

MARIJUANA REGULATION IN TENNESSEE



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MARIJUANA BECOMES ILLEGAL

1937

Congress passed the Marijuana Tax Act, criminalizing marijuana.

CBD ALLOWED FOR SEIZURES

2014

TN passed SB 2531 allowing legal exceptions for low-THC CBD oil (<0.9%) for intractable seizures.

CBD POSSESSION EXPANDED

2015

TN passed SB 280 extending use of CBD to additional severe conditions but cannot obtain within TN.

FORMATION OF AD HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE

2017

Speaker Harwell and Lt. Gov. McNally order formation of Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Cannabis.

U.S. FARM BILL LEGALIZES HEMP

2018

Farm Bill legalized multiple forms of hemp and differentiated it from other cannabis plants (legalizing possession and sale without age restriction).

MEDICAL LEGALIZATION FAILS--CBD EXPANSION

2021

While medical cannabis failed, qualifying conditions for CBD use were expanded; taxed at 6%.

HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOIDS RESTRICTED

2023

SB 0378 passed restricting the sale of hemp-derived cannabinoids to minors under 21, retailers must maintain the products behind the counter; adds privilege tax, licensure requirements, and third-party testing.

Marijuana is classified as a Schedule I substance by DEA, meaning it has a high potential for dependency or misuse. Possession is a criminal misdemeanor, but there are limited legal allowances for non-psychoactive CBD oil.