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Marijuana Freedom and Opportunity Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 20, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 20, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 20, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 20, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 20, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 20, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 20, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 8, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2843	Related bill	Jun 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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This bill decriminalizes marijuana.

Specifically, it removes marijuana from the list of scheduled substances under the Controlled Substances Act and eliminates criminal penalties for an individual who imports, exports, manufactures, distributes, or possesses with intent to distribute marijuana.

Additionally, the bill does the following:

- establishes a trust fund to assist women-owned and minority-owned marijuana businesses,
- requires federal research on the impacts of marijuana use on highway safety and public health,
- authorizes federal restrictions on the marketing of marijuana-related products, and
- authorizes grants for state and local governments to expunge or seal convictions for marijuana possession.

Actions Timeline

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