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Regulating Cannabis – A Prelude to Legalizing All Recreational Drugs?

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The why, how, and the details of the shift from prohibition to regulation of cannabis provide an evolving example of “permit but discourage” in law’s encounter with consumption including alcohol, tobacco, gambling, and non nutritious food. Such interactions illustrate the complexities of altering behavior. Will this change regarding marijuana be a pathway for an even more dramatic transformation: the legalization of all recreational drugs?

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A light lunch will be provided

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