

# TIMELINE: KEY CA MARIJUANA LAWS

**1996:** CA voters approved Prop 215, also known as the Compassionate Use Act, and became the first State to give the right to use marijuana for medical reasons, with a doctor's recommendation.

**2001:** The U.S. Supreme Court ruled there was "no medical exception" to federal marijuana laws, and that it was still illegal to sell or distribute marijuana, even when state laws, like Prop 215, allow it.

**2004:** The Medical Marijuana Program Act (SB 420) required the CA Dept. of Public Health to develop a voluntary program to register and issue cards to medical marijuana users and their caregivers and mandated county participation.

**2005:** The San Diego County Board of Supervisors filed a lawsuit to overturn Proposition 215 and SB 420. The California Supreme Court rejected the lawsuit in November 2006. They filed an appeal in 2009 that was also rejected. It went to the U.S. Supreme Court, which refused to hear the case on 5/19/09.

**2008:** Then-Attorney General Jerry Brown established the "Guidelines for the Security and Non-Diversion of Marijuana Grown for Medical Use".

**2009:** San Diego County implemented the Medical Marijuana Program (MMP), as mandated by the State, and began issuing Medical Marijuana Identification Cards (MMIC) 7/6/09.

**2010:** San Diego County approved the Medical Marijuana Collective Program Facilities Ordinance, under the supervision of the Sheriff's Dept., detailing how and where medical marijuana collectives can operate in the unincorporated areas.

**2010:** Governor Schwarzenegger reduced marijuana possession to an infraction.

**2011:** San Diego County amended the existing Medical Marijuana Collective Facilities Ordinance to specify zones of operation.

**2014:** The City of San Diego adopted an ordinance allowing four dispensaries in each of the municipality's nine council districts.

**2014:** CA approved Proposition 47 (11/5/14) which reduced the penalties for many drug possession charges from a felony to a misdemeanor.

**2015:** CA adopted a series of regulatory policies by combining three proposed legislative bills (AB243, AB 266 and SB643), to establish the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA) to establish regulatory system from cultivation to transportation of medical marijuana and identifies 19 state department roles and also acknowledges and allows local control.

**2016:** San Diego County extended a moratorium on new medical marijuana dispensaries in unincorporated areas through March 2017 to allow time to modify existing regulations for medical marijuana businesses.

AB 64, a bill reconciling the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act and the Adult Use of Marijuana Act/Prop 64 was introduced 12/12/16 with the intent to reconcile the regulatory structures for medical and recreational marijuana use.

## TIMELINE: KEY CA MARIJUANA LAWS

**2016:** Proposition 64 passed November 8, 2016 - The Adult Use of Marijuana Act legalizing personal possession and use over 21.

**2017:** Creation of the Bureau of Cannabis/Marijuana Control – regulating retail sales, transport, labs, cultivation etc.