

Puff, Puff, Police:

Two Ohio Bills to Gut the People's Legalization Law

Sen. Steve Huffman's [S.B. 56](#), would repeal and replace Issue 2. It lays a minefield of re-criminalization while stripping away small business opportunities, social equity, and non-discrimination. It passed the Senate 23-9.

Prohibits:

- ☑ Sharing cannabis and passing a joint
- ☑ Cannabis purchased in other states (or anywhere but Ohio retailers and cannabis grown at one's home)
- ☑ "Open containers" in a car
- ☑ Storing cannabis in your own container
- ☑ More than six plants per household
- ☑ Vaping in a rental if the landlord bans it

Prohibits Smoking or Vaping Cannabis:

- ☑ *Anywhere* outside
- ☑ Anywhere other than some private residences, even with the property owner's okay (i.e. no hotel rooms, etc.)

Increases penalty for using cannabis as a passenger in a car or boat to at least three days in jail.

Eliminates Community Reinvestment

- ☑ Repeals the social equity & jobs program

Removes Civil Protections

- ☑ Eliminates protections from losing one's children, medical care, or benefits for responsible adult-use cannabis use

Shrinks the Industry:

- ☑ Eliminates small grows (level 3)
- ☑ Caps stores at 350
- ☑ Imposes 1-mile buffer between stores

Caps Potency

- ☑ 70% in extracts (down from 90%)
- ☑ Imposes 10mg of THC per serving limit

Rep. Brian Stewart's [H.B. 160](#) is similar but not identical to S.B. 56. It also lays a minefield of re-criminalization and eliminates small growers. It also guts social equity and substance abuse treatment funding and restricts hemp products.

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- ☑ Vaping in a rental if the landlord bans it

Prohibits Smoking or Vaping Cannabis:

- ☑ In a car, even if it's parked, or boat
Minimum: 3 days in jail for passengers
- ☑ In any location that isn't residential or agricultural, even if the owner wants to allow it
(i.e. no hotel rooms, patios, parking lots, outdoor venues, etc.)

Increases penalty for using cannabis as a passenger in a car or boat to at least three days in jail.

Strips Funding from Social Equity

- ☑ Ends funding for the social equity and jobs program (which includes criminal justice reform and legal aid) and the substance abuse and addiction fund

Limits Civil Protections

- ☑ Revises non-discrimination protections so they only apply if cannabis was obtained from an Ohio retailer or home-grown by the person.

Shrinks the Industry

- ☑ Eliminates small grows (level 3)
- ☑ Caps stores at 350
- ☑ Requires 1/2 mile buffer between stores

Caps Potency

- ☑ 70% in extracts (down from 90%)

Expungement: Both bills include weak expungement, which is about the same as the status quo.

Oppose These Outrageous Attacks on the People's Cannabis Law

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