

A Comparison between Question 3, and a More Responsible Approach to Medical Marijuana

<u>Question 3 as Written:</u>	<u>A Well-Regulated and Responsible Medical Marijuana Program Would:</u>
Makes no distinction between adults and minors, and would allow minors to possess and use marijuana without any parental notification.	Require parental consent for the prescription of marijuana to minors, and require adult caregivers to be responsible for the use of marijuana by minor patients.
Allows any doctor in any state to certify a Massachusetts patient for marijuana use, and does not require a medical examination or in-person meeting.	Require certification only from a Massachusetts doctor who has established a bona fide relationship, and who has thoroughly examined and advised the patient.
Allows any doctor in any state to declare a new condition eligible for marijuana treatment, without any oversight or review by a regulatory agency or professional licensure body.	Limit treatment by marijuana to a list of specific and chronic debilitating conditions, and allow the Department of Public Health to oversee additions to that list.
Provides no mechanism to report or monitor the quantities of marijuana dispensed, how often it is dispensed, or to whom it is dispensed, making marijuana a completely uncontrolled substance.	Require that marijuana, like nearly all other controlled substances used in medical treatment, be subject to the requirements of the Prescription Monitoring Program.
Establishes “medical” marijuana that does not require a medical prescription to obtain, and that can be obtained in unlimited quantities, indefinitely.	Require that marijuana be dispensed only pursuant to a 30 to 90 day medical prescription written on a tamper-resistant prescription form.
Would, from January 1 st until May 1 st , allow anyone with a note from any doctor to cultivate any quantity of marijuana in their own home.	Create an effective and safe distribution network that eliminates the need for home cultivation or the placement of retail dispensaries in local communities.
Generates no revenue to support the administration or regulation of a medical marijuana program.	Establish a schedule of fees to offset the costs of a medical marijuana program, and establish a trust fund to ensure revenue is reserved for this purpose.
Does not protect the authority of cities and towns to regulate or to inspect cultivators and dispensaries.	Affirm the authority of municipalities to regulate and inspect dispensaries for health and safety concerns.