

APPROPRIATIONS & AMENDMENTS



▶ Polls show over **73% of Americans** believe the federal government should stay out of states with marijuana programs

As we move forward with funding for Fiscal Year 2019, there will be at least four cannabis related amendments introduced to multiple appropriations subcommittees. These amendments pertain to various issues regarding cannabis policy, including medical cannabis, adult-use cannabis, access to banking and financial services, and veterans' access. It is crucial that Congress protect state-legal, compliant cannabis programs and include these amendments in upcoming federal spending bills.



COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE (CJS) APPROPRIATIONS

The McClintock-Polis Amendment protects states' rights by prohibiting the Department of Justice (DOJ) from interfering with states that have implemented laws regulating the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of marijuana (including medical and adult use) on non-Federal lands within their respective jurisdictions. This amendment does NOT apply to states that have not regulated cannabis in some form. With respect to the states that have regulated cannabis for all adults, it is critical to note that they have made the intentional choice to eliminate the underground market. That choice should be respected.

The Rohrabacher-Blumenauer Amendment prohibits the use of DOJ funds to prevent the implementation of state medical marijuana programs. This provision has been reauthorized by Congress for three straight years but continues to be at risk. This amendment does NOT apply to any state that has not already legalized some form of medicinal marijuana use at the state level.



FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT (FSGG) APPROPRIATIONS

The SAFE Banking Amendment prohibits the Department of Treasury from using funds to penalize a financial institution solely because the institution provides financial services to an entity or person that is operating a state-licensed marijuana business. The amendment would reduce serious safety risks faced by these state-licensed businesses and the general public by allowing the businesses to place money into banks, take out business loans, and use other important financial services.



MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (MILCON/VA) APPROPRIATIONS

The Veterans Equal Access Amendment permits physicians and other health care workers employed by the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide opinions and recommendations related to the participation by veterans in a state medical marijuana programs. Passage of this amendment would allow healthcare professionals in the VA to fill out forms involved in the process of recommending medical marijuana. This amendment would NOT apply in states that have not legalized a form of medical marijuana use.

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