



Pennsylvania General Assembly Medical Marijuana Scorecard

On April 17, 2016, Gov. Tom Wolf signed the Medical Marijuana Act (Act 16) into law, making Pennsylvania the 24th state to legalize medical marijuana. Over the last two years, members of both the House and Senate had numerous opportunities to vote for the creation of a compassionate medical marijuana program. Using key votes, Campaign 4 Compassion and the Marijuana Policy Project created the following scorecard.

Thank you to all the lawmakers who stood with patients and their families. To those who did not support the program, we hope that you will reconsider your position.

X = Voted against compassion

♥ = Voted for compassion

House of Representatives

Rep.	1 Champion	2 Petarca Amendment to improve the program	3 THC Cap	4 "No" on replacing law with research program	5 Adding Sickle Cell	6 Final Passage	Score
Acosta	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	No vote	75%*
Adolph		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Baker		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Barbin		X	X	X	X	♥	20%
Barrar		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Benninghoff	♥	♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Bizzarro		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Bloom		X	X	X	♥	X	15%
Boback		♥	X	X	♥	♥	55%
Boyle		♥	♥	♥	No vote	♥	80%*
Bradford		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Briggs		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Brown, R.		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Brown, V.		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Bullock		♥	♥	♥	♥	No vote	75%*
Burns		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%

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Caltagirone		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Carroll		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Causar		X	X	♥	♥	No vote	35%*
Christiana		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	20%*
Cohen	♥	No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	♥	100% +
Conklin		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Cook-Artis		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	20%*
Corbin		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Costa, D.		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Costa, P.		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Cox	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Cruz		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	20%*
Culver		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%
Cutler		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Daley, M.	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Daley, P.		♥	X	♥	No vote	♥	60%*
Davidson		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Davis		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Dawkins		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Day		X	X	X	X	X	0%
DeLissio		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
DeLuca		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Dean		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Deasy		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Delozier	♥	X	X	♥	♥	♥	60%
Dermody	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
DiGirolamo		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	0%*
Diamond	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Donatucci		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Driscoll		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Dunbar		♥	X	X	X	♥	40%
Dush		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Ellis	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Emrick		X	X	X	X	X	0%
English		X	X	X	♥	X	15%
Evankovich		No vote	X	No vote	♥	♥	35%*
Evans		♥	♥	♥	♥	No vote	75%*
Everett		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Fabrizio	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%

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Farina		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Farry		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Fee		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Flynn	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Frankel		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Freeman		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Gabler		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%
Gainey	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Galloway		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Gergely		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Gibbons		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Gillen		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Gillespie		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Gingrich		X	X	X	No vote	X	0%*
Godshall		♥	X	X	♥	X	35%
Goodman		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Greiner		♥	X	X	X	X	20%
Grove		X	X	X	♥	X	15%
Hahn		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Hanna		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Harhai		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Harhart		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Harkins		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Harper		♥	X	X	X	♥	40%
Harris, A.	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Harris, J.	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Heffley		X	X	X	♥	X	15%
Helm		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Hennessey		♥	X	X	♥	♥	55%
Hickernell		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Hill		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%
Irvin		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
James		♥	X	X	♥	X	35%
Jozwiak		♥	X	♥	X	♥	60%
Kampf		♥	X	♥	X	♥	60%
Kaufer	♥	♥	♥	♥	No vote	♥	85%*
Kauffman		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%
Kavulich		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Keller, F.		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%

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Keller, M.		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Keller, W.		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Killion		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Kim		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Kinsey		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Kirkland		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Klunk		X	X	X	♥	♥	35%
Knowles		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Kortz		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Kotik		♥	No vote	♥	No vote	No vote	40%*
Krueger- Braneky		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Lawrence		♥	X	X	♥	X	35%
Lewis		X	X	X	♥	X	15%
Longietti		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Mackenzie		X	X	X	♥	X	15%
Maher		X	♥	X	♥	♥	55%
Mahoney		♥	♥	♥	♥	No vote	75%*
Major		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Maloney		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Markosek		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Marshall		X	♥	♥	♥	♥	75%
Marsico	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Masser		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%
Matzie		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
McCarter		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
McClinton		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
McGinnis		X	X	X	X	X	0%
McNeill		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Mentzer		♥	X	X	X	X	20%
Metcalfe		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Metzgar		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Miccarelli	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Millard		X	X	X	♥	♥	35%
Miller, B.		♥	X	X	X	X	20%
Miller, D.		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Milne		♥	X	X	♥	X	35%
Moul		X	♥	♥	♥	♥	75%
Mullery		♥	♥	♥	No vote	♥	80%*

