

**HAWAII**

**MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS  
CHAPTER 329 SECTION IX  
ACT 228 SLH 2000**

**MEDICAL  
CANNABIS  
TAX STAMP**

**\$ 38.50**

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# BACKGROUND

This Medical Cannabis Tax Stamp was inspired by stamps that were issued under the [Marijuana Tax Act of 1937](#), which effectively banned the possession of cannabis by imposing prohibitive federal taxes on all cannabis-related activities.

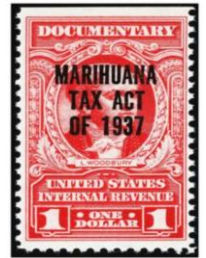
This stamp was also created to help patients realize what they are potentially exposing themselves to when they register and use cannabis under Hawaii's [Medical Use of Cannabis Act](#).



The State of Hawaii is not violating federal law by operating a state medical cannabis program, because states have reserved the authority to decide how cannabis is used within the state, and the State is not directly producing or selling cannabis to patients.



Patients, on the other hand, must violate federal law ([21 USC 844](#)) to participate in Hawaii's Medical Cannabis Program, often without knowing that the ongoing federal conflict with marijuana can still cause devastating consequences, even with the protections afforded by annual renewal of the Congressional appropriations rider known as the [Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment](#).



In addition, the State is not forcing patients to use medical cannabis. Patients could simply hang their registration card on the wall and never touch cannabis as far as the State is concerned.

But, if the State will not take steps to stop the injury that the conflict with federal drug law is causing our patients, then who will ?

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