



Marijuana Legislation Roundup

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With almost 200 active cannabis-related bills, tracking legislation can be daunting. That's why we're introducing the BioTrackTHC Marijuana Legislation Roundup – a quick roundup of all the current marijuana-related legislative progress being made in each state. Something we missed? Come back next week for the state's we didn't cover here.

California

Lou Correa, a Democrat from California, is calling on the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to [conduct a clinical study regarding the effectiveness of cannabis](#) use for chronic pain. HR 590 will go to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs for review.

California Governor Jerry Brown vetoed 2 bills designed to restrict cannabis businesses and decrease social use. [AB1120](#) and [AB350](#) were struck down last Friday.

Colorado

A Colorado bill to exempt retail cannabis sales from the 2.9% general sales tax failed last week. The Senate Committee on Transportation has postponed further evaluations of [SB 001](#) indefinitely.

Florida

Legislation impacting how physicians and patients in Florida interact might have major repercussions for the cannabis industry. [S 0280](#), which would establish telehealth standards, is under review in the state's Health and Human Services Subcommittee.

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Illinois

A new bill in Illinois seeks to increase expungement eligibility for individuals convicted of lower-level crimes, like cannabis, who have been crime free for 3 years. If passed, [HB 4139](#) would allow people to petition the court and have their records sealed.

Massachusetts

Legislators in Massachusetts have introduced a [new version of S819](#), which would eliminate mandatory minimums for drug-related offenses. The efforts are in direct contrast with Attorney General Sessions recent suggestion of increasing enforcement.

Michigan

A bill in Michigan, [HB 5189](#), would authorize the following plant counts based on license class:

- Class A- 500 plants
- Class B- 1,000 plants
- Class C- 1,500 plants

Washington DC

DC's [Medical Marijuana Improvement Amendment Act of 2017](#) announced a public hearing for November 9th, 2017. The seeks to establish Safe Use Treatment Facilities that would be operated by registered dispensaries and provide medical cannabis.

The District of Columbia is considering reciprocity rules for medical cannabis. [PR22-0526](#) was introduced last week and has been referred to the Health Committee for review.

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