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Note: Much of existing federal law uses “marihuana” and “marijuana” interchangeably. Catuli Consulting utilizes the term “cannabis” except when quoting or making direct references. Full list of tracked federal cannabis bills below.

Action this week:

H.R.493 — Sensible Enforcement of Cannabis Act of 2019

Sponsor: Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46] (Introduced 01/11/2019) **Cosponsors:** (10)*

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 01/11/2019 Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary: Prohibits the Attorney General from pursuing any cannabis cases in state with legalized cannabis

Cannabis Connection: Formalizes the guidance previously issued under the “Cole Memo” and places it into statute.

UPDATE: New Cosponsor

H.R.712 — VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2019

Sponsor: Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46] (Introduced 01/23/2019) **Cosponsors:** (64)*

Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: House – 04/30/2019, Heard by the Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Health

Summary: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a clinical trial of the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of adults with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

Cannabis Connection: Specifically targets types of chronic pain and medical conditions relevant to veterans. Would require several different types of consumption, including inhalation and ingestion.

UPDATE: New Cosponsor

S.422 — Small Business Tax Equity Act of 2019

Sponsor: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] (Introduced 02/07/2019) **Cosponsors:** (4)*

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 02/07/2019 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (All Actions)

Summary: This bill exempts a trade or business that conducts marijuana sales in compliance with state law from a provision in the Internal Revenue Code that prohibits business-related tax credits or deductions for expenditures in connection with trafficking in controlled substances.

Cannabis Connection: Part of a 3-bill joint legislative package between Senator Wyden and Representative Blumenauer entitled the “Path to Marijuana Reform.”

UPDATE: New Cosponsor

H.R.1118 — Small Business Tax Equity Act of 2019

Sponsor: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3] (Introduced 02/08/2019) **Cosponsors:** (2)*

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 02/08/2019 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Summary: This bill exempts a trade or business that conducts marijuana sales in compliance with state law from a provision in the Internal Revenue Code that prohibits business-related tax credits or deductions for expenditures in connection with trafficking in controlled substances.

Cannabis Connection: Part of a 3-bill joint legislative package between Senator Wyden and Representative Blumenauer entitled the “Path to Marijuana Reform.”

UPDATE: New Cosponsor

Cannabis bills without updates this week:

H.R. 21 — Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019

Sponsor: Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17] (Introduced 01/03/2019) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Appropriations, Budget

Latest Action: Senate - 01/08/2019 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 5.

Summary: Provides FY19 appropriations for several federal departments and agencies.

Cannabis Connection: Contains language prohibiting the use of federal funds on efforts to reduce penalties against or legalize consumption of THC products

H.R. 127 — CARERS Act of 2019

Sponsor: Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9] (Introduced 01/03/2019) **Cosponsors:** (10)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Judiciary, Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: House - 02/01/2019 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary: To extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.

Cannabis Connection: Eliminates penalties under the Controlled Substances Act for possession, production, distribution, dispensing, administering, testing, recommending, or delivering medical marijuana in states with legalized medical marijuana. Removes CBD from definition of marijuana Authorizes healthcare providers affiliated with the Department of Veterans Affairs to recommend medical marijuana.

H.R. 171 — Legitimate use of Medicinal Marihuana Act (LUMMA)

Sponsor: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9] (Introduced 01/03/2019) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2019 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health.

Summary: Dictates that in states where marihuana may be prescribed by a physician no provision of the Controlled Substances Act or Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act may prohibit the use, prescription, possession, distribution, or production of marihuana for medical use.

Cannabis Connection: Would allow use of medical cannabis by authorized patients without fear of federal intervention.

H.R. 420 —Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act

Sponsor: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3] (Introduced 01/09/2019) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: House - Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Natural Resources, Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/08/2019 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

Summary: Decriminalizes marijuana at the Federal level with exceptions for trafficking across borders and in willful violation of law. Establishes permitting process under the Secretary of the Treasury for import/export and interstate commerce of cannabis. Classifies marijuana under the same provisions as alcohol as it relates to implementation of state laws.

Cannabis Connection: Would fundamentally shift the standards of regulating cannabis to put it in the same category as alcohol.

H.R.493 — Sensible Enforcement of Cannabis Act of 2019

Sponsor: Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46] (Introduced 01/11/2019) **Cosponsors:** (10)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: House - 01/11/2019 Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary: Prohibits the Attorney General from pursuing any cannabis cases in state with legalized cannabis

Cannabis Connection: Formalizes the guidance previously issued under the “Cole Memo” and places it into statute.

H.R.601 — Medical Cannabis Research Act of 2019

Sponsor: Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1] (Introduced 01/16/2019) **Cosponsors:** (12)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce, Judiciary (Subcommittee: Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security), Veterans' Affairs (Subcommittee: Health)

Latest Action: House - 03/04/2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

Summary: To increase the number of manufacturers registered under the Controlled Substances Act to manufacture cannabis for legitimate research purposes, to authorize health care providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide recommendations to veterans regarding participation in federally approved cannabis clinical trials, and for other purposes.

