What does Prop 64 do for California?
The Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) will legalize cannabis for adults age 21 and up to possess, carry, share and grow in small amounts for non-medical personal use. It does not allow public consumption, driving impaired or furnishing to minors. AUMA eliminates or reduces nine cannabis felonies and releases offenders from prison but leaves some criminal penalties. Prop 64 blocks police searches. It will protect Prop 215 and existing state medical marijuana rights.* It makes marijuana sales a state agricultural product and regulates the market with both state and local licenses. Localities could still ban sales but not home grows. Prop 64 only taxes commerce and the money funds youth programs, scientific research, implementing and enforcing the laws, environmental restoration and social justice grants. Prop 64 takes a well balanced approach. It even restores industrial hemp for California farmers.

Isn’t marijuana already legal?
No! Currently having up to an ounce of marijuana is an infraction; anything else is a misdemeanor or felony. Having a Prop 215 doctor’s approval gives patients a ‘qualified immunity’ legal defense in court but you can still be searched, arrested and prosecuted. There are lost wages, attorney fees, fines and court costs. A pot arrest can affect the rest of your life or even ruin you.

No smoking is allowed in a moving car and no open containers in the passenger area, so people will have to carry cannabis in their trunk or some kind of closed container. Prop 64 imposes strict anti-monopoly restrictions. Unlicensed sales remain illegal and sales to minors can be a felony, depending on age.

Where will we be able to light up?
In your home, a friend’s or a duly licensed cannabis venue, like going to a bar for a drink. Localities can authorize and license retail venues that allow “on site” consumption but cannot have licensed alcohol or tobacco sales at the same venue as marijuana.

So, I won’t need a doctor’s note anymore?
You might. Adults throughout the state will have a legal right to possess, grow and share small amounts of marijuana, to work in the industry and to apply for a commercial license with no doctor’s note, but for larger gardens and medical amounts, patients will still need to get a doctor’s recommendation.

How much would the new cannabis tax be?
There is a production tax at the cultivation level plus a 15% excise tax built into the sales price at the point of purchase. This is lower than other states, but sales and local taxes also apply. Patients with a state patient ID card are exempt from the state sales tax.

How much cannabis does Prop 64 allow?
An ounce of herb and 8 grams of concentrate per adult; six plants per household. You can keep the entire harvest, even though it’s more than an ounce.

What are some of its other restrictions?
Prop 64 limits public consumption to a venue licensed for on-site use. Proof of age will be required for you to buy marijuana.

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* Refer to sections HS 11362.2 (b) (2), 11362.3 (f), 11362.45 (j), 11362.712 (a), and 11362.84, BP 26067 (e), 26054.2(a), 34011 (g) and 34012 (j).

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