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Murt		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Mustio		♥	♥	♥	X	♥	80%
Neilson		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Nelson		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	X	0%*
Nesbit		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Neuman		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
O'Brien		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
O'Neill		♥	♥	♥	X	♥	80%
Oberlander		♥	X	♥	X	♥	60%
Ortitay		X	X	X	♥	♥	35%
Parker		♥	X	X	♥	♥	55%
Pashinski		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Payne		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Peifer		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	X	0%*
Petrarca	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Petri		♥	X	X	♥	X	35%
Pickett		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Pyle	♥	♥	No vote	♥	♥	♥	80%*
Quigley		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%
Quinn		♥	X	X	♥	♥	55%
Rader		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Rapp		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Ravenstahl		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Readshaw		No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	♥	35%*
Reed	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Reese		♥	X	♥	No vote	♥	60%*
Regan	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Roae		X	X	♥	X	♥	40%
Roebuck		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Ross		♥	X	X	♥	X	35%
Rothman		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%
Rozzi		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Saccone		No vote	No vote	No vote	X	X	0%*
Sainato		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Samuelson		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Sankey		♥	X	X	X	♥	40%
Santarsiero		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Santora		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Savage		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	20%*

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Saylor		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Schemel		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%
Schlossberg		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Schreiber	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Schweyer	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Simmons		X	X	X	♥	X	15%
Sims	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Snyder		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Sonney		X	X	X	♥	♥	35%
Staats		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Stephens		X	X	X	♥	♥	35%
Sturla		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	20%*
Tallman		♥	♥	♥	X	♥	80%
Taylor		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Thomas		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	*
Tobash		X	X	♥	♥	♥	55%
Toepel		♥	X	♥	♥	♥	75%
Toohil		♥	X	♥	No vote	♥	60%*
Topper		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Truitt		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Turzai		X	X	X	♥	X	15%
Vereb	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Vitali		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Ward		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Warner		♥	♥	♥	X	♥	80%
Watson		No vote	No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	20%*
Wentling		X	X	X	X	X	0%
Wheatley		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Wheeland		X	X	X	X	X	0%
White		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Youngblood		♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Zimmerman		X	X	X	X	X	0%

+ Rep. Mark Cohen introduced the first medical marijuana legislation in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Although he missed some of the amendment votes, he is without question worthy of a 100% rating.

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1. **Champions (+5 for each champion)**

Several members of the House distinguished themselves as true champions of compassion by taking a leadership role in the passage of SB 3. Without these lawmakers, patients in Pennsylvania would still be waiting.

2. **Petrarca Amendment to improve the program (+20 for a “yes” vote)**

Sponsored by Rep. Joe Petrarca, this amendment improved the legislation by requiring the advisory board issue its report in two years, allowing for the program to be improved sooner. Earlier drafts of this legislation could have kept patients waiting up to five years. Before his amendment, the bill prevented anyone with a drug-related conviction from acting as a caregiver, no matter how long ago the individual was convicted or how minor the charge. The Petrarca Amendment changed the bill to allow individuals to act as caregivers if the drug-related conviction was minor and more than 5 years ago. **The amendment passed 133-56.**

3. **THC Cap Amendment (+20 for a “yes” vote)**

Introduced by Rep. Russ Diamond, this amendment removed an arbitrary 10% THC cap. Most patients require treatments with significant THC content, including alternatives to dangerous rescue medications that can be currently used during seizures. The federal government allows for the prescription of Marinol, which is 100% synthetic THC. To prohibit patient access to most medical marijuana treatments, those between 10.1% and 99.9% THC content, would severely limit patient access to effective treatment. If this amendment had failed, SB 3 would have been considered a CBD-only bill, not an effective medical marijuana law. **The amendment passed 97-91.**

