



Marijuana – Personal Non-Medical Use: Bill Status Update

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U.S. 2015 HR 1014	“Marijuana Tax Revenue Act of 2015.” Imposes a federal excise tax on the sale of marijuana for non-medical purposes as well as apply an occupational tax for marijuana businesses. The bill also requires the IRS to produce periodic studies of the marijuana industry and to issue recommendations to Congress. It phases in an excise tax on the sale by a producer (generally the grower) to the next stage of production (generally the processor creating the useable product). This tax is initially set at 10% and rises over time to 25% as the legal market displaces the black market. Medical marijuana is exempt from this tax.	2/20/2015 – referred to House Committee on Ways & Means.
Arizona 2015 HB 2007	Allows the possession, use, consumption, purchase or transport of one ounce or less of marijuana by persons age 21 or older. Allows a person aged 21 or older to possess, grow, process or transport five (5) or fewer marijuana plants. Provides restrictions on cultivation and public use.	3/31/2015 – read first time.
Arizona 2015 HB 2477	Allows the possession, use, consumption, purchase or transport of one ounce or less of cannabis by persons age 21 or older. Allows a person aged 21 or older to possess, grow, process or transport five (5) or fewer cannabis plants. Provides restrictions on cultivation and public use.	3/31/2015 – read first time.

¹ The word “marijuana” (or “marihuana”) is spelled as it is in the respective bill.

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California 2015 SB 305	This bill would authorize the enhanced sentences for the commission or attempted commission to manufacture, compound, convert, produce, derive, process, or prepare a controlled substance, and to possess specified chemicals with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance, as those crimes relate to concentrated cannabis, in a structure where a child under 16 years of age is present or where a child under 16 years of age suffers great bodily harm. The bill would also require the use of the fact that a child under 16 years of age resided in a structure used for the manufacture, compounding, conversion, production, derivation, processing, or preparing of concentrated cannabis as a factor in aggravation at sentencing if the enhancement is not proved and pled. By increasing the penalty for an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	4/7/2015 – set for committee hearing on 4/14/2015.
Colorado 2015 HB 1305	The bill makes it a Class 2 drug felony for an unlicensed person to manufacture marijuana concentrate or permit marijuana concentrate manufacturing on any premises using an inherently hazardous substance.	3/23/2015 – introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
Connecticut 2015 HB 6473	Provides that "the general statutes be amended to decriminalize the use and possession of marijuana and to regulate and tax the sale of marijuana."	1/23/2015 – referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary.
Connecticut 2015 HB 6703	Provides that "the general statutes be amended to allow marijuana use for persons twenty-one years of age and older, and to regulate the sale, possession, use and growth of marijuana."	2/2/2015 – referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary.

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District of Columbia 2015 LR 76	“Prohibition on Pre-Employment Marijuana Testing Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2015.” Declares the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to prohibit employers from testing potential employees for marijuana use during the hiring process, unless otherwise required by law.	3/3/2015 – adopted with Resolution Number R21-0020.
District of Columbia 2015 LB 94	Prohibits, on an emergency basis, due to congressional review, employers from testing potential employees for marijuana use during the hiring process, unless otherwise required by law. Would remain in effect for no more than 90 days.	4/1/2015 – enacted with Act Number A21-0031; expires 6/29/2015.
Florida 2015 HB 1297	Imposes excise tax on exempts certain activities involving marijuana from use & possession offenses. Authorizes persons age 21 & over to engage in certain activities involving personal use of marijuana in limited amounts. Provides limits on where persons may engage in specified activities. Provides for licensure of marijuana establishments that may engage in manufacture, possession or purchase of marijuana, marijuana products & marijuana accessories or sell marijuana, marijuana products or marijuana accessories to consumer. Provides for limits on number of retail marijuana stores in localities based on population.	3/8/2015 – referred to committees.
Florida 2015 SB 1176	Renames the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Creates provisions relating to exempting certain activities involving marijuana from use and possession offenses. Authorizes persons age 21 and over to engage in certain activities involving personal use of marijuana in limited amounts.	3/3/2015 – introduced.

