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The Impact of Cannabis Legalization on Minnesota Counties

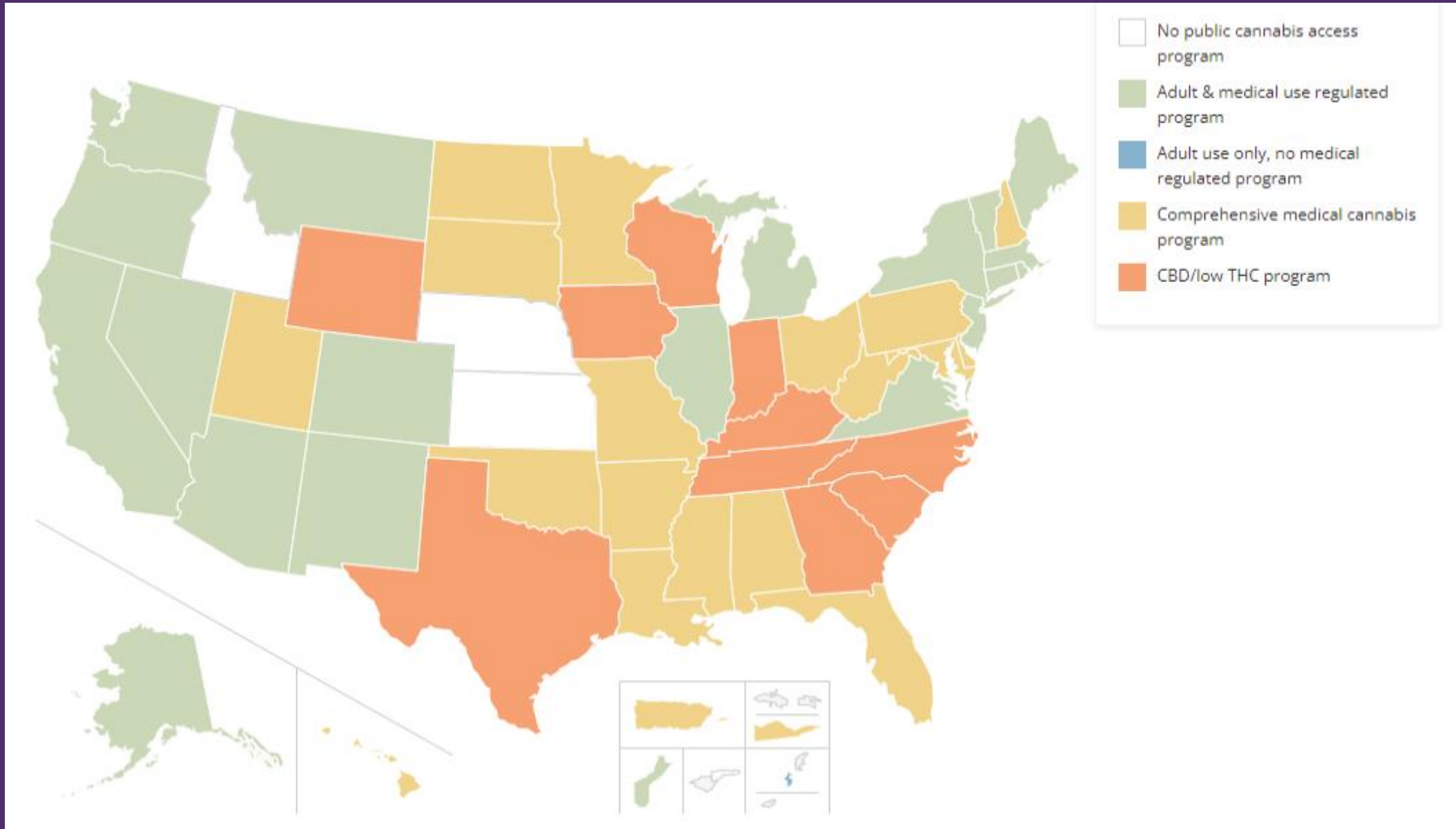
AMC Cannabis Workgroup



- Created by Executive Committee in December 2018
- Purpose:
 - Monitor & review legislation related to the legalization of recreational marijuana.
 - Consider the potential impacts on various functions of county government if recreational marijuana legalization moves forward.
 - Evaluate whether AMC should take a position on the overarching issue of legalization.

