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MORE Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jul 23, 2019

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jul 23, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 23, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 23, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 23, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 23, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 9, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 10, 2020
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 16, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 23, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3884	Identical bill	Dec 7, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 3540	Related bill	Jul 30, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 3544	Related bill	Jul 30, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 3543	Related bill	Jun 27, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act of 2019 or the MORE Act of 2019

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 manufactures, distributes, or possesses marijuana.

The bill also makes other changes, including the following:

- replaces statutory references to *marijuana* and *marihuana* with *cannabis*,
- requires the Bureau of Labor Statistics to regularly publish demographic data on cannabis business owners and employees,
- establishes a trust fund to support various programs and services for individuals and businesses in communities impacted by the war on drugs,
- imposes a 5% tax on cannabis products and requires revenues to be deposited into the trust fund,
- makes Small Business Administration loans and services available to entities that are cannabis-related legitimate businesses or service providers,
- prohibits the denial of federal public benefits to a person on the basis of certain cannabis-related conduct or convictions,
- prohibits the denial of benefits and protections under immigration laws on the basis of a cannabis-related event (e.g., conduct or a conviction), and
- establishes a process to expunge convictions and conduct sentencing review hearings related to federal cannabis offenses.

Actions Timeline

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