Cannabis Connection: See summary

H.R.648 — Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019**Sponsor:** Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17] (Introduced 01/17/2019) **Cosponsors:** (0)**Committees:** House - Appropriations, Budget**Latest Action:** Senate - 01/28/2019 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 16. (All Actions)**Summary:** Provides FY19 appropriations for several federal departments and agencies.**Cannabis Connection:** Contains language prohibiting the use of federal funds on efforts to reduce penalties against or legalize consumption of THC products**S.179 — VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2019****Sponsor:** Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT] (Introduced 01/17/2019) **Cosponsors:** (7)**Committees:** Senate - Veterans' Affairs**Latest Action:** Senate - 01/17/2019 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.**Summary:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a clinical trial of the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of adults with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.**Cannabis Connection:** Specifically targets types of chronic pain and medical conditions relevant to veterans. Would require several different types of consumption, including inhalation and ingestion.**H.R.712 — VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2019****Sponsor:** Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46] (Introduced 01/23/2019) **Cosponsors:** (75)**Committees:** House - Veterans' Affairs**Latest Action:** House – 06/20/2019: Committee Hearings Held.**Summary:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a clinical trial of the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of adults with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.**Cannabis Connection:** Specifically targets types of chronic pain and medical conditions relevant to veterans. Would require several different types of consumption, including inhalation and ingestion.**H.R.747 —To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct and support research on the efficacy and safety of medicinal cannabis, and for other purposes.****Sponsor:** Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1] (Introduced 01/24/2019) **Cosponsors:** (1)**Committees:** House - Veterans' Affairs**Latest Action:** House - 01/24/2019 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.**Summary:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct and support research on the efficacy and safety of medicinal cannabis. Study must use varying methods of delivery and at least three strains.**Cannabis Connection:** See summary**S.420 —Marijuana Revenue and Regulation Act****Sponsor:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] (Introduced 02/07/2019) **Cosponsors:** (1)**Committees:** Senate - Finance**Latest Action:** Senate - 02/08/2019 Referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

Summary: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation and regulation of marijuana products, and for other purposes.

Cannabis Connection: Would decriminalize marijuana and establish taxes for marijuana products. Part of a 3-bill joint legislative package between Senator Wyden and Representative Blumenauer entitled the “Path to Marijuana Reform.”

S.421 — Responsibly Addressing the Marijuana Policy Gap Act of 2019

Sponsor: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] (Introduced 02/07/2019) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 02/07/2019 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary: Removes federal criminal penalties and civil asset forfeiture for individuals and businesses complying with state law and allow access to banking, bankruptcy protection, marijuana research and advertising. In states that have legalized marijuana the bill provides an expungement process for certain marijuana violations. Allows veteran access to state-legal medical marijuana and protects Native American tribes from punishment under federal marijuana laws.

Cannabis Connection: Part of a 3-bill joint legislative package between Senator Wyden and Representative Blumenauer entitled the “Path to Marijuana Reform.”

S.422 — Small Business Tax Equity Act of 2019

Sponsor: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] (Introduced 02/07/2019) **Cosponsors:** (4)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 02/07/2019 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (All Actions)

Summary: This bill exempts a trade or business that conducts marijuana sales in compliance with state law from a provision in the Internal Revenue Code that prohibits business-related tax credits or deductions for expenditures in connection with trafficking in controlled substances.

Cannabis Connection: Part of a 3-bill joint legislative package between Senator Wyden and Representative Blumenauer entitled the “Path to Marijuana Reform.”

H.R.1118 — Small Business Tax Equity Act of 2019

Sponsor: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3] (Introduced 02/08/2019) **Cosponsors:** (7)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 02/08/2019 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Summary: This bill exempts a trade or business that conducts marijuana sales in compliance with state law from a provision in the Internal Revenue Code that prohibits business-related tax credits or deductions for expenditures in connection with trafficking in controlled substances.

Cannabis Connection: Part of a 3-bill joint legislative package between Senator Wyden and Representative Blumenauer entitled the “Path to Marijuana Reform.”

H.R.1119 — Responsibly Addressing the Marijuana Policy Gap Act of 2019

Sponsor: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3] (Introduced 02/08/2019) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Committees: House - Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Natural Resources, Education and Labor, Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Reform

Latest Action: House - 03/14/2019 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary: Removes federal criminal penalties and civil asset forfeiture for individuals and businesses complying with state law and allow access to banking, bankruptcy protection, marijuana research and advertising. In states that have legalized marijuana the bill provides an expungement process for certain marijuana violations. Allows veteran access to state-legal medical marijuana and protects Native American tribes from punishment under federal marijuana laws.

Cannabis Connection: Part of a 3-bill joint legislative package between Senator Wyden and Representative Blumenauer entitled the “Path to Marijuana Reform.”

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