

Verification & Source Index

STATUTORY CITATIONS AND ECONOMIC REFERENCE LOG FOR TENNESSEE HEMP ANALYSIS

This reference document provides direct verification pathways and official citations for the macro-economic metrics, tax parameters, and infrastructure bills featured across our public policy analysis files.

1. Macro-Economic Projections & Industry Valuation

The Data Point: Tennessee's independent hemp-derived cannabinoid industry was trending on a structural trajectory toward a **\$1.7 Billion to \$1.8 Billion** comprehensive market evaluation, supporting approximately **18,770 domestic jobs** prior to the restriction parameters of Public Chapter 526.

Primary Source Entity: Whitney Economics (National Cannabis & Hemp Macro-Economic Research Division).

Verification Reference Link:

<https://wpln.org/post/tennessee-hemp-farmers-pivot-as-state-ban-takes-effect/>

2. Public Chapter 526 Statutory Parameters (Total THC Limits)

The Data Point: The official legislative transition of cannabinoid product regulation to the enforcement arm of the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC), the structural definition of the post-decarboxylation Total THC cap, and the operational enforcement date scheduled for **July 1, 2026**.

Primary Source Entity: The Tennessee General Assembly / State Statutory Portal.

Verification Reference Link:

<https://www.cannabisregulations.ai/state-legality/tennessee-thca>

3. Department of Revenue Upstream Wholesale Excise Structure

The Data Point: The administrative shift from the historical 6% retail privilege tax to a restrictive flat upstream levy consisting of **\$50.00 per ounce** on raw hemp flower/plant parts alongside a **\$0.02 per milligram** tax on total combined cannabinoid yields.

Primary Source Entity: Tennessee Department of Revenue (Tobacco & Alternative Products Division).

Verification Reference Link:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/revenue/documents/notices/tobacco/25-11tob.pdf>

4. Transportation Infrastructure Allocation: The "Pot for Potholes" Act

The Data Point: House Bill 2525 / Senate Bill 2440 (The Pot for Potholes Act) legislative architecture designed a 15% state tax model with an explicit statutory mandate to lock **75% of all generated cannabinoid tax revenue directly into the State Highway Fund** for immediate road and pothole repair.

Primary Source Entity: Tennessee General Assembly Legislative Filing Index.

Verification Reference Link:

<https://legiscan.com/TN/bill/HB2525/2025>