

## S 179

### VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jan 17, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jan 17, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/179>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

## Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jan 17, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 6, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 1, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 5, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 3, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 17, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 712	Identical bill	Mar 12, 2020: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct a clinical trial of the effects of medical-grade cannabis on the health outcomes of covered veterans diagnosed with chronic pain, and also those diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. Covered veterans are those who are enrolled in the VA patient enrollment system for hospital care and medical services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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