Social Equity and Jobs Program.** The measure establishes a program to:

- Research issues related to social equity and fund direct investment in disproportionately impacted communities;
- Provide financial and technical assistance to individuals certified under the program;
- Encourage employment practices for adult-use cannabis operators to hire and educate people from historically disadvantaged groups; and
- Establish an advisory board to provide recommendations to the Ohio Department of Development.

**Taxation and revenue allocation.** The measure:

- Imposes a 10% sales tax on cannabis, in addition to regular state and local sales taxes; and
- Allocates:
  - 36% of the tax revenue to support social equity and jobs programs;
  - 36% of the tax revenue to provide funding for communities who host adult-use cannabis dispensaries;
  - 25% of the tax revenue to fund education and treatment for individuals with substance use disorders; and
  - 3% of the tax revenue to the Division of Cannabis Control and Tax Commissioner fund to cover regulatory and administrative costs for overseeing the adult-use cannabis industry.