

NEWS RELEASE: Medical vs Commercial Cannabis

"Since calling for public comment on the model Bill we've drafted in support of enacting medicinal cannabis legislation in Arkansas, one of the questions that keeps coming forward is why we are not seeking to set-up dispensaries or some other sort of state-regulated distribution network," said Robert Reed, spokesperson for Arkansans for Medical Cannabis.

Reed said requests for such legislation had been persistent, but that the ad-hoc group he represents had aligned with one single purpose: Forwarding legislation that enables people who would therapeutically benefit by use of cannabis to do so without fear of arrest or prosecution. "Everything else is off our radar right now," Reed elaborated. "However, as we've said all along, our limited focus should not keep others from exploring this complex issue for themselves."

That's why, Reed said, he was glad to hear the news, announced at a Memorial Day celebration held in Bee Branch on May 29, about the formation of a group called Arkansans for Regulation. Will 'Willy-T' Taylor, spokesperson for the effort, said his group is in the process of developing their own model legislation, aimed to address the many and various aspects of commercial cultivation, marketing and distribution, and has plans to announce their new website soon.

"We applaud this civic enthusiasm," Reed affirmed. "And for us, we shall continue to zero-in on the nit-picky details of refining the legislation that our collaborative work has authored."

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