

# Measure 3: Legalization of Marijuana



## WHAT MEASURE 3 DOES

Measure 3 would make recreational marijuana legal in the state of North Dakota with limited restrictions, providing many unanswered questions with the possibility of numerous unintended consequences.

## Why we **oppose** Measure 3

- The Chamber is most concerned with the **uncertainty it provides businesses** and the likely negative impact to workforce.
- Any business that has federal interaction will face numerous **challenges with inconsistencies in policy** because marijuana is illegal at the federal level.
- The measure calls in question whether it supersedes drug policies that individual companies have in place. Thus, it has the potential to **nullify existing company drug policies**.
- The estimated **cost to the state** is an additional \$6 million dollars or more.
- The call for expungement of all marijuana-related criminal charges on individuals' records as written would **expunge serious crimes** if they are in the same charging document as the marijuana-related criminal charge.
- Proponents claim there will be increased state revenues, but sales of marijuana will only be subject to the state's 5% sales and tax use.
- There are **no restrictions to how marijuana may be sold**, leaving the option of person-to-person sales, where tax benefits would never be realized.
- It would override existing non-smoking laws, making it possible for businesses to allow marijuana to be smoked in their establishment but still prohibiting cigarette smoking; and **allow for marijuana to be smoked in public buildings and facilities**.
- If passed, it would make North Dakota the most lenient state in the nation regarding its recreational marijuana laws.

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