

## HR 4272

Steve McWilliams Truth in Trials Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Feb 6, 2006)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Nov 9, 2005
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Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Nov 9, 2005
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Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]	R · CA		Nov 9, 2005
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Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Nov 15, 2005
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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2005
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Dec 6, 2005
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Dec 22, 2005
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jan 31, 2006
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Feb 8, 2006
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2006
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Mar 29, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 22, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2006

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Nov 9, 2005)

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Steve McWilliams Truth in Trials Act - Amends the Controlled Substances Act to establish as an affirmative defense for any person facing prosecution or a proceeding for any marijuana-related offense that the marijuana-related activities in question were in compliance with state law regarding the medical use of marijuana. Allows a finder of fact to find a defendant guilty of a lesser offense if the defendant's marijuana-related activity was found to be primarily, but not exclusively, for medical purposes. Provides for the return of any property with respect to which an individual successfully makes a defense under this Act.

Amends provisions concerning the seizure and custody of marijuana to limit seizure authority of marijuana authorized for medical use and provide for the retention of seized plants pending resolution of a case involving an affirmative defense for the medical use of marijuana.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 6, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Nov 22, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Introduced in House
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