

HR 1151

Veterans Medical Marijuana Safe Harbor Act.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Mar 25, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Apr 15, 2019
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jul 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 25, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 445	Identical bill	Feb 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill provides guidance related to veterans and medical marijuana that shall be effective for five years.

Specifically, the bill authorizes (1) a veteran to use, possess, or transport medical marijuana in accordance with applicable state or Native American tribal law; (2) a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) physician to discuss with a veteran the use of medical marijuana as a treatment if the physician is in a state or on tribal land that authorizes such treatment; or (3) a VA physician to recommend, complete forms for, or register veterans for participation in a medical marijuana treatment program in accordance with applicable state or tribal law.

The bill requires the VA to report on (1) the effects of medical marijuana on veterans in pain; and (2) the relationship between state-approved medical marijuana treatment programs, program access, and opioid abuse reduction.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 12, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2019:** 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.