

Cannabis Legislation in the 115th Congress (2017-2018)

H.R./S.	Bill Title	Bill Summary	Lead Sponsor	Introduction Date	Number of Cosponsors
H.R. 331	States' Medical Marijuana Property Rights Protection Act	Exempts real property from civil forfeiture due to medical marijuana-related conduct that is authorized by state law.	Lee (D-CA)	1/5/17	6
H.R. 714	Legitimate Use of Medicinal Marihuana Act	Reschedules marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), specifies that the CSA does not prohibit/restrict state medical marijuana laws, and does not affect any federal, state, or local law that regulates or prohibits smoking in public.	Griffith (R-VA)	1/27/17	2
H.R. 715	Compassionate Access Act	Requires the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to reclassify marijuana from Schedule I to another schedule under the CSA, excludes Cannabidiol (CBD) from the federal definition of marijuana, removes federal prohibitions of medical marijuana if in compliance with state law, and requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to allow for marijuana research.	Griffith (R-VA)	1/27/17	4
H.R. 975	Respect State Marijuana Laws Act	Exempts states that have developed their own marijuana policies from federal marijuana laws.	Rohrabacher (R-CA)	2/7/17	46
H.R. 1227	Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act	Removes federal barriers for states that want to legalize adult-use and medical marijuana.	Garrett (R-VA)	2/27/17	39
H.R. 1810	Small Business Tax Equity Act	Allows for tax deductions for normal business expenses for marijuana businesses operating in compliance with state law, similar to other legal businesses.	Curbelo (R-FL)/ Blumenauer (D-OR)	3/30/17	46
H.R. 1820	Veterans Equal Access Act	Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to authorize its healthcare providers to provide recommendations and opinions regarding the participation of a veteran in a state medical marijuana program, including authorizing them to fill forms required for recommending medical marijuana.	Blumenauer (D-OR)	3/30/17	28
H.R. 1823	Marijuana Revenue and Regulation Act	Creates a federal excise tax on federally legal marijuana sales.	Blumenauer (D-OR)	3/30/17	11
H.R. 1824	Responsibly Addressing the Marijuana Policy Gap Act	Reduces the gap between federal and state marijuana laws by comprehensively addressing patient, veteran, tribal, researcher, and business issues.	Blumenauer (D-OR)	3/30/17	10
H.R. 1841	Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act	Removes marijuana from the CSA Schedule, creates a federal regulatory framework for marijuana.	Polis (D-CO)	3/30/17	26

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H.R. 1952	Better Drive Act	Repeals provisions requiring the Department of Transportation to withhold a certain amount of a state's apportionment of federal-aid highway funds if the state fails to enact and enforce a law that requires the revocation or suspension of drivers' licenses of individuals convicted of drug offenses.	O'Rourke (D-TX)	4/5/17	12
H.R. 2020	[Marijuana rescheduling bill]	Reschedules marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule III under the CSA.	Gaetz (R-FL)	4/6/17	3
H.R. 2215	Secure And Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act	Creates a safe harbor for banks that provide financial services to state-legal cannabis and cannabis-related businesses.	Perlmutter (D-CO)	4/27/17	95
H.R. 2273	Charlotte's Web Medical Access Act	Excludes cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marihuana in the CSA.	Perry (R-PA)	5/1/17	33
H.R. 2528	Respect States' and Citizens' Rights Act	Amends the CSA to declare that federal laws, including criminal penalties, are not intended to supersede or preempt state laws that pertain to marijuana.	DeGette (D-CO)	5/19/17	7
H.R. 2920	CARERS (Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States) Act	Amends the CSA to allow states to set their own medical marijuana policies, removes CBD from the CSA, allows VA doctors to recommend medical marijuana for their patients, and removes barriers to marijuana research.	Cohen (D-TN)	6/15/17	28
H.R. 3252	Second Chance for Students Act	Allows students convicted of an offense involving the possession of marijuana to retain financial aid eligibility for six months while they complete a drug rehabilitation program.	Foster (D-IL)	7/14/17	12
H.R. 3391	Medical Marijuana Research Act	Amends the CSA to make marijuana accessible for the purposes of research to qualified medical marijuana researchers.	Harris (R-VA)/ Blumenauer (D-OR)	7/25/17	8
H.R. 3530	Industrial Hemp Farming Act	Excludes certain industrial hemp from the CSA.	Comer (R-KY)/ Polis (D-CO)	7/28/17	47
H.R. 3534	State Marijuana And Regulatory Tolerance (SMART) Enforcement Act	Provides for a waiver from federal marijuana if a state complies with certain criteria similar to that outlined in the Obama-era Cole Memo.	DelBene (D-WA)	7/28/17	4
H.R. 4164	Industrial Hemp Water Rights Act	Companion to S. 1576.	Polis (D-CO)	10/27/17	9
H.R. 4711	Industrial Hemp Banking Act	Creates a safe harbor for banks that provide financial services to state-legal industrial hemp and industrial hemp-related businesses.	Barr (R-KY)	12/21/17	2
H.R. 4779	Restraining Excessive Federal Enforcement & Regulations of Cannabis Act (REFER) Act	Prohibits federal spending from being used to enforce federal government intrusion in states' and municipalities' marijuana laws.	Lee (D-CA)	1/17/18	16

