



Current marijuana bills before Congress

The current Congress is referred to as the 119th Congress, and runs from January 2025 to January 2027. Below is a list of cannabis policy reform bills that have been introduced in this Congress and their statuses. The bills range from ending the federal prohibition of cannabis to more incremental reforms, such as improving veterans’ medical cannabis access. [You can ask your U.S. senators and members of Congress to end prohibition by using our form letters.](#)

Federal legalization bills

	What it does	Current status
STATES 2.0 Act H.R.2934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States 2.0 Act” (“STATES 2.0”) removes penalties for marijuana that is produced, possessed, and manufactured consistently with state or tribal laws. • Marijuana products would be by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). • Federal taxes would be kept low. For a closer look at many of the key provisions in STATES 2.0, click here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill was re-introduced on April 17, 2025, by Rep. David Joyce (R-OH) and a bipartisan group of cosponsors. Prior iterations of the STATES Act have been introduced over the years, but they have not yet made it out of committee. • The bill was then referred to the House Subcommittee on Energy and Commerce in addition to the Judiciary, Transportation, and Infrastructure committees.
Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act (MORE Act) H.R.5068	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes marijuana from the list of Controlled Substances and ends the federal criminalization of marijuana. • Includes several provisions to foster social equity and minority involvement in the emerging cannabis industry, including a retail tax that would be allocated to help impacted groups. For a closer look at many of the key provisions in the MORE Act click here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-introduced by Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) on August 29, 2025. • In 2020 and 2022, when the House of Representatives had a Democratic majority, the full House passed the MORE Act, but it stalled in committee in the Senate. Since the House has had a Republican majority, the bill has not received a committee hearing or vote. • The bill has 55 cosponsors as of October 6, 2025, all of whom are Democrats.

Study Bills

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Preparing Regulators Effectively for a Post-prohibition Adult-use Regulated Environment Act of 2025 (PREPARE act) H.R. 2935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PREPARE Act would create a Commission on the Federal Regulation of Cannabis to propose a federal regulatory framework for cannabis. • The Commission would be composed largely of federal agency heads, and it would accept public comment and hold a hearing. • It would issue a report and recommendations within one year of passage. Separate legislation would be needed to implement the framework. • For a closer look at many of the key provisions in the PREPARE Act, click here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally introduced by Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH) in 2022. Re-introduced by Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH) and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) in 2025. • Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Agriculture, and Financial Services.

Incremental Bills

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Evidence Based Drug Policy Act of 2025 H.R. 3082	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If passed, this bill would allow the Office of National Drug Policy (ONDCP) to direct funds to research related to the legalization of medical or adult-use cannabis. • It would also remove the requirement that the ONDP oppose legalization in any form. • For a closer look at many of the key provisions in the Evidence Based Drug Policy Act click here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced by Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV) and Rep. Illhan Omar (D-MN), the Democratic co-chairs of the Cannabis Caucus in 2025. • The bill was referred to the committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary.
Marijuana 1 to 3 Act H.R. 4963	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If passed, this bill would move Marijuana from a Schedule 1 drug with no accepted medical use to Schedule III, recognizing its accepted medical use. • For a closer look at what the Marijuana 1 to 3 Act would do click here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally introduced by Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL) in 2019, the bill was reintroduced in 2025 by Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL) and Cannabis Caucus co-chair Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH). • The bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Veteran's Equal Access Act H.R. 1384	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If passed, H.R. 1384 would allow VA doctors to recommend cannabis to VA patients in states with legal medical cannabis programs. • For a closer look at the Veteran's Equal Access Act's bill language click here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored by Representative Brian Mast (R-FL), a combat veteran who suffered catastrophic injuries during his service. • Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health. • A provision by Rep. Brian Mast with language similar to the Veteran's Equal Access Act was passed in the House and Senate as a part of the MilCon-VA spending bill in 2025, however the bill would still need to be reconciled in both chambers to head to the president's desk for signature. Click here for more information on the provision's passage.
Veteran's Cannabis Use for Safe Healing Act H.R. 996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR 996 would protect veterans from getting their VA benefits denied for participating in their state-legal medical cannabis program. • It would also allow VA doctors to recommend cannabis to their veteran patients. • For a closer look at the Veteran's Cannabis Use for Safe Healing Act's bill language click here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced by Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL), who also sponsored the Marijuana 1 to 3 Act (see above) • Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health

Appropriations Riders

As we are writing this in fall 2025, the federal cannabis bill that is closest to passage is the provision from Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL), the Veteran's Equal Access Act in the MilCon-VA spending bill. It is an appropriations bill, therefore, even if passed, it would only be enacted for one year and would have to be renewed every year. The provision was included in both the House and the Senate-passed versions of the MilCon-VA spending bill, however both chambers would need to reconcile the language into the final legislation. The final legislation would then have to head to the president's desk for signature in order to get enacted.

There are also several other proposals that would impact cannabis policy being considered as riders to the appropriations process — both good and bad. [You can learn more about them here.](#)