

HR 2920

CARERS Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 16, 2017)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (30 total)

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Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Oct 11, 2017
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Oct 12, 2017
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 12, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Oct 12, 2017
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jan 17, 2018
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Apr 26, 2018
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 2, 2018
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Oct 5, 2018
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 5, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 15, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 15, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

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 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)
115 HR 1820	Related bill	Mar 31, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jun 15, 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

- Jun 16, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Jun 15, 2017: Introduced in House
- Jun 15, 2017: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E834)
- Jun 15, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, 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.
- Jun 15, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- Jun 15, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.