| **Evaluation Checklist for Cannabis Laws and Regulations** | | Getting it Right from the Start: Advancing Public Health & Equity in Cannabis Policy (logo) | | | |
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| **Policies to Avert the Emergence of a New Tobacco-Like Industry** | Place public health authorities in leadership roles. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Favor public or nonprofit monopoly models to allow legal access without creating a profit-driven market (e.g., Quebec cannabis model, state alcohol monopoly models). | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Preserve local control including taxation so communities can innovate and learn. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Prohibit conflicts of interest in regulatory bodies and advisory commissions/boards. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Prohibit healthcare practitioners who certify qualifying conditions for medical cannabis patients from being owners of a cannabis business. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| **Policies that Promote Public Health** | Ensure that a system goal is not driving increased consumption. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Tax adult-use cannabis. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Tax adult-use cannabis based on THC content. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Extend smoke-free air restrictions to consistently include smoking and vaporizing cannabis indoors and outdoors. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Require health warnings in text and pictorial warnings on packages and ensure they are clearly visible from the outside of the package. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Require prominent health warnings to be posted in stores and provide safer use information to consumers. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Use a specialized business model for cannabis retailers (i.e., no food or other product sales). | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Prohibit healthcare practitioners who certify qualifying medical conditions for medical cannabis patients on retail premises. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Prohibit on-site cannabis consumption to protect smoke-free air, prevent drugged driving, and avoid social normalization. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Prohibit temporary cannabis events to protect smoke-free air, prevent drugged driving, and avoid social normalization. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Restrict Discounting | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Establish a minimum price (price floor). | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| **Policies to Protect Children and Youth** | Eliminate the “Cannabis Kids Menu” by prohibiting: | |  |  |  |
| * Cannabis-infused beverages. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| * Inhalable products that are flavored or marketed using flavor-indicating names. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| * Flavored joint/blunt wrappers. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| * Other youth-appealing products. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Prohibit packaging/labeling that is attractive to children or youth and clearly define what that means. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Prohibit marketing that is attractive to children or youth and clearly define what that means. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Restrict advertising where the audience will likely be more than 15% children or youth. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Limit the number of storefront retail outlets to fewer than 1 per 15,000 people. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Require buffer zones between cannabis businesses and youth-serving facilities such as schools/colleges and public libraries. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Require buffer zones between storefront retail outlets. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| **Policies to Limit Aggressive Cannabis Marketing and Dangerous Product Diversification** | Require pre-approval of cannabis products and any additives. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Limit THC content of cannabis and cannabis products. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Require stocking of lower THC products. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Require standardized 5 mg THC dosing of concentrates. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Limit cannabis business signage that is visible to the public. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Require prominent health warnings on cannabis advertisements. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Prohibit therapeutic or health claims related to cannabis products. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| **Policies that Promote Social Equity and Mitigate Harms from the War on Drugs** | Decriminalize cannabis possession to reduce cannabis-related incarceration. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Automatically expunge past criminal convictions for non-violent cannabis-related offenses. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Capture most or all tax revenue for substance abuse prevention, public education campaigns, mitigating negative social impacts of the war on drugs, or promoting healthy youth development. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Prioritize equity when licensing business applicants (e.g., residents of communities impacted by high drug incarceration rates, people with past cannabis convictions). | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Implement equity-in-hiring requirements. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Provide cost deferrals for equity cannabis business license applicants. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Inform vulnerable groups of the risks associated with cannabis use. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |
| Require buffer zones between cannabis businesses and substance abuse treatment centers. | | Yes | No | Partially |
| **Notes**: | |  |  |  |