

HR 2588

Veterans Medical Marijuana Safe Harbor Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Oct 19, 2021)

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| Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1] | D · NV | | May 12, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Apr 16, 2021 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 19, 2021 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Jul 14, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 1183 | Identical bill | Apr 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

Summary (as of Apr 15, 2021)

Veterans Medical Marijuana Safe Harbor Act

This bill provides guidance related to veterans and medical marijuana that shall be effective for five years.

Specifically, the bill authorizes (1) a veteran to use, possess, or transport medical marijuana in accordance with applicable state or Native American tribal law; (2) a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) physician to discuss with a veteran the use of medical marijuana as a treatment if the physician is in a state or on tribal land that authorizes such treatment; or (3) a VA physician to recommend, complete forms for, or register veterans for participation in a medical marijuana treatment program in accordance with applicable state or tribal law.

The bill requires the VA to report on (1) the effects of medical marijuana on veterans in pain; and (2) the relationship between state-approved medical marijuana treatment programs, program access, and opioid use and abuse reduction.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.