

Definition of Marijuana Amended in Michigan

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 11, 2021 *****

On July 13, 2021, Legislation was signed making changes to how marijuana is defined and regulated in the state, including products containing synthetic cannabis derivatives.

[HB 4517](#) revised the definition under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act ([MRTMA](#)) to include all compounds containing more than .3% of THC, and creates a new definition of “THC” that includes any tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, including synthetically derived products and isomers.

The definition of “**industrial hemp**” was also amended in the Act to be consistent with these changes. [HB 4740](#), [4741](#), [4742](#), and [4743](#), amends the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act ([MMFLA](#)), the Industrial Hemp Growers Act ([Public Act 220 of 2020](#)), the [Marihuana Tracking Act](#), and the [Public Health Code](#).

As a result of these changes, effective October 11, 2021, products containing more than .3% of any THC product, including synthetically derived Delta-8 THC, will be considered "marijuana" products regulated by the state's marijuana regulatory structure.

Marijuana/marihuana is still a Schedule 1 Drug under the Michigan Public Health Code MCL 333.7212.

”Except as provided in subsection (2), Marihuana, including pharmaceutical-grade cannabis”

“(2) Marihuana, including pharmaceutical-grade cannabis, is a schedule 2 controlled substance if it is manufactured, obtained, stored, dispensed, possessed, grown, or disposed of in compliance with this act and as authorized by federal authority.”