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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa relating to cannabis.  
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is  
4 amended by adding the following new section:

5 Sec. 9. **Cannabis.** The possession, growth, cultivation,  
6 processing, manufacture, preparation, packaging, transferal,  
7 consumption, and retail sale and purchase of cannabis, or  
8 products created from or including cannabis, by persons  
9 21 years of age or older, shall be lawful and subject to  
10 regulation by the alcoholic beverages division or its successor  
11 agency, except for cannabis purchased for medical use pursuant  
12 to the recommendation of a medical professional as provided  
13 for by law. "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant genus  
14 Cannabis L., whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, and  
15 every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or  
16 preparation of the plant or its seeds.

17 The receipts from retail purchases of cannabis or products  
18 created from or which include cannabis, other than cannabis  
19 purchased for medical use pursuant to the recommendation of a  
20 medical professional as provided for by law, shall be subject  
21 to taxation by the state at a rate to be determined by the  
22 general assembly by law not to exceed twenty percent and shall  
23 be credited to the general fund of the state.

24 The receipts from retail purchases of cannabis, other  
25 than cannabis purchased for medical use pursuant to the  
26 recommendation of a medical professional as provided for by  
27 law, shall be subject to a supplemental tax at a rate to be  
28 determined by the general assembly by law not to exceed two  
29 percent. Revenue from this tax shall be apportioned to the  
30 municipality overseeing the location generating the receipt or,  
31 in the case of an unincorporated area, to the county overseeing  
32 that location.

33 The general assembly shall provide by law for the  
34 implementation of this section.

35 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed

1 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred  
2 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general  
3 election for members of the general assembly, and shall be  
4 published as provided by law for three consecutive months  
5 previous to the date of that election.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
10 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to cannabis. The  
11 joint resolution makes the possession, growth, cultivation,  
12 processing, manufacture, preparation, packaging, transferal,  
13 consumption, and retail sale and purchase of cannabis, or  
14 products created from or including cannabis, by persons 21  
15 years of age or older, lawful and subject to regulation by the  
16 alcoholic beverages division. The joint resolution prohibits  
17 the possession, growth, cultivation, processing, manufacture,  
18 preparation, packaging, transferal, consumption, and retail  
19 sale and purchase of cannabis, or products created from or  
20 including cannabis, by persons under 21 years of age. The  
21 joint resolution defines "cannabis" to include all parts of the  
22 plant genus Cannabis L., the seeds thereof, and all derivatives  
23 thereof. The joint resolution does not apply to cannabis  
24 purchased for medical use pursuant to the recommendation of a  
25 medical professional as provided for by law.

26 The receipts from retail purchases of cannabis, other  
27 than cannabis purchased for medical use pursuant to the  
28 recommendation of a medical professional as provided for by  
29 law, are subject to a tax to be determined by law not to exceed  
30 20 percent, revenue from which shall be credited to the general  
31 fund of the state. The joint resolution also imposes a tax on  
32 the receipts from retail purchases of cannabis to be determined  
33 by law not to exceed 2 percent, other than cannabis purchases  
34 for medical use pursuant to the recommendation of a medical  
35 professional as provided for by law, revenue from which shall

1 be apportioned to the municipality overseeing the location  
2 generating the receipt or, in the case of an unincorporated  
3 area, to the county overseeing that location.

4 The general assembly shall provide by law for the  
5 implementation of the joint resolution.

6 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be published and  
7 then referred to the next general assembly (90th) for adoption,  
8 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.

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