Recreational or Adult Use Cannabis Review

Cannabis Legalization by State



Common Legalization Provisions



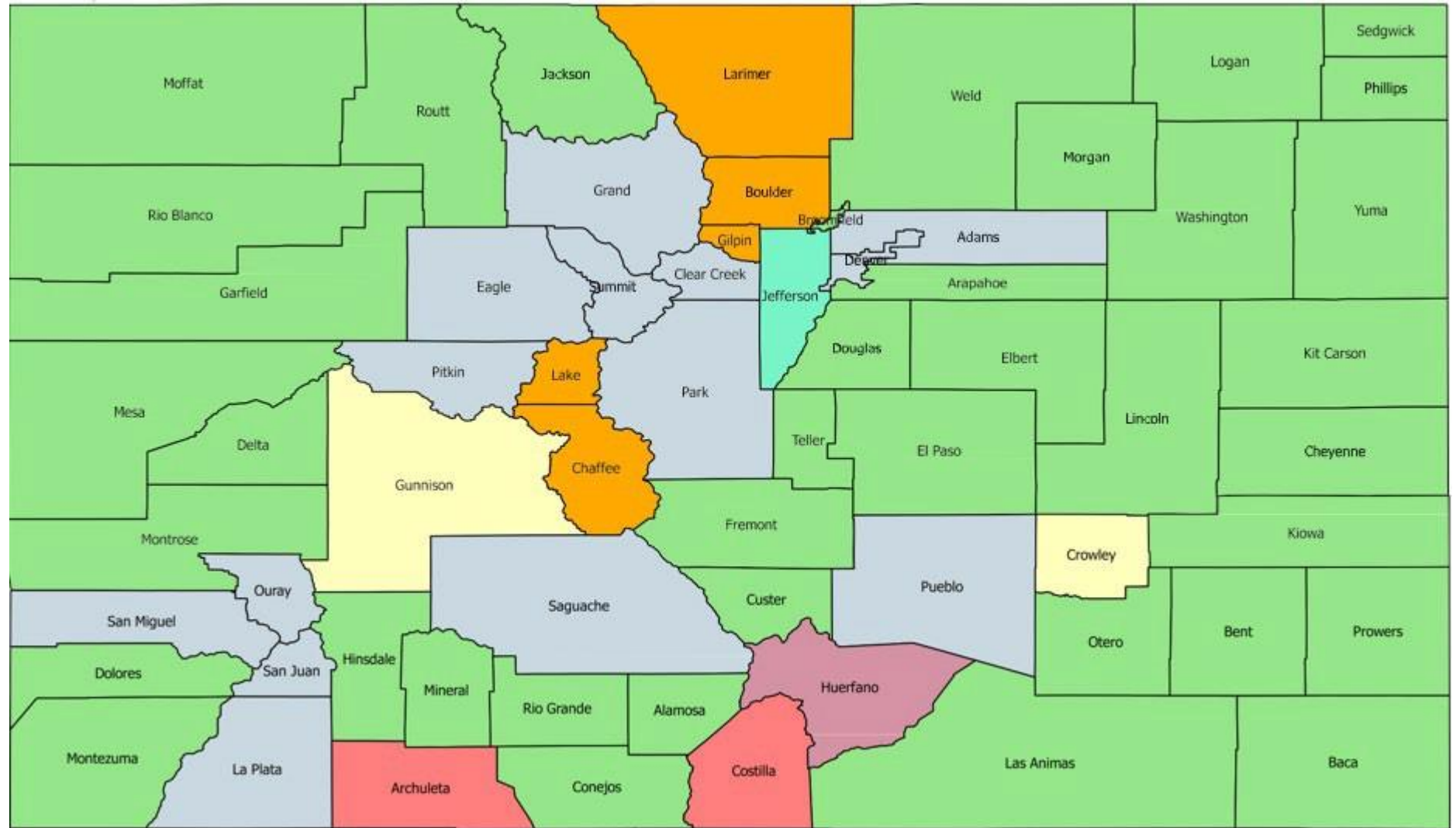
- Must be 21+ to buy, possess, & use
- Possession limited to certain amounts
- Possession allowed most places, but consumption prohibited in public spaces and private entities allowed to ban onsite
- Child proof packaging requirements and accurate labeling of potency and dosage
- Establishes licensing system and business requirements
- Creates taxation structure and revenue distribution

Local Control

- County government role
 - Regulatory authority
 - Licensing authority
 - Taxing authority
 - No role at all

County Regulatory Status - Recreational Marijuana

- Allowing Sales, Cultivation, Product Manufacturing & Testing
- Prohibiting New Establishments, but Allowing Migration of Existing
- Allowing Cultivation, Product Manufacturing & Testing Only
- Ban or Moratoria in Effect
- Allowing Cultivation Only
- Allowing Sales and Cultivation Only
- Allowing Testing Only



Zoning & Land Use



- Cultivation, testing, manufacturing, retail, off-site storage, transportation, and social clubs
 - Location in community, security systems, odor control, lighting, visibility, proximity to municipalities, hours of operation, waste disposal, transportation of product, etc.
- Personal plants
 - Prohibit or allow; number, location, visibility, etc.

Environment & Natural Resources



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- Illegal grow clean up
- Water and energy use
- Solid and hazardous waste

Human Services



- Child welfare
- Child care licensing
- Foster care eligibility
- Substance abuse programs
- Monitor long-term impacts

Public Health



- Adolescent use prevention
- Safe use education
- Business compliance checks
- Product inspections and recalls
- Data collection and monitoring

Public Safety

- Illegal grow operations
- Impaired driving
- Cash economy
- Restricting out-of-state trafficking
- K9 Units
- Expungement

Expungement

- Commonly tied to legalization bills
- Impacts executive and judicial records
- Eligibility restrictions
- Star Tribune estimates 60,000 cases sealed, more expunged
- Outreach and public education

Employment Law



Ends THC testing for most positions except:

- CDL license holders,
- Emergency services positions,
- Individuals who “a position requiring face-to-face care, training, education, supervision, counseling, consultation, or medical assistance” to children, vulnerable adults, or patients.

Employers can still prohibit on-site, on-the-clock use

AMC Principles



- Grant local governments the authority to opt-in or opt-out of sectors of the cannabis industry based on the preferences of their residents.
- Create a strong regulatory framework ensuring only safe and legal operations can succeed.
- Establish a shared revenue source that reimburses local governments for implementation, public education, and ongoing enforcement.
- Support public health education about the impacts of cannabis use to protect the health of families and communities.
- Include county representatives in all official legalization discussions such as workgroups, rulemaking bodies, and advisory boards.



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