

The Real LEGALIZATION and DECRIMINALIZATION of CANNABIS and HEMP in MISSISSIPPI and LEGALIZATION of MEDICAL and SCIENTIFIC Study of Cannabis and Hemp.

Opening statement;

Cannabis is a **Nutraceutical and Metabolic Necessity**, and should be in the **Diet** of all **Humans and Animals** to help control **Homeostasis!** Anti-cannabis laws have ruined many family lives for using a flower that has so many benefits. Under current controlled substance law, (CSA) no physician can study cannabis without special permission that is routinely denied. Many state attempts at **partial** legalization have resulted in the **continuation of the war on cannabis in a modified form** and the **continued arrest of citizens and seizure of property**. Any restrictions on plant limits or amount possessed means **partial legalization** and an **Army of Police and Government Compliance Inspectors** on your property. If we don't end the drug war we are passing it onto Our Children. **This initiative is designed (as a single issue) to END THE DRUG WAR on Cannabis and Hemp and to establish Mississippi as the first state where Unrestricted Medical and Scientific Studies on Cannabis and Hemp are allowed by law!**

1. **Licensed Physicians** may give medical opinions on cannabis and hemp and all derivatives for any medical reason without restrictions by law enforcement or the medical board. (Conant v. Walters, 309 F.3d 629 (9th cir. 2002) Only licensed physicians can evaluate medical indications for cannabis use.
2. **Physicians and Veterinarians** may conduct medical studies on Cannabis, Hemp and all derivatives with informed patient consent and notification to the (MMCC) of ongoing medical study. Results of all medical studies on humans and animals will be published online free by the MMCC.
3. Starting immediately; **Arrest** for cannabis associated flower crimes must have a victim or property loss. No Arrest for cannabis or derivatives will occur, only **Citations** with a maximum fine of \$500 are allowed. This will result in dramatic reduction in expenses for law enforcement. **The only Exceptions for Arrest would be; Unlicensed Interstate Transfer, DUI/DWI (with proof of impairment) or Child Endangerment.** Local counties, city and municipalities may not make laws to deny access to cannabis, hemp and derivatives. Mississippi law enforcement can not enforce federal Cannabis law. Transportation of Cannabis products are legal inside the state boundary.
4. **Adults** may legally use and possess all forms and quantities of Cannabis and Hemp (smoking vaporizing eating etc.) Adults are allowed **home grow (up to 99 plants without license) and unlimited possession of cannabis or hemp and related products**, unrestricted by law or code enforcement or other agencies. Any excess cannabis or hemp not utilized by grower may be used as Barter untaxed. Cash sales of excess product would require the **states tax rate of 7%**. Anyone unable to grow can have **Caregivers** grow for them. Full **reciprocity** for out of state adults. No state or local restrictions on gardens.
5. **Property** cannot be seized by state or outside agencies for cannabis or hemp associated crimes.
6. No **identification card** needed and no **database** collected on adult use.
7. Cannabis and hemp **Smoking** is legal wherever tobacco smoking is permitted.

8. The state will **Release prisoners and Expunge all records** of all non violent prisoners charged with cannabis associated crimes (**Cannabis POW's**). This includes all constituents (hash,oil and paraphernalia) and start a **Database** for all Cannabis POW's for future **Reparations** from taxes collected by this measure. (20 dollars a day of confinement to start 6 months after starting initiative.)

10. Cannabis and hemp use cannot be used to Deny a person **Employment, Housing, Government Benefits or Medical Care (including transplants)**.

Employers may limit cannabis use of employees only during working hours.

11. **CHILDREN**; The use of cannabis or hemp cannot be used to deny custody of children or visitation privileges or be used by child protective services or family court. Cannabis use by minors would require parental consent. Giving cannabis products to minors by anyone other than the legal guardian will be charged by standard child endangerment laws.

12. **GUN LAW**; Cannabis and hemp use does not alter the 2nd amendment rights to own a gun. No law is higher than constitutional law.

13. **TRACKING**; No seed to sales tracking allowed on plants that can be easily cloned.

14. This initiative will be made law and would be placed into the **State Constitution** so opponents of cannabis legalization cannot alter them later without a legitimate popular democratic vote. (The **Real** democratic legalization of cannabis and hemp) Starting date for all programs will be no later than 9 months after passing democratic vote.

