Marijuana - No Longer Down in the Weeds

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AAA Public and Government Affairs: to promote and protect the interests of AAA members and the traveling public on safety and other issues of significance to motorists through public advocacy and influence.
We are on the side of safety in protecting safe drivers from impaired drivers.

...especially marijuana-impaired drivers who can’t be affirmatively tested roadside the way drunk drivers can.
Drugged Driving Summits have afforded

Information Exchange

Discussion of Shared Interests/Public
Law enforcement, Health Care, Judicial, Legislators, Traffic Safety Advocates

A Basis For Action
Resources
Policy Positioning
Coalition building

AAA has sponsored 33 since 2013
25 in the last 2 years
DRUGGED DRIVING & CRASHES

From 2007 to 2014, the number of nighttime weekend drivers in the U.S. with marijuana in their system increased nearly 50%.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
Connecticut 2017 • Controversial Bill • Stayed in committee

Delaware 2017 • Controversial bill • Never reached House floor for vote

Maryland 2017 • Controversial bills • Stayed in committee

New Jersey 2018 • Controversial bills

Pennsylvania 2018

Virginia 2018

AAA active voice of opposition in these states
State laws that regulate driving while using marijuana are flawed, says AAA

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AAA urges more research about impairment by cannabis/marijuana and the development of policy, including valid and effective ways to determine impairment levels, specifically regarding driving while impaired by cannabis/marijuana.

Currently, there is insufficient scientific evidence to support an impaired driving conviction based solely on active THC levels.

Accordingly, AAA opposes the establishment of per se standards for cannabis.

In jurisdictions where cannabis use is legal, AAA endorses laws which provide that a positive toxicology result for active THC in whole blood may give rise to permissible inference of impairment only when accompanied by other evidence of impaired driving.
Better Alternative to Per Se Laws

What gets you pulled over

Results of a SFST

Opinion of a Drug Recognition Expert

Positive blood test for active THC
Legalization of Recreational Marijuana will:

- Change perceptions of risks regarding its use (it’s legal, it’s okay)
- Increase number of users who get behind the wheel and drive
- Contribute to traffic crashes
- Create new significant challenges for law enforcement/courts
- Put all of us at greater risk on the road