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Georgia 2015 SR 6	A resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution: (1) to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the legalization and regulation of marijuana; (2) to permit persons 21 years of age or older to purchase limited amounts of marijuana for personal use; (3) to provide that the fees and tax proceeds from the sale of such marijuana be dedicated equally between education and transportation infrastructure purposes; (4) to provide that such funds shall not lapse; and (5) to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection.	3/4/2015 – read and referred.
Georgia 2015 SB 198	"Georgia Retail Marijuana Code." Provides for the regulation of the retail sale of marijuana. Provides for licensing requirements and restrictions. Provides for the regulation of cultivation, production, and retail sale of marijuana.	3/4/2015 – read and referred.
Hawaii 2015 HB 717	Legalizes under state law the growing, processing, possession, transfer, and personal use of one ounce or less (or five plants) of marijuana for persons at least twenty-one years of age. Requires licensing to operate marijuana establishments. Subjects marijuana establishments to excise taxes and income taxes.	1/28/2015 – referred to House Committees on Judiciary and Finance.
Hawaii 2015 HB 841	Repeals criminal and civil penalties related to marijuana. Prohibits the furnishing of marijuana to a minor. Allows the cultivation of up to 10 marijuana plants on private property. Prohibits counties from prohibiting the cultivation of marijuana on private property.	1/28/2015 – referred to House Committees on Health and Judiciary.
Hawaii 2015 HB 889	Repeals criminal and civil penalties related to marijuana. Prohibits the furnishing of marijuana to a minor. Allows the cultivation of up to 10 marijuana plants on private property. Prohibits counties from prohibiting the cultivation of marijuana on private property.	1/28/2015 – referred to House Committees on Judiciary and Finance.

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Hawaii 2015 HB 1203	Authorizes the counties to adopt ordinances to legalize marijuana possession, sale, and use, for persons over the age of twenty-one. Clarifies that penal code provisions pertaining to drug and intoxicating compounds offenses do not apply to counties that have adopted ordinances legalizing marijuana and adopted administrative rules to regulate marijuana.	2/4/2015 – re-referred to Judiciary Committee.
Hawaii 2015 SR 19-15	Resolution requesting DEA to initiate rescheduling proceedings to remove marijuana from federal Schedule I.	4/6/2015 – report and resolution adopted.
Hawaii 2015 SB 189	As substituted, the act is to reclassifies marijuana from as a hallucinogenic substance listed as a schedule I controlled substance to a hallucinogenic substance listed as a schedule II controlled substance. The effective date is moved to July 1, 2050.	2/26/2015 – measure deferred by Committee on Judiciary and Labor.
Hawaii 2015 SB 383	Repeals criminal and civil penalties related to marijuana. Prohibits the furnishing of marijuana to a minor. Allows the cultivation of up to 10 marijuana plants on private property. Prohibits counties from prohibiting the cultivation of marijuana on private property.	1/26/2015 – referred to House Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee; referred to Senate Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means Committees.

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Hawaii 2015 SB 873	Legalizes under state law the growing, processing, possession, transfer, and personal use of one ounce or less (or six plants) of marijuana for persons at least twenty-one years of age. Requires licensing to operate marijuana establishments. Subjects marijuana establishments to excise taxes and income taxes.	1/28/2015 – referred to House Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee; referred to Senate Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means Committees.
Hawaii 2015 SB 1259	Authorizes the counties to adopt ordinances to legalize marijuana possession, sale, and use, for persons over the age of twenty-one. Clarifies that penal code provisions pertaining to drug and intoxicating compounds offenses do not apply to counties that have adopted ordinances legalizing marijuana and adopted administrative rules to regulate marijuana.	1/29/2015 – passed first reading and referred to House Public Safety and Military Affairs and Senate Judiciary and Labor Committees.

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Illinois 2015 HB 2750	Creates the Cannabis Study Act. Provides that before considering the regulation and taxing of cannabis in a manner similar to alcohol and tobacco for individuals 21 years of age or older, the General Assembly shall direct the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council to: (1) determine the effect regulation and taxation would have on law enforcement resources; (2) determine the impact regulation would have on the rate of arrests, predisposition detention, and sentencing; (3) review approaches a cannabis regulation law could take regarding drug-free workplace policies and procedures and what effect the different approaches would have; (4) determine the effect regulation and taxation would have on existing criminal laws, including the Cannabis Control Act; (5) review approaches states have taken to reduce risks associated with the operation of motor vehicles by individuals impaired by intoxicants including but not limited to cannabis, and what effect the different approaches have had on rates of fatalities; (6) determine to what extent the taxation and regulation of cannabis may generate employment and revenue in Illinois if at all; (7) determine the regulatory and taxing system needed for the licensing of entities to sell cannabis and the licensing of entities to grow cannabis; (8) determine the product labeling, quality control, and taxing regulations needed; (9) compare the health effects of cannabis, alcohol, and prescription drugs on the individual and community as it relates to violence, risk-taking, addiction, cancer, overdose, and mortality; (10) determine the impact that existing laws on cannabis possession have on rates of crime and violence; and (11) any other relevant analysis regarding the impact on the public safety and welfare of the citizens of Illinois.	3/25/2015 – placed on calendar order of third reading.

