

- Marinol, a synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, has been approved by the FDA for treatment of some of the conditions addressed in the proposed legislation. Marinol has undergone rigorous review by the FDA and is distributed to patients through well-established and well accepted mechanisms.
- The provisions of this act create a level of conflict with the enforcement of other state and federal laws regarding the possession, distribution and cultivation of marijuana. The potential for a “gray market” for marijuana sales would appear to be significant as a result. The regulatory provisions of the act would also appear to be very costly to implement and may increase the cost to the ultimate consumer to a level far above the price for marijuana purchased on the black market or for the prescription drug Marinol.

There are many arguments both pro and con for legalizing the medicinal use of cannabis and cannabis substances. Those arguments could fill days of testimony and pages of well researched documents. In the end, however, we recognize this is a public policy decision. As you give due deliberation to that important decision, please consider the experience and perspective of the KBI and the Kansas law enforcement community, along with the experience and perspective of the FDA and other health professionals. Marijuana, or cannabis, has a high potential for abuse and lacks any accepted medical use in the United States. Marijuana is illegal and should remain illegal in our state.

Thank you.

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