

**From:** Richard Sears [RSEARS@leg.state.vt.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 2:16 PM  
**To:** Childs, Michele; Pepper, James  
**Subject:** Re: Intent / purpose

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**From:** Michele Childs  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 2:15 PM  
**To:** Richard Sears; Pepper, James  
**Subject:** RE: Intent / purpose

On or before October 15, 2017, the Department shall begin issuing retailer licenses to qualified applicants. A license shall not permit a licensee to open the store to the public or sell marijuana to the public prior to January 1, 2018.

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**From:** Richard Sears  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 2:14 PM  
**To:** Michele Childs; Pepper, James  
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Sure, this is merely a starting point Keith Clark said 2 years, Keith Flynn 9 months.

**“Don’t make it legal and then figure out how to do it.”**

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**From:** Michele Childs  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 2:11 PM  
**To:** Richard Sears; Pepper, James  
**Subject:** RE: Intent / purpose

Can they issue permits for retail around 10/15/17 so stores can get ready? But still provide that retail sales couldn't begin until 1/1/18?

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**From:** Richard Sears  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 1:56 PM  
**To:** Michele Childs; Pepper, James  
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Retail sales & removing current civil penalties.

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**From:** Michele Childs  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 1:52 PM  
**To:** Richard Sears; Pepper, James  
**Subject:** RE: Intent / purpose

1/1/18 starting point for what?

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**From:** Richard Sears  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 12:16 PM  
**To:** Michele Childs; Pepper, James  
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I agree, one of the keys will be how are you going to use the revenue. If we are not explicit that it will go to prevention & education to reduce kids use it would be better to put in a place holder until the administration comes up with something. The Impact Report from Health Department would be a good place to start.

Re effective date, the more I think about it the more comfortable I am with 1/1/18 as a starting point. Committee could work back from there.

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**From:** Michele Childs  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 11:53 AM  
**To:** Pepper, James; Richard Sears  
**Subject:** RE: Intent / purpose

Wasn't really what I was expecting. I had imagined we'd have something a little more built out - about the importance of prevention measures; how we could build on the work we are already doing (especially around tobacco); areas where we should begin to focus our efforts. I mean, there is a little of that in there, but mostly it looks like here's a fund to dump the money. Maybe Dick has different idea...?

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**From:** Pepper, James [<mailto:James.Pepper@vermont.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 11:50 AM  
**To:** Michele Childs; Richard Sears  
**Subject:** Fwd: Intent / purpose

This just came in. I haven't even looked at it yet but let me know if you want something different.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Englander, David" <[David.Englander@vermont.gov](mailto:David.Englander@vermont.gov)>  
**Date:** January 25, 2016 at 11:46:56 AM EST  
**To:** "Pepper, James" <[James.Pepper@vermont.gov](mailto:James.Pepper@vermont.gov)>, "Cimaglio, Barbara" <[Barbara.Cimaglio@vermont.gov](mailto:Barbara.Cimaglio@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject: RE: Intent / purpose**

James:

See attached.

Best,

David

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From: Pepper, James  
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 10:54 AM  
To: Englander, David; Cimaglio, Barbara  
Subject: RE: Intent / purpose

Sounds great - thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Englander, David [<mailto:David.Englander@vermont.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 10:52 AM  
To: Pepper, James <[James.Pepper@vermont.gov](mailto:James.Pepper@vermont.gov)>; Cimaglio, Barbara <[Barbara.Cimaglio@vermont.gov](mailto:Barbara.Cimaglio@vermont.gov)>  
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James:

Yes. Working on it right now. Meeting with our CFO at 11 to discuss a few fine points.

Best,  
David

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From: Pepper, James  
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 10:47 AM  
To: Englander, David  
Subject: RE: Intent / purpose

Hi David -

Thanks again for taking the time last week. Are you still on track to get me some notes on prevention today? We are hoping to get a bill printed by this afternoon if possible.

Thanks!

James

-----Original Message-----

From: Englander, David [<mailto:David.Englander@vermont.gov>]

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 1:25 PM

To: Pepper, James <[James.Pepper@vermont.gov](mailto:James.Pepper@vermont.gov)>

Subject: Re: Intent / purpose

James:

Attached is a first-glance, quick edit. Talk at 2.

Best,  
David

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From: Pepper, James  
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 5:32 PM  
To: Chen, Harry  
Subject: RE: Intent / purpose

Thanks for the comments. You are right on about the enforcement piece. I will add a section on that.  
We'd like to address some of the HIA recommendations directly in the bill. I had a few additional questions for you some of them:  
With regards to prevention, do you know what substance misuse

prevention, education and screening in schools and pediatric offices we currently have?

Should we piggyback off of / direct funds to existing programs or create something new?

Do you have something in mind for a statewide education campaign, both in terms of substance and how to stage implementation?

What would the process look like for expanding screening in primary care practices and getting providers the information they need? Does this require legislation? Do we already have information handouts for providers?

I know these are big questions. Is there someone I can work with to get some clarity on these issues?

Thank you Harry!

From: Chen, Harry [<mailto:Harry.Chen@vermont.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 7:46 PM

To: Pepper, James

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Subject: RE: Intent / purpose

James

A couple things:

First there was concern if it is unrealistic to consider wiping out the black market but hyperbole may be in order.

In addition, there are concerns that what's missing is language that supports funding strong enforcement. Education/prevention (really social marketing/countermarketing) is important, but can only be effective if supported by policy, enforcement, health interventions,

etc.

Otherwise it looks fine.

Best

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From: Pepper, James  
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 9:41 AM  
To: Chen, Harry  
Subject: Intent / purpose

#### Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The purpose of this act is to end the failed policy of prohibition and create a regulated market for marijuana in the interest of keeping marijuana and other drugs out of the hands of underage kids; wiping out the black market and getting rid of the illegal drug dealers; using revenue from legalization to expand drug prevention programs; strengthening law enforcement's capacity to improve the response to impaired drivers under the influence of marijuana on Vermont's roads; and banning the sale of edibles.

\* \* \* Prevention \* \* \*

#### Sec. 2. COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE APPROACH TO THE PREVENTION OF MARIJUANA USAGE

(a) Prevention is the most important tool available to the state to educate Vermonters about the negative health impacts of marijuana and curtail usage among youth. While there are a number of programs and organizations devoted to raising awareness about the impacts of marijuana, a coordinated and properly funded statewide approach is needed to ensure that we are devoting appropriate resources and programming to preventing use before it happens. Comprehensive and collaborative education and prevention should continue to be supported and expanded in an effort to prevent marijuana use amongst

Vermont's youth. Proper funding will increase the state's ability to educate children about the impacts of marijuana and to provide needed services to prevent usage.