The Tourist's Guide to Medical & Recreational Cannabis in Louisiana

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Bienvenue en Louisiane! Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!!! Welcome to Louisiana! Let The Good Times Roll!!

Welcome to Louisiana! Also known as the "Sportsman's Paradise"!

Are you a medical or recreational Cannabis user who is traveling to or through the state of Louisiana? If so, this brief guide to Cannabis law for medical patients and recreational consumers, by Belle Terre Law Firm, is for you.

Please be advised that in no way is this e-book intended to serve as legal advice. Readers should always consult a licensed attorney and conduct their own legal research on Louisiana Cannabis law.



Medical Cannabis in Louisiana

Currently, Louisiana only permits consumption of marijuana for registered medical patients only. The also allows reciprocity to out-of-state medical marijuana users. If you have a valid medical card from California (or another state that has legalized medical marijuana), you will be allowed to use your out-ofstate medical marijuana card to purchase Cannabis in Louisiana's medical marijuana pharmacies. Also, your out-ofstate medical marijuana card can be used as a defense in court if you are found in possession of marijuana.

Louisiana only has <u>nine (9) approved pharmacies</u>, throughout the entire state, that are permitted to sell medical cannabis.

If you are in need of a Louisiana medical marijuana recommendation, licensed, board certified Louisiana physicians are permitted to recommend medical marijuana (in-office and telemedicine). Visit this <u>link</u> to search for a Louisiana physician with a "Therapeutic Marijuana Registration Permit".

*Inhalation (including smoking) of dried medical cannabis flower has been legalized for registered patients.



<u>Recreational Cannabis in</u> <u>Louisiana</u>

Louisiana does NOT have an adult-consumption/recreational market for cannabis that contains more than 0.3% Delta-9 THC (marijuana).

Louisiana DOES have a rapidly budding (pun intended) Industrial Hemp Derived CBD, Delta-8 THC, Delta-9 THC, and other cannabinoids adult consumption industry. The technical term is "Consumable Hemp" and all consumers must be 21 years of age or older. The following consumable hemp products are legal in Louisiana, and available for retail sale:

- Dried flower is available for retail sales (except for inhalation);
- Tinctures;
- Oils;
- Salves;
- Isolate powders;
- Topicals;
- Consumables.



An approved list of retailers of Industrial Hemp Derived CBD/Delta-8 THC/Other Cannabinoids can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

<u>Cannabis Criminal Laws in</u> <u>Louisiana</u>

<u>Smoking, Vaping, and Inhalation of Marijuana in Homes</u> <u>and Vehicles</u>

Louisiana has legalized the inhalation (smoking and vaping) of marijuana for registered medical patients only. Louisiana law enforcement is prohibited from using the smell of marijuana, as probable cause to enter and search a person's home or dwelling.

While the new laws allow for inhalation, it is illegal to inhale (smoke and vape) marijuana in a vehicle. So, no party bus "smoke rides" guys!

Simple Possession of Marijuana in New Orleans

The City Council of New Orleans passed a municipal law stating that simple possession of marijuana warrants an automatic pardon. Even if cited by a police officer in New Orleans, the summons is essentially null and void. No arrest record is created. (Continued on next page).



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Although it is important to note that any police stop and search for simple possession of marijuana, and its subsequent pardon does not keep an officer from taking all customary incidental investigatory actions that would otherwise be available to an officer with a reasonable suspicion or probable cause to believe that a crime of marijuana possession has occurred or from charging an individual with any other crime for which probable cause exists.

Travelers to Louisiana must always keep in mind that Louisiana is not a recreational cannabis consumption state! Despite the budding CBD/Delta-THC/Other Cannabinoids market, consumption of cannabis containing more than 0.3% Delta-9 THC is still illegal.



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Statewide Simple Possession of Marijuana Laws

Arrests or citations involving the possession of up to 14 grams of cannabis, containing more than 0.3% Delta-9 THC, are punishable by a fine of no more than \$100 – no arrest and no jail time. The fine-penalty remains in place regardless of whether the offender has any prior marijuana convictions.

- The cannabis shall not be packaged in a way that looks as it is being manufactured or distributed.
- If you an out-of-state medical marijuana patient, you are only allowed to purchase medical marijuana from a licensed pharmacy.
- You are not allowed to bring your out-of-state medical or recreational marijuana into the state of Louisiana.



<u>Thank You!</u>

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