



SB 356

Possession of Medical Cannabis - Local Correctional Facilities and Home Detention Center Program – Prohibition

MCAA Position: **SUPPORT**

TO: Judicial Proceedings Committee

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The majority of local correctional facilities within the State have their inmate medical services contracted with an outside vendor. These medical service professionals have many alternative treatments available and are relied upon to make professional medical decisions within a correctional facility.

Medical cannabis is prohibited in the State Prison system and local correctional facilities. Storing and/or distributing the drug is a violation of Federal law. The contracted medical providers cannot store or dispense medical cannabis without being in violation of Federal law.

The prohibition of any controlled substance including medical cannabis on the grounds of a correctional facility or while participating in a home detention program is common sense legislation that the MCAA supports and ask the Judicial Proceedings Committee to support as well.