

Grenada Decriminalization For Responsible Use Policy

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Objective

Our policy on decriminalization aims to foster responsible cannabis use among adults while mitigating the negative impacts associated with prohibition.

Policy Framework

Definition of Decriminalization

Decriminalization refers to the removal of criminal penalties for the possession, use, and cultivation of small amounts of cannabis for personal use by adults.

Age Limit

Adults of legal age, defined as individuals 18 years or older, will be permitted to possess and use small amounts of cannabis for personal use.

Possession Limits

Individuals will be allowed to possess up to 30 ounces of cannabis for personal use. Possession exceeding this limit will be considered illegal and subject to penalties.

Cultivation Limits

Limited home cultivation of cannabis plants will be permitted, with individuals allowed to cultivate up to 4 plants at home. This measure aims to promote personal cultivation while preventing excessive production.

Private Consumption

Responsible consumption of cannabis will be permitted in private settings, such as personal residences, to ensure the privacy and safety of individuals.



Public Consumption

Public consumption of cannabis will continue to be prohibited to maintain public order and prevent exposure to non-consenting individuals, particularly minors.

Regulation of Distribution

While decriminalization removes criminal penalties for possession and use, the sale and distribution of cannabis will remain regulated to ensure quality control and prevent illegal sales.

Education and Awareness

Public education campaigns will be implemented to inform individuals about the legal status of cannabis, responsible consumption practices, and potential health risks associated with use.

Social Equity Measures

Decriminalization efforts will prioritize social equity by addressing the disproportionate impact of cannabis prohibition on marginalized communities and providing resources for harm reduction and community development.

Enforcement and Penalties:

- **Law Enforcement Priorities:**
Law enforcement agencies will prioritize the investigation and prosecution of serious crimes, rather than targeting individuals for minor cannabis-related offenses.
- **Diversion Programs:**
Individuals found in possession of cannabis exceeding the legal limit or cultivation restrictions may be diverted to community-based programs focused on education, treatment, and harm reduction, rather than facing criminal prosecution.
- **Penalties for Violations:**
Penalties for violations of cannabis possession limits or cultivation restrictions may include fines starting at \$1000 or more and/or jail time of up to 3 years, depending on the severity of the offense.

Conclusion:

Our policy on decriminalization for responsible use seeks to strike a balance between individual liberties and public safety, promoting responsible cannabis use while minimizing the negative impacts of prohibition. By removing criminal penalties for minor cannabis-related offenses and

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implementing measures to educate and support individuals, we aim to create a more equitable and just society.