

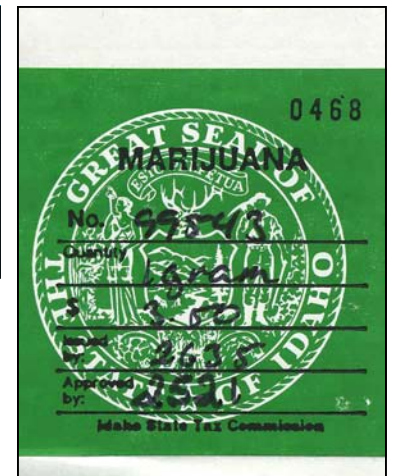
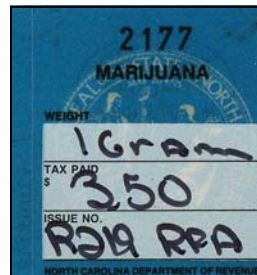
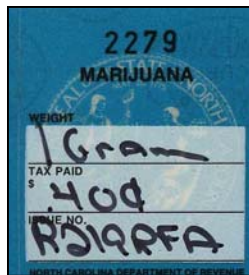
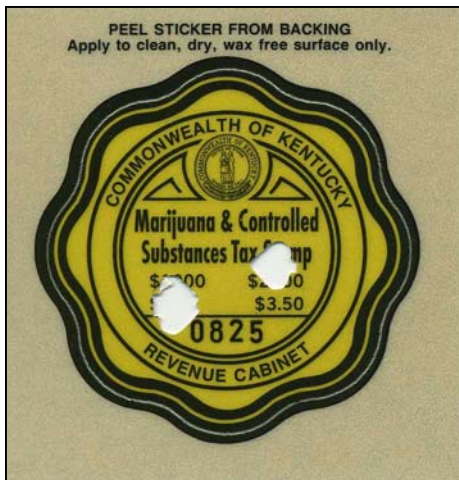
Just Say YES

Many items in our daily lives are taxed by the federal, state and local governments. Resorting to taxing illegal drugs and substances is one way that the various state governments have found to add funds to their coffers as part of their “war on drugs”.



Obviously the courts could find someone guilty of possessing illegal substances, but another way was found that by taxing the illegal substances, if you are found to be in possession of illegal substances without a tax stamp, then they could also find you guilty for that. It seems to be a Catch-22 situation!

The way it works: one is supposed to go to the local tax office and purchase tax stamps for the amount of illegal drugs that one possesses. This payment does not, by the way, make possession of the drugs legal! The tax office is not supposed to in turn inform the law enforcement authorities of your purchase of these tax stamps.



One should obviously

say
“no” to illegal drugs.

As a stamp collector, it is easy though to say “yes” to collecting this interesting area of state revenue stamps!

Ponder this though: If there were no illegal drugs, these stamps would not exist and we could not collect them!

