

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 Using Cannabis:

- Anywhere* outside
- In a car, even if it's parked, or boat
Minimum: 3 days in jail for passengers
- Anywhere other than some private residences, even with the property owner's okay (i.e. no hotel rooms, etc.)

- 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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- Sharing cannabis and passing a joint
- Cannabis purchased in other states (or anywhere but Ohio retailers and cannabis grown at one's home)
- Vaping in a rental if the landlord bans it

Prohibits Using 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.)

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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