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Tennessee Medical Cannabis Trade Association

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## **TWO-THIRDS OF POLICE SUPPORT MEDICAL CANNABIS**

*2016 Pew Research Survey Shows 7-in-10 Officers Support Medical Cannabis*

NASHVILLE – A national survey conducted by the Pew Research Center found 69 percent of police officers favored restoring patient freedom with medical cannabis, saying this was an issue of “broad agreement between officers and the public.”

The survey results from 2016 align with Tennesseans’ opinions on medical cannabis. A Vanderbilt University poll conducted during Fall 2017 found that nearly 80 percent of registered voters in Tennessee supported patients having medical cannabis as a treatment option.

Two-thirds of the U.S. has access to medical cannabis but it is illegal to Tennesseans. While Arkansas patients already have access to medical cannabis, other states bordering Tennessee are quickly moving in that direction. Kentucky’s governor has signaled his support, and there is legislation moving through Virginia’s legislature.

The Medical Cannabis Only Act, [HB 1749/SB 1710](#), provides industry oversight and safe patient access with law enforcement at the table and the right for municipalities to opt out. The MCO bill would allow Tennessee patients with certain health conditions access to lab-tested, regulated medical cannabis oil-based manufactured products only – no flower or raw cannabis for treatment.

“Now is the time for a conservative, state-based solution to help our sickest residents and prevent law-abiding Tennesseans from turning to the black market for medicine that works for them,” Tennessee Medical Cannabis Trade Association (TMCTA) executive director Glenn Anderson said.

The Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan, nonprofit and nonadvocacy fact tank that informs the public about issues, attitudes and trends shaping the world. Click [here](#) for information about the survey.

### *About TMCTA*

The TMCTA is the leading group of business entrepreneurs, researchers and patient advocates supporting the Medical Cannabis Only Act in the state legislature this year. For more on the effort in Tennessee to make medical cannabis an option for those with debilitating health conditions, go to [tnmedicalcannabisonly.org](http://tnmedicalcannabisonly.org).

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