15. This Law **Supersedes** all previous state Law (including initiative 65) on Hemp and Marijuana and all derivatives. (Derivatives are all constituents of the cannabis plant to include seed, root, stalk, leaf, flower, fiber, oil, hash extraction and related products.) The state will remove cannabis, hemp and all derivatives from the uniform controlled substance scheduling and Mississippi code. The Department of Health will submit an application and a petition for federal exemptions for the state authorized use of cannabis in Mississippi from the Drug Enforcement Administration under title 21 Code of Federal Regulations sections 1307.03 and 1308.43.

16. **Cannabis Businesses** may be located anywhere pharmacies, gas stations or other legal businesses are located without local restrictions.

17. **Business Organization**; The state will establish a Mississippi Medical Cannabis Association (**MMCA**) with a Director of Mississippi Cannabis Industry (**DMCI**) who will establish, maintain and regulate Departments of **Cannabis Banking, Tax Revenue and Accounting, Licensing and Medical ID Cards, Lab Testing, Prisoner Release, Reparations and Expungements, Clearinghouse/Brokerage-Exchange**.

DMCI Responsibilities; Accounting of all departments, **Tax/Revenue**, coordinations of **Communication** between all parties, **Annual Reporting** to the **Governor, Hiring and Pay negotiations** for all departments. All positions will be filled as funds are available.

Subcontracting with private business is allowed. All directors, employees and subcontractors must pass minimal proficiency test in knowledge of the **ECS. (Endocannabinoid Signaling System)**

The state will establish a Mississippi Medical Cannabis Committee (**MMCC**)

(a separate autonomous business entity.) consisting of 8 licensed physicians who are members of the (**ICRS**) International Cannabinoid Research Society and tested for competence in the science of the ECS. A director will be chosen from one of the following specialties; Surgery,

Medicine, Infectious Disease, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Oncology, Neurology, Veterinarian. Additionally **Departments of Education and Medical Studies**. (responsible for ECS education, competence test and literature review) and **Departments of Public Relations and Patient advocacy** and **Social Equity** program and **Laboratories studies** will be started and advise the MMCC.

MMCC Responsibilities; Education and competence testing, Monitoring ongoing medical studies, Establishing best practices recommendations and indications, literature review and clinical trial development, publishing and development of **Mississippi State Owned US Cannabis Patents**. Development of lab testing standards and labeling of products, Development of a State Medical ID Card program. After purchasing and obtaining a state medical cannabis ID card, No tax, fee or other charge will be allowed. Once obtained is good for life. (Once a patient always a patient)

The MMCC will make recommendations to the Governor and DMCI.

18. **LAB TESTING**; The MMCC will Establish licensing and standards for Lab testing for all cannabis products for appropriate cannabinoid content and lack of contaminants. MMCC will regulate lab testing and labeling of products and may subcontract with private business with competitive testing fees.

19. **LICENSING** regulations will be established by the DMCI after recommendations by the MMCA and MMCC with intent to prioritize Mississippi Cannabis and Hemp Businesses, Citizens and Cannabis POW's. No License will be more than \$500; Including growing, processing, extraction, transporting, Lab testing, delivery service, food and beverage business, smoke lounges, wholesale and retail sales. No License required for citizens with less than 99 plants. The MMCA May limit multiple license.

20. The MMCC will Establish a **Cannabis and Hemp Brokerage Exchange and Clearinghouse** for citizens and business, to market tested cannabis products and charge a 1% fee for transactions. This exchange will be responsible for running a compassionate program for citizens with terminally ill and catrostrophic conditions.

21. The MMCC will establish a **Cannabis Bank** for business and citizens deposits.

22. **Amount and source of revenue required to implement ballot initiative** Cannabis and hemp and all derivatives sold will be **taxed at 7%** Revenue in excess of business expenses will be collected from Departments in this initiative and will be added to the tax revenue. All spending will commence as funds become available and will be divided as follows; Tax revenue will fund initiative programs as a priority, and divided by the following percentage of the total; State General Funds 50% (Delayed until all Departments are funded and functional); MMCA 5%, MMCC 5%, Banking and Tax Revenue 5%, Licensing 5%, Brokerage/Clearinghouse 5%, Lab testing 5%. Expungements and Reparation 20%, After reparations are complete, the 20% of revenues assigned to it, may be added to the state general funds.