

**Missouri State Medical Association  
House of Delegates**

Resolution #7  
(A-20)

Introduced by:           Greene County Medical Society

Subject:                    Research and Recreational Marijuana

Referred to:             Reference Committee B

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1   WHEREAS, Missouri just legalized marijuana for medical purposes a year ago; and  
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3   WHEREAS, the actual distribution of marijuana for medical purposes will not even begin until later this  
4   year; and  
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6   WHEREAS, there is currently an effort to place legalized recreational marijuana on the November 2020  
7   ballot; and  
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9   WHEREAS, Colorado legalized recreational marijuana in 2012; and  
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11   WHEREAS, according to the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, in the first  
12   two years following legalization of recreational marijuana in Colorado, marijuana related traffic deaths  
13   increased by 41 percent annually; and  
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15   WHEREAS, although the increasing legalization of recreational marijuana has contributed to the belief  
16   that marijuana is harmless, the American College of Pediatricians says that research documents that its  
17   use by youth is grave including addiction and adverse effects on the adolescent brain; and  
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19   WHEREAS, it clearly makes little sense to legalize recreational marijuana in Missouri before the research  
20   on the impact of legalization of medical marijuana in Missouri is complete; and  
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22   WHEREAS, our patients look to organized medicine for guidance on public health issues; therefore be it  
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24   RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Medical Association will make it known that we strongly oppose the  
25   legalization of recreational marijuana in Missouri until further research can better clarify the risks and  
26   benefits.

**Fiscal Note:**

**Current Policy:**