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Illinois 2015 HB 3632	Amends the Cannabis Control Act. Defines "hash oil". Provides that any person who knowingly manufactures, delivers, or possesses with intent to deliver, or manufacture, hash oil is guilty of: (1) a Class 3 felony if the amount of the hash oil is less than 1 gram; (2) a Class 2 felony if the amount of the hash oil is more than 1 gram but not more than 4 grams; (3) a Class 1 felony if the amount of the hash oil is more than 4 grams but not more than 400 grams; and (4) a Class X felony if the amount of the hash oil is more than 400 grams.	3/27/2015 – House committee amendment referred to Rules Committee.
Illinois 2015 SB 732	Creates the Synthetic Cannabis Control Act. Contains only a short title provision.	2/3/2015 – first reading and referred to Assignments.
Illinois 2015 SB 753	Amends the Cannabis Control Act. Legalizes the possession by a person 21 years of age or older of cannabis in an amount not to exceed 30 grams. Permits the production and possession by a person 21 years of age or older of not more than 5 cannabis sativa plants.	3/25/2015 - postponed by Criminal Law Committee with Rule 2-10 deadline of 4/24/2015.
Illinois 2015 SB 1639	Changes definition of "cannabis" and adds a definition of "concentrated cannabis" to the Cannabis Control Act. Provides that the knowing possession of concentrated cannabis in an amount of: (1) less than 1 gram is a Class 4 felony; (2) 1 gram or more but not more than 4 grams is a Class 3 felony; (3) more than 4 grams but not more than 400 grams is a Class 2 felony; and (4) more than 400 grams is a Class 1 felony. Provides that the penalty for the knowing manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to deliver, or manufacture, concentrated cannabis is one class higher than the penalty for possession of concentrated cannabis.	3/27/2015 – Rule 2-10 committee deadline established as 4/24/2015.

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Iowa 2015 SSB 1205	The bill reclassifies marijuana, including tetrahydrocannabinols, as a schedule II controlled substance instead of a schedule I controlled substance and strikes references to the authority of the board of pharmacy to adopt rules for the use of marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols for medicinal purposes.	2/19/2015 – assigned to Judiciary Committee.
Louisiana 2015 HB 117	Proposed law authorizes the conducting of an election on Nov. 8, 2016, to determine whether the possession, distribution, or dispensing of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinols, or chemical derivatives thereof by persons 21 years of age or older should no longer be a criminal offense in the state.	3/19/2015 – refiled and provisionally referred to Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
Maine 2015 HP 125	This bill prohibits a municipality from including a referendum question to legalize the recreational use of marijuana on a ballot or in a warrant or considering it at a town meeting.	3/25/2015 – placed in legislative files (dead).
Maryland 2015 HB 393	Provides that a person may not use, consume, or possess marijuana in the "passenger area" of a motor vehicle. A "passenger area" does not include a locked glove compartment, a truck, or behind the last row of seats in a car without a trunk.	3/16/2015 – unfavorable report by Judiciary Committee.
Maryland 2015 HB 433	Provides that at least 90 days before the implementation of any law that reduces the penalties for or legalizes the use of marijuana, the office of the attorney general shall establish a system to notify the public of the risks related to the changes in the law.	2/9/2015 – first reading; referred to Judiciary and Health and Government Operations Committees; hearing scheduled for 2/24/2015.

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Maryland 2015 HB 911	"Marijuana Control and Revenue Act of 2015." Repeals certain civil and criminal prohibitions against the use and possession of marijuana. Establishes certain exemptions from prosecution for certain persons for using, obtaining, purchasing, transporting, or possessing marijuana under certain circumstances. Establishes certain exemptions from prosecution for certain retailers, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana cultivation facilities, and safety compliance facilities in certain circumstances. Prohibits a person from smoking marijuana in a public place.	2/13/2015 – first reading; referred to Judiciary and Ways and Means Committees.
Maryland 2015 SB 531	"Marijuana Control and Revenue Act of 2015." Allows for the personal use