

HR 420

Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Feb 8, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Apr 3, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Apr 3, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Apr 3, 2019
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 8, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 9, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1120	Related bill	Mar 22, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 S 420	Related bill	Feb 7, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act

This bill removes marijuana from the list of controlled substances and establishes requirements for the regulation of marijuana products.

First, the bill directs the Department of Justice to remove marijuana from all schedules of controlled substances.

Next, it prohibits marijuana from being shipped or transported into any state or jurisdiction where it is illegal. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to one year, or both.

Additionally, the bill requires importers, manufacturers, and sellers of marijuana products to obtain a permit from the Department of the Treasury. Further, it prohibits these individuals from using deceptive practices to advertise marijuana products.

The bill specifies that the Food and Drug Administration shall have the same authorities with respect to marijuana as it has for alcohol.

It also transfers jurisdiction related to marijuana from the Drug Enforcement Administration to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The ATF is renamed the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana, Firearms and Explosives. Further, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau is renamed the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana Tax and Trade Bureau.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Feb 5, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, 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.
- **Jan 9, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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