

HR 1119

Responsibly Addressing the Marijuana Policy Gap Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 14, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]

Party: Democratic • State: OR • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 29, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2019
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3797	Related bill	<b>Dec 18, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 1647	Related bill	<b>Mar 12, 2020:</b> Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 15 - 11.
116 HR 1416	Related bill	<b>Mar 18, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
116 HR 1118	Related bill	<b>Feb 8, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
116 S 421	Related bill	<b>Feb 7, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 422	Related bill	<b>Feb 7, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Feb 8, 2019)

### Responsibly Addressing the Marijuana Policy Gap Act of 2019

This bill removes federal restrictions on, and creates new protections for, marijuana-related conduct and activities that are authorized by state or tribal law (i.e., state-authorized).

Among other things, the bill does the following:

- eliminates regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal penalties under the Controlled Substances Act for state-authorized marijuana-related activities;
- allows businesses that sell marijuana in compliance with state or tribal law to claim certain federal tax credits and deductions;
- eliminates restrictions on print and broadcast advertising of state-authorized marijuana-related activities;
- creates protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses;
- specifies that a marijuana-related business is entitled to federal bankruptcy protections;
- establishes a process to expunge criminal records related to certain marijuana-related convictions;
- reestablishes federal student aid eligibility for certain students convicted of a misdemeanor offense for marijuana possession;
- exempts real property from civil forfeiture due to state-authorized marijuana-related conduct;
- prohibits the inadmissibility or deportability of aliens for state-authorized marijuana-related conduct;
- specifies that drug-related criminal activity, which is prohibited in federally assisted housing, does not include state-authorized marijuana-related conduct;
- establishes a new, separate registration process to facilitate medical marijuana research;
- authorizes health care providers employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to recommend participation in state marijuana programs; and
- authorizes medical providers through an Indian health program to make medical recommendations regarding marijuana.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Natural Resources, Education and Labor, Veterans' Affairs, and Oversight and Reform, 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.