4. **Research Program Substitute (+20 for a “no” vote)**

Introduced by Rep. Steve Mentzer, this amendment would have replaced the entire medical marijuana program with a research program. The program would require Pennsylvania be awarded numerous expanded access investigational new drug (IND) applications from the FDA. These applications are highly competitive and rarely awarded. **The amendment failed 57-132.**

5. **Sickle Cell Anemia Amendment (+15 for a “yes” vote)**

Introduced by Rep. Margo Davidson, this amendment added sickle cell anemia to the list of qualifying conditions. Research from the University of

Minnesota found that medical marijuana may help relieve the debilitating pain caused by this condition. **The amendment passed 144-41.**

6. [The Bill Itself](#) (+20 for a vote for final passage on April 13)

On March 16, 2016, the House voted in support of an amended version of SB 3. The Senate then made minor technical changes to the bill and returned it to the House. On April 13, the House voted to concur and sent the bill to the governor for his signature. The legislation created a well-regulated program for patients with a qualifying condition and a doctor's recommendation to access medical marijuana from a state-permitted dispensary. **The bill passed 149-46.**

Pennsylvania Senate: Medical Marijuana Scorecard

Sen.	1 Champion	2 Adding Chronic Pain	3 Adding Vaporization	4 The Bill Itself 2015	5 The Bill Itself 2016	Score
Alloway		♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Argall		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Aument		X	X	X	X	0%
Baker		X	X	X	X	0%
Bartolotta	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Blake		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Boscola		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Brewster		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Brooks		X	X	X	X	0%
Browne		No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	25%*
Corman	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Costa	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Dinniman		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Eichelberger		X	X	X	X	0%
Farnese	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Folmer	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Fontana	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Gordner		X	X	♥	♥	50%
Greenleaf		No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	25%*
Haywood		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Hughes		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Hutchinson		X	X	X	X	0%
Kitchen		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Leach	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
McGarrigle		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%

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McIlhinney	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Mensch		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Rafferty		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Reschenthaler		No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	25%*
Sabatina		No vote	No vote	No vote	♥	25%*
Scarnati	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Scavello		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Schwank		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Smucker		X	X	X	X	0%
Stefano	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Tartaglione		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Teplitz	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Tomlinson		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Vance		X	X	X	X	0%
Vogel		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Vulakovich		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Wagner		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Ward		♥	X	♥	♥	75%
White	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	100%
Wiley		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Williams		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Wozniak		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Yaw		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%
Yudichak		♥	♥	♥	♥	95%

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1. Champions (+5 for each champion)

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2. Adding Chronic Pain (+25 for a "yes" vote)

Introduced by Sen. Camera Bartolotta, this amendment added chronic or intractable pain to the conditions that qualify for medical marijuana under SB

3. Medical marijuana is an effective treatment for patients with a broad range of conditions that cause severe pain and offers a safer alternative to more dangerous drugs like opioids. **The amendment passed 39-8.**

3. **Allowing Vaporization** (+20 for a “yes” vote)

Introduced by Sen. Camera Barolotta, this amendment allowed for patients with certain conditions to use vaporization to administer medical marijuana. It also allowed for the use of medical marijuana in food and drinks in residences and facilities to make ingestion easier for patients. **The amendment passed 38-9.**

4. **The Bill Itself 2015** (+25 for a “yes” on final passage in 2015)

On May 12, 2015, the Senate voted in support of SB 3, legislation that would create a comprehensive compassionate medical marijuana program for patients suffering from debilitating illnesses. **The bill passed 40-7.**

5. **The Bill Itself 2016** (+25 for a “yes” on final passage in 2016)

On March 16, 2016, the House voted in support of an amended version of SB 3. The Senate then made minor technical amendments to the bill and, on April 12, voted to send the updated version back to the House for concurrence. **The bill passed 42-7.**