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Natural Medicine Alaska Initiative Policy Outline

The Natural Medicine Alaska (NMA) team is working to advance a ballot initiative that would decriminalize and create a regulated access program for natural psychedelic medicines during the 2026 election cycle. NMA is building off of Colorado's Natural Medicine Health Act (NMHA). The following policy objectives supplement and modify CO's NMHA model.

Mission & Goal

- Aims to replicate and expand upon Colorado's Proposition 122 to fit Alaska's unique needs.
- Focuses on decriminalization, regulated access, and traditional use of natural medicines (NMs).

Decriminalization

 Decriminalizes the personal use, possession, growing, gifting, gathering, and community use of certain NMs, including DMT, mescaline (except peyote), psilocybin, and psilocin.

• Regulated Access Model

- Establishes a regulated system for licensed healing centers where adults can receive supervised natural medicine services.
- Allows medical professionals at regulated facilities to prescribe and dispense microdoses of NMs to patients.
- Requires regulated access facilities to be majority Alaskan-owned, ensuring economic benefits stay within the state.
- Shifts away from a restrictive healing center model, allowing individual practitioners to provide NM healing in their offices and at-home facilitation, increasing accessibility in rural communities.

Traditional Use Model

- Provides exemptions for traditional healers working with NM operating in cultural or community contexts, provided safety and ethical standards are maintained.
- Traditional Use Definition:
 The ceremonial, spiritual, or cultural use of natural plant medicines in

accordance with practices passed down through generations within indigenous or traditional communities.

Traditional Healer:

An individual recognized by their community or a culturally relevant body as possessing the knowledge and training to facilitate traditional ceremonies involving natural plant medicines.

• <u>Ibogaine & Iboga</u>

- Prohibits natural ibogaine sources and synthetic derivatives for personal use.
- Allows for traditional use by highly trained and recognized practitioners.
- Includes ibogaine treatment centers in the initiative, to be implemented once Alaska's regulated access program is established.

• Sustainability & Other Policies

- Supports synthetic versions of iboga to promote sustainability and prevent overharvesting of natural sources.
- Provides legal protections for active duty members, law enforcement and first responders who use NMs covered under the initiative.
- Establishes a sanctuary-city-like policy to prevent local and state law enforcement from cooperating with federal authorities enforcing drug laws against decriminalized NMs.
- Requires the state to provide psychedelic crisis assessment and intervention training for first responders to enhance their knowledge and skills to quickly recognize and effectively respond to emotional and behavioral crisis incidents involving NMs.
- Expungement/Record sealing for past offenses