

## S 421

Responsibly Addressing the Marijuana Policy Gap Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Feb 7, 2019

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 7, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3797	Related bill	<b>Dec 18, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 1647	Related bill	<b>Mar 12, 2020:</b> Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 15 - 11.
116 HR 1416	Related bill	<b>Mar 18, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
116 HR 1119	Related bill	<b>Mar 14, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 1118	Related bill	<b>Feb 8, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
116 S 422	Related bill	<b>Feb 7, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Responsibly Addressing the Marijuana Policy Gap Act of 2019**

This bill removes federal restrictions on, and creates new protections for, marijuana-related conduct and activities that are authorized by state or tribal law (i.e., state-authorized).

Among other things, the bill does the following:

- eliminates regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal penalties under the Controlled Substances Act for state-authorized marijuana-related activities;
- allows businesses that sell marijuana in compliance with state or tribal law to claim certain federal tax credits and deductions;
- eliminates restrictions on print and broadcast advertising of state-authorized marijuana-related activities;
- creates protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses;
- specifies that a marijuana-related business is entitled to federal bankruptcy protections;
- establishes a process to expunge criminal records related to certain marijuana-related convictions;
- reestablishes federal student aid eligibility for certain students convicted of a misdemeanor offense for marijuana possession;
- exempts real property from civil forfeiture due to state-authorized marijuana-related conduct;
- prohibits the inadmissibility or deportability of aliens for state-authorized marijuana-related conduct;
- specifies that drug-related criminal activity, which is prohibited in federally assisted housing, does not include state-authorized marijuana-related conduct;
- establishes a new, separate registration process to facilitate medical marijuana research;
- authorizes health care providers employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to recommend participation in state marijuana programs; and
- authorizes medical providers through an Indian health program to make medical recommendations regarding marijuana.

## **Actions Timeline**

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