

## HR 1538

CARERS Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Sep 6, 2016

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Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Nov 14, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 27, 2015
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 23, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">114 S 1726</a>	Related bill	<b>Jul 9, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
<a href="#">114 HR 1940</a>	Related bill	<b>May 15, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
<a href="#">114 S 683</a>	Identical bill	<b>Mar 10, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1385-1386)
<a href="#">114 HR 667</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 13, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States Act of 2015 or the CARERS Act of 2015**

Amends the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to provide that control and enforcement provisions of such Act relating to marihuana shall not apply to any person acting in compliance with state law relating to the production, possession, distribution, dispensation, administration, laboratory testing, or delivery of medical marihuana.

Transfers marihuana from schedule I to schedule II of the CSA.

Excludes "cannabidiol" from the definition of "marihuana" and defines it separately as the substance cannabidiol, as derived from marihuana or the synthetic formulation, that contains not greater than 0.3% delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol on a dry weight basis. Deems marihuana that is grown or possessed for purposes of making cannabidiol, in accordance with state law, to meet such concentration limitation unless the Attorney General determines that the state law is not reasonably calculated to comply with such definition.

Prohibits a federal banking regulator from: (1) terminating or limiting the deposit insurance of a depository institution solely because it provides or has provided financial services to a marihuana-related legitimate business; or (2) prohibiting, penalizing, or otherwise discouraging a depository institution from providing financial services to a marihuana-related legitimate business.

Prohibits a federal banking regulator from recommending, motivating, providing incentives, or encouraging a depository institution not to offer financial services to an individual, or to downgrade or cancel financial services offered to an individual, solely because: (1) the individual is a manufacturer of marihuana, (2) the individual is or later becomes an owner or operator of a marihuana-related legitimate business, or (3) the depository institution was not aware that the individual is the owner or operator of a marihuana-related legitimate business.

Prohibits a federal banking regulator from taking any adverse or corrective supervisory action on a loan to an owner or operator of: (1) a marihuana-related legitimate business solely because the owner or operator is such a business, or (2) real estate or equipment that is leased to a marihuana-related legitimate business solely because it is leased to such a business.

Provides depository institutions that provide financial services to a marihuana-related legitimate business protection under federal law from federal criminal prosecution or investigation, criminal penalties, and forfeiture of legal interest in collateral solely for providing financial services to such a business.

Directs: (1) the Department of Health and Human Services to terminate the Public Health Service interdisciplinary review process described in the guidance entitled "Guidance on Procedures for the Provision of marihuana for Medical Research" (issued on May 21, 1999), and (2) the Drug Enforcement Administration to issue at least three licenses under CSA registration requirements to manufacture marihuana and marihuana-derivatives for research approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to authorize VA health care providers to provide veterans with recommendations and opinions regarding participation in state marihuana programs.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 21, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Apr 7, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 23, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E385)
- **Mar 23, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.