

## History and Accomplishments

CA NORML sponsored the state's landmark de-criminalization law, the Moscone Act of 1975, which reduced penalties for possession of one ounce of marijuana from a felony to a minor misdemeanor.

CA NORML was one of the original sponsors of California's Prop. 215, legalizing medical marijuana in 1996. We were part of a statewide coalition to legalize adult use in 2016 and have been working to fix problems with the state's legalization law, Prop. 64.

CA NORML has derailed numerous bills to make any amount of THC in the blood an automatic DUI, and fought off "Smoke a Joint Lose Your License" and recrim bills in the 1980s and 90s..

CA NORML publishes reports on the economics of prohibition and the tax benefits of legalization; on the numbers of marijuana arrestees and prisoners in the state; and on drug testing and vaporization.

CA NORML sends weekly email alerts to supporters with the latest cannabis news, plus action items on pending legislation. Since 1972, we have operated a hotline for Californians with questions about their rights under the law, connecting them with attorneys and other resources.

CA NORML pioneered website listings of medical marijuana collectives and physicians, and maintains the most respected list on the web, as well as links to lawyers and cannabis-related businesses on our informative website, [www.CaNORML.org](http://www.CaNORML.org).

Cal NORML has a Legal Committee of attorneys who are expert in criminal and business law as it impacts cannabis in California. We hold legal seminars to educate attorneys and the public on the laws.

Cal NORML regularly sponsors Lobby Days and other events to raise awareness and promote action towards greater rights for California's cannabis consumers.

## Join & Support California NORML

Cal NORML members receive our newsletter; free advice on drug testing, legal and health issues; announcements of meetings and events; and legislative alerts. Our membership list is held strictly confidential. Join today!

### YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS

- \_\_\_ \$500 Business Membership with free website listing
- \_\_\_ \$100 Peace Dove    \_\_\_ \$50 Supporting Membership
- \_\_\_ \$30 Regular membership    \_\_\_ \$20 Low-income

### T SHIRTS AND HATS

(Please circle size. Sorry, we are currently out of smaller-sized shirts)

- \_\_\_ \$25 Cal NORML Poppy Print on Black - 100% cotton  
L XL XXL
- \_\_\_ \$35 "Seal of California" (shown)  
55% Hemp/45% cotton  
L XL XXL
- \_\_\_ \$15 "Peace Dove" Ballcap (Black)



### BOOKS

- \_\_\_ \$25 "Marijuana Medical Handbook" by Dale Gieringer Ph.D., Ed Rosenthal and Gregory T. Carter, M.D.
- \_\_\_ \$15 "Tokin' Women: A 4000-Year Herstory"
- \_\_\_ \$10 Cal NORML Guide to Drug Testing
- \_\_\_ \$10 "Emerging Clinical Applications for Cannabis and the Cannabinoids: A Review of Recent Scientific Literature"

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Fighting for Californians' Rights since 1972



Founded in 1972, California NORML, the state chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, is a nonprofit membership organization that advocates for the rights of California's cannabis consumers. We publish newsletters and election guides; lobby lawmakers and activate our membership to participate; sponsor events; offer legal, educational, and consumer health advice; and fund scientific research. Cal NORML maintains a separate financial base from national NORML.

## CAL NORML'S 2023 GOALS

- Reduce taxes on marijuana; support SB 512 (Bradford) to end double taxation of cannabis.
- Support bills to allow for food and drink to be sold at cannabis businesses - AB 374 (Haney) and SB 285 (Allen).
- Protect the right to smoke and vape cannabis at home, and expand venues for public consumption.
- Develop and promulgate sound health advice about high-dose and novel cannabinoids.
- Remove obstacles to local licensing of cannabis businesses across California.
- Back federal legalization bills by lobbying the California congressional delegation.

# The Fight for Our Rights Didn't End with Prop. 64

In November 2016, 57% of California's voters approved Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. AUMA's provisions:

- Allow allow adults 21 years and older to possess up to one ounce of marijuana and cultivate up to six plants for personal use;
- Regulate and tax the production, manufacture, and sale of marijuana for adult use; and
- Rewrite criminal penalties to reduce the most common marijuana felonies to misdemeanors, and allow prior offenders to petition for reduced charges or record clearance.

### **Much work remains to be done to fully protect the rights of cannabis consumers in California.**

Prop. 64 imposed an unduly high 15% excise tax that affects patients as well as recreational users; additional cultivation taxes and local taxes have sent many consumers back to unregulated and untaxed suppliers, and crippled cannabis businesses. We helped pass a law to eliminate the cultivation tax in 2022, but only if cannabis tax revenues remain at a certain level; otherwise the excise tax could be raised to as much as 19%.

Other shortcomings of Prop. 64 include not protecting employees against unwarranted drug testing, interfering with their employment rights. Cal NORML successfully sponsored a bill in 2022 (AB 2188 - GC 12954) that will disallow employment discrimination based on urine or hair testing for inactive THC metabolites that have no basis on job performance, but rather detect off-the-job use days or even weeks beforehand. That law will take effect on January 1, 2024.

**A second Cal NORML-sponsored bill (AB 1954; BPC 2228.5), protects medical marijuana patients against discrimination by doctors** who often deny pain medicine prescriptions and other medications to patients who test positive for cannabis. Cal NORML is watchdogging a law that passed in 2022 (AB 1706) to streamline the process to automatically clear past marijuana convictions, and remove barriers to employment, education and housing resulting from criminal records that disproportionately affect communities of color.

In 2023, we are lobbying on the usual 40 or more bills that would affect cannabis businesses and consumers, including bills expanding employment rights (SB 700), patients' rights in hospital settings (SB 302), as well as product labeling for consumer safety.

Much of the resistance to legal marijuana businesses across the state is happening at local levels, where opponents continue to show up at meetings, objecting to cannabis retailers and consumption lounges. Local governments are also acting to limit tenants' rights around cannabis smoking or vaping in their own homes. Cal NORML is working with local NORML chapters and activists to counter these restrictive efforts.

Federal efforts to legalize marijuana nationally, facilitate banking and allow interstate commerce are being supported by Cal NORML with an eye to affordability for consumers, meaning fewer taxes and less unnecessary regulation.

*Please support Cal NORML's ongoing advocacy for your rights by joining today! Use the form on the back or visit [www.CaNORML.org](http://www.CaNORML.org).*

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