

# Key Problems with the Marijuana Law and Suggestions:

1. Conditions List: Too broad, unscientific, designed for a large customer base; less about medicine, more about profit. Must require a full scientific review of each condition, with **evidence**. Require proof of treatment resistance.

2. Doctor/Patient Relationship: No specialist required, no established follow-up, no contraindications or drug interactions identified. Must forbid telehealth, require in-person exams, list all medications that interact, and identify conditions that are contraindications. **Require** specialist collaboration and consent.

3. Liability Immunity: Should not have preferential immunity, especially when informed consent is weak. Other physicians are not given liability immunity, why MJ doctors? Other businesses must consider liability, why are growers and pot-shop owners exempt?

4. Children and the Unborn: Require testing, consent from pediatrician and specialist, neg pregnancy test for women. No child should be given marijuana unless closely followed by their pediatrician and specialist, whereby both must consent after extensive trials with established therapies. The child's IQ, behavior pattern, and family environment must be well-documented before and after MJ treatment. No parent should be on MJ or any mind-altering drug when caring for their child. **No fetus or infant should be exposed to THC**. Due to brain development, **raise the minimum card age from 19 to 25**.

5. Doctor Education and Training: 40 hour **minimum**; training in each condition; require deference to specialists. Most doctors know very little about marijuana. A 4 hour video training is not enough. If we care about excellent patient care, let's make sure our doctors have evidenced-based, thorough training. They must work with the patient's specialist.

6. Worker Training, Drug Testing, and Accountability: Forbid medical advice, use of product, and require drug testing. Pot shop workers are most likely to be users of MJ and give medical advice with no training. This current law does not require drug testing, any medical training, nor does it prevent workers from giving medical advice.

7. Data Collection: Fund the PRIDE School MS/HS student survey, require toxicology on ALL suicides, violent deaths, traumas from MVAs, etc. How can we truly know the effects of drugs in Alabama when the data is so poor? Hospitals should test toxicology for traumas. Every county coroner and medical examiner should test for drugs. Our forensics labs need more funding to complete these tasks quickly.

8. Inspections: Establish a requirement for a set number of inspectors for every grow site, processor and store by law, not commission suggestion.

9. Law Enforcement: **Back the Blue**; protect officers, require direct commission involvement with veto power; road safety measures. For every county and municipality that opts-in for shops or gives permission to grow, they should be required to hire a set number of police officers and inspectors.

10. Caregivers: Must be re-visited, require drug testing, medical training, and must be present, providing documentation. Minimum age should be 25.

**\*\*We were not afforded honest, open, scientific debate last session. Help us address concerns and protect our homes.\*\***

## **\*\*ALERT! Are You Familiar with the New Marijuana Law?\*\***

Dear Pastors and Faith Leaders,

This past Spring, the Alabama Legislature passed a "Medical" Marijuana law. There are many dangers within this law, and it is imperative that the shepherds of our communities be fully aware of the wolves that will prey upon the most vulnerable. ALCAP is committed to educating you with truth.

Fortunately, you have the opportunity to hear a local expert, Christine C Carr, CRNA, speak on this new law! **Simply scan and activate the QR code below** with your smart phone or other device, and you will be directed to an introductory video.

We have worked with Christine multiple times on this issue, and she is very adept about educating lay people on the science. As a Christian, she also exposes the methods used by the Marijuana Industry (and some legislators) to deceive and confuse well-intentioned people. As a highly trained medical professional, Christine brings common sense to otherwise overwhelming topics. And, as a community leader, she succinctly presents actionable advice that will effectively protect your community. She has worked with ALCAP, Eagle Forum Alabama, and Drug Free Alabama.

On the opposite page is a "Top Ten" list of the worst aspects of the current law. Please be informed as soon as possible and prayerfully consider how you may educate and protect the communities you serve.

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