

What would a pot shutdown look like in Nev?

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U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions wasn't joking when he said he believed marijuana use in the U.S. "should be minimized."

On Jan. 4, the Department of Justice head rescinded Obama-era guidelines – most notably the Cole and Wilkinson memorandums – that provided marijuana-legal states an opportunity to operate their respective industries without federal interference as long as the state's industries abided by certain rules, like keeping cannabis out of the hands of children, gangs and motor vehicle drivers.

Without those memos – which were not legal documents, but rather internal guidance policies for Justice officials in enforcing federal laws – marijuana-legal states are vulnerable to being shut down by the feds, experts and industry members said.

But what would a federal crackdown on cannabis look like? In Nevada, it would mean the loss of as many as 7,000 jobs and more than \$5 million in monthly state tax revenue, said Riana Durrett of the Nevada Dispensary Association.

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