

SENATE No. 1060

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger, (BY REQUEST)

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the repeal of the Citizen Referendum Law on marijuana.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mark A. Thomas

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

482 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02115

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By Mr. Brownsberger (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1060) of Mark A. Thomas for legislation relative to the repeal of the Citizen Referendum Law on marijuana. Marijuana Policy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the repeal of the Citizen Referendum Law on marijuana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 1. WHEREAS, by public referendum on November 8, 2016 in accord with the
2 Massachusetts Constitution, citizen in the Commonwealth voted in the affirmative to approve the
3 legal use, consumption and ingestion of certain amounts of the drug marijuana;

4 2. WHEREAS, decriminalization of marijuana use does not eliminate other forms of
5 criminal behavior or civil infractions;

6 3. WHEREAS, the use of marijuana will, in fact, increase criminal activity and civil
7 wrong-doing;

8 4. WHEREAS, marijuana is a mind-altering drug that directly affects the brain, the
9 reflexes and the human thought process and its use is highly addictive;

10 5. WHEREAS, the medical and psychological effects and uncertain human behavior
11 as to action and intent of any person using, consuming and ingesting marijuana will be present in
12 the Commonwealth and pose a threat to the safety of all persons, property and animals;

13 6. WHEREAS, the use of marijuana, legalized by the passage of the referendum law
14 on November 8, 2016 will substantially increase in the workplace, in homes, on the roadways, in
15 public transportation, and in all public and private spaces and offices;

16 7. WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Legislature, along with the Executive and Judicial
17 Branches of government in the Commonwealth have both an implicit and explicit obligation to
18 protect citizens under the Massachusetts Constitution and its Preamble, from all foreseen
19 dangers;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, it being established that legalizing the use of marijuana in the
21 Commonwealth by voters was a mistake; it will increase unwanted criminal and civil wrong-
22 doing and as a result will place many innocent citizens, including young children, in imminent
23 danger with regard to medical, health, financial, family, physical, mental and social conditions:

24 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court
25 assembled, that the Citizen Referendum Law approving the use of Marijuana in the
26 Commonwealth on November 8, 2016 is HEREBY REPEALED in its entirety.