

S 1374

CARERS Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 15, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1764	Identical bill	Sep 5, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 2920	Identical bill	Jun 16, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 1820	Related bill	Mar 31, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States Act of 2017 or the CARERS Act of 2017

This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to provide that the Act's regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal penalties do not apply to a person who produces, possesses, distributes, dispenses, administers, tests, recommends, or delivers medical marijuana in compliance with state law.

The bill also:

- excludes "cannabidiol" (CBD) from the definition of "marijuana";
- limits the concentration of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in CBD to 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis; and
- deems marijuana grown or processed to make CBD, in accordance with state law, to comply with the THC concentration limit unless the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) determines state law to be unreasonable.

The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to terminate the Public Health Service's interdisciplinary review process that is used to evaluate applications for medical marijuana research. The DEA must license manufacturers and distributors of marijuana for medical research; HHS must register practitioners to conduct research; and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) must authorize VA health care providers to provide recommendations and opinions to veterans regarding participation in their states' marijuana programs.

Actions Timeline

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