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H.R. 4815	Marijuana Justice Act	Companion to S. 1689.	Lee (D-CA)	1/17/18	41
H.R. 4816	Stop Civil Asset Forfeiture Funding for Marijuana Suppression Act	Prohibits the use of the Asset Forfeiture Fund for the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Suppression/Eradiation Program.	Lieu (D-CA)	1/17/18	4
H.R. 4825	Marijuana Effective Drug Studies (MEDS) Act	Companion to S. 1803.	Bishop (R-UT)	1/18/18	15
H.R. 5050	Sensible Enforcement of Cannabis Act of 2018	Directs the DOJ to not prosecute for any conduct that is compliant with state medical and adult-use marijuana laws, with some exceptions.	Correa (D-CA)	2/15/18	4
H.R. 5485	Hemp Farming Act of 2018	Companion to S. 2667.	Comer (R-KY)	4/12/18	13
H.R. 5520	VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2018	Allows and encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to advance scientific and medical research into the safety and efficacy of medicinal cannabis usage by veterans with diagnoses such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and chronic pain.	Walz (D-MN)	4/16/18	55
H.R. 5634	Medical Cannabis Research Act	Increases the number of manufacturers registered under the Controlled Substances Act to manufacture cannabis for legitimate research purposes and allows VA health care providers to provide recommendations to veterans regarding participation in federally-approved cannabis clinical trials.	Gaetz (R-FL)	4/26/18	43
H.R. 6043	Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States (STATES) Act	Companion to S. 3032.	Joyce (R-OH)/ Blumenauer (D-OR)	6/7/18	29
H.R. 6152	Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act	Permits the use of marijuana in federally assisted housing, including public housing and the Section 8 housing program, in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.	Norton (D-DC)	6/19/18	0
H.R. 6495	Marijuana Data Collection Act	Directs the National Academy of Sciences to conduct and update biennially a study on the effects of state legalized marijuana programs.	Gabbard (D-HI)	7/24/18	28
H.R. 6559	Fairness in Federal Drug Testing Under State Laws Act	Prohibits the federal government from denying employment or making federal employees subject to any other adverse personnel action if they had a positive drug test and lived in a state where it is legal, with exceptions for employment that requires a top secret clearance and when there is probable cause to believe that the individual is under the influence of marijuana at work.	Crist (FL)/ Ferguson	7/26/18	7

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H. Res. 590	[House VA Medical Marijuana Research Resolution]	Calls on the VA to conduct a clinical study assessing the effectiveness of treating chronic pain in veterans with cannabis in comparison to opioids.	Correa (D-CA)	10/26/18	0
H. Res. 943	Realizing Equitable & Sustainable Participation in Emerging Cannabis Trades (RESPECT) Resolution	Urges action to increase equity within the legal cannabis marketplace and lists best practices to address disparities in the cannabis marketplace participation and to address, reverse, and repair the effects of the war on drugs on communities of color.	Lee (D-CA)	6/14/18	16
S. 776	Marijuana Revenue and Regulation Act	Companion to H.R.1823 and H.R. 1841.	Wyden (D-OR)	3/30/17	0
S. 777	Small Business Tax Equity Act	Companion to H.R. 1810.	Wyden (D-OR)	3/30/17	6
S. 780	Responsibly Addressing the Marijuana Policy Gap Act	Companion to H.R. 1824.	Wyden (D-OR)	3/30/17	0
S. 1008	Therapeutic Hemp Medical Access Act	Amends the CSA to exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana.	Gardner (R-CO)	5/2/17	12
S. 1152	Secure And Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act	Companion to H.R. 2215.	Merkley (D-OR)	5/17/17	19
S. 1276	Cannabidiol Research Expansion Act	Reduces the barriers to CBD research by using a Schedule II registration, rather than the more stringent Schedule I classification, and otherwise streamlines the research process.	Feinstein (D-CA)/ Grassley (R-IA)	5/25/17	7
S. 1374	CARERS (Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States) Act	Companion to H.R. 2920.	Booker (D-NJ)	6/15/17	0
S. 1576	Industrial Hemp Water Rights Act	Clarifies that owners of water rights can use their water, even if it passes through federal facilities, to cultivate industrial hemp in states where it is legal.	Bennet (D-CO)	7/18/17	6
S. 1689	Marijuana Justice Act	Removes marijuana from the list of controlled substances; incentivizes states through federal funds to change their marijuana laws if those laws were shown to have a disproportionate effect on low-income individuals and/or people of color; automatically expunges federal marijuana use and possession crimes; allows an individual currently serving time in federal prison for marijuana use or possession crimes to petition a court for a resentencing; and creates a community reinvestment fund to reinvest in communities most impacted by the federal drug prohibition policies.	Booker (D-NJ)	8/1/17	6

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S. 1764	CARERS (Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States) Act	Companion to H.R. 2920.	Booker (D-NJ)	9/5/17	13
S. 1803	Marijuana Effective Drug Study (MEDS) Act	Improves the process for conducting scientific research on marijuana as a safe and effective medical treatment.	Hatch (R-UT)	9/13/17	7
S. 2667	Hemp Farming Act of 2018	Legalizes and clearly defines hemp as an agricultural commodity and removes it from the list of controlled substances.	McConnell (R-KY)	4/12/18	29
S. 2796	VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act	Companion to H.R. 5520.	Tester (D-MT)	5/7/18	5
S. 3032	Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States (STATES) Act	Exempts marijuana from the CSA in states that have passed their own cannabis laws, removes hemp from the CSA, and clarifies that compliant transactions are not trafficking and do not result in proceeds of an unlawful transaction.	Warren (D-MA)/ Gardner (R-CO)	6/7/18	10
S. 3174	Marijuana Freedom and Opportunity Act	Deschedules marijuana; continues the federal role of preventing the sale of marijuana into states without legalization laws; creates a Small Business Administration (SBA) program for women and minority-owned marijuana businesses; invests in highway safety research to develop technology to reliably measure impairment; invests in public health research, including the effects of THC on the human brain and the efficacy of marijuana as a treatment for specific ailments; maintains the federal authority to regulate marijuana advertising to prevent targeting of children; and encourages states to incentive sealing and expungement programs for marijuana possession convictions.	Schumer (D-NY)	6/28/18	9
S. 3409	Veterans Medical Marijuana Safe Harbor Act	Creates a safe harbor for veterans who use, possess, or transport medical marijuana in accordance with the state laws and for VA physicians to provide recommendations and opinions regarding the participation of a veteran in a state medical marijuana program, including completing necessary forms, and requires the VA to conduct studies on the effects of medical marijuana on veterans in pain and on the use by veterans of state medical marijuana programs.	Nelson (D-FL)	9/5/18	1
S. Res. 189	[Senate Hemp History Week Resolution]	Designated the week of June 5 through June 11, 2017 as "Hemp History Week." Passed the Senate on 6/8/2017.	Wyden (D-OR)	6/8/17	3
S. Res. 532	[Senate Hemp History Week Resolution]	Designated the week of June 4 through June 10, 2018 as "Hemp History Week." Passed the Senate on 6/5/2018.	Wyden (D-OR)	6/5/18	3