

S 1764

CARERS Act of 2017

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 5, 2017)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 5, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 5, 2017
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Sep 5, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 5, 2017
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Sep 5, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 19, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 24, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 4, 2018
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 16, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 12, 2018
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 7, 2018
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 23, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 6, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 5, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2920	Identical bill	Jun 16, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 S 1374	Identical bill	Jun 15, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3556-3557)

Summary (as of Sep 5, 2017)

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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