



2025 California Laws: Cannabis Cafes & Entertainment Zones Approved

Description

Overview:

Starting Jan. 1, some parts of California may sell more alcohol and cannabis. This is to bring more people to downtown areas after COVID-19. People can now drink alcohol on public streets and sidewalks in "entertainment zones." Some groups worry this may lead to more drunk driving and deaths.

Another new law allows cannabis lounges to sell food and drinks. This could bring economic benefits and create new experiences for people. Both laws aim to support businesses and communities after the pandemic. Some people are still worried about the high cost of living in California.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Cannabis** /'kæn.ə.bɪs/ (noun): A plant often used for medicinal and recreational purposes containing psychoactive compounds.
2. **Economic** /,i:kə'nɔ:mɪk/ (adjective): Related to the production distribution and use of income goods and services.
3. **Benefits** /'benɪfɪts/ (noun): Advantages or profits gained from something.
4. **Support** /sə'pɔ:rt/ (verb): To provide assistance or encouragement to someone or something.
5. **Communities** /kə'mjunitiz/ (noun): Groups of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
6. **Worry** /'wɜ:ri/ (verb): To feel anxious or concerned about something.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the purpose of allowing more alcohol and cannabis sales in some parts of California starting Jan. 1?

Option: To attract more people to downtown areas after COVID-19



- Option: To discourage people from going out and consuming substances
- Option: To limit alcohol and cannabis consumption in public areas
- Option: To restrict access to alcohol and cannabis

2. Where can people now drink alcohol according to the new law in California?

- Option: In designated entertainment zones on public streets and sidewalks
- Option: Only in bars and restaurants
- Option: Nowhere, public alcohol consumption is still prohibited
- Option: At home only

3. What is the concern regarding the new alcohol and cannabis laws in California?

- Option: Potential increase in drunk driving and deaths
- Option: Improvement in public safety
- Option: Boost in economic activity
- Option: Decrease in substance abuse

4. What is one of the outcomes expected from allowing cannabis lounges to sell food and drinks?

- Option: Economic benefits and new experiences for people
- Option: Decrease in cannabis consumption
- Option: Closure of cannabis lounges
- Option: Reduction in business revenue

5. What is the main goal of the new laws regarding alcohol and cannabis in California?

- Option: To support businesses and communities after the pandemic
- Option: To increase substance abuse
- Option: To discourage people from going downtown
- Option: To restrict access to entertainment zones

6. What are some people still worried about in California despite the new laws?

- Option: The high cost of living
- Option: The reduced availability of substances
- Option: The lack of entertainment options
- Option: The decrease in downtown activities

True-False

7. The new law in California allows cannabis lounges to sell food and drinks.



8. The new laws in California aim to discourage substance consumption in public areas.
9. Some groups are concerned about the potential increase in drunk driving and deaths due to the new alcohol and cannabis laws.
10. The new laws regarding alcohol and cannabis in California solely focus on decreasing business revenue.
11. One of the intended outcomes of the new laws is to create new experiences for people in cannabis lounges.
12. Despite the changes, some individuals are still worried about the high cost of living in California.

Gap-Fill

13. The new alcohol and cannabis laws in California aim to support businesses and communities after the _____.
14. People can now drink alcohol on public streets and sidewalks in designated " _____ zones."
15. Another new law allows cannabis lounges to sell food and _____.
16. Some worry that the new laws may lead to more drunk driving and _____.
17. One of the concerns raised is the potential increase in the _____ in California.
18. The information in the summary was written by _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. To attract more people to downtown areas after COVID-19 2. In designated entertainment zones on public streets and sidewalks 3. Potential increase in drunk driving and deaths 4. Economic benefits and new experiences for people 5. To support businesses and communities after the pandemic 6. The high cost of living

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. pandemic 14. entertainment 15. drinks 16. deaths 17. cost of living 18. Jenna Peterson



Answer

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