

## S 1204

Veterans Medical Marijuana Safe Harbor Act.

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Apr 19, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 25, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 25, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 19, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2682	Identical bill	Apr 18, 2023: 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.

## **Veterans Medical Marijuana Safe Harbor Act**

This bill authorizes activities related to medical marijuana use by veterans and provides for research on medical marijuana use by veterans.

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. These authorizations expire after five years.

The bill also requires the VA to report on (1) the use of medical marijuana by veterans to manage pain and to treat diseases and disorders (e.g., post-traumatic stress disorder); and (2) the relationship between state-approved medical marijuana treatment programs, program access, and opioid use and misuse reduction.

### **Actions Timeline**

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