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Michigan Municipal League Continues to Inform Communities about the Medical Marijuana Law

ANN ARBOR, Michigan (Jan. 3, 2011) — The Michigan Municipal League is in no way trying to stop the Medical Marijuana Law from being implemented. However, the League does recognize that this is a poorly written law that doesn't take into consideration the obvious local planning, zoning and health and safety issues that need to be addressed to ensure that the rule of law is followed.

"The law is causing a lot of headaches for our members at a time when they have many, much larger issues to address," said League CEO and Executive Director Dan Gilmartin. "We take serious exception to the claim that the League is somehow trying to take over the Michigan Medical Marijuana Law, presumably to disrupt its implementation."

The League did not take a position on the passage of the act, but it has worked with all sides on the issue, including caregivers, patients, police, attorneys and lawmakers, in an effort to work out the many concerns.

The League, along with the Michigan Townships Association, commissioned an independent white paper on the new law. The paper, released in October by Gerald A. Fisher, professor of law at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, outlines the legal options communities have regarding the Medical Marijuana Law. The white paper also calls for all sides of the issue to sit down to form a negotiated consensus over the ambiguous and contradictory portions of the law. You can view the white paper [here](http://www.mml.org/pdf/fisher-med-marihuana-white-paper8-5-10.pdf):
<http://www.mml.org/pdf/fisher-med-marihuana-white-paper8-5-10.pdf>.

For details about the law, people [can go to this page](#) on the League's website (mml.org). The page contains sample medical marijuana ordinances, a brief history of the law and links to media coverage on the issue.

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About the MML: *The Michigan Municipal League proactively represents municipalities to help them sustain highly livable, desirable and unique places within the state. Founded in 1899, the League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich. For more information on MML, please visit mml.org.*