A Quick Glance at U.S. Recreational Cannabis Policies and Implications for Public Health

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Cannabis liberalization policies are an ongoing experiment in the United States, with several varieties of policies.

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, *Cannabis Overview*
Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act

Put forward by the Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on July 14, 2021

Removes cannabis, and its THC derivatives, from the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) within 180 days of its signing.

Transfers primary agency jurisdiction from DEA to FDA to follow similar agency responsibilities established for alcohol and tobacco.

Provides expungement of certain cannabis offenses and removes cannabis from prison contraband.

Major economic, legal, and social implications.
States have implemented individual taxation policies that differ significantly from one another.
Current sales limits on amounts purchased are inadequate to reduce diversion and misuse and do not encourage moderation.

Sales limit on concentrates (g) based on weight

Number of standardized 10 mg doses per transaction based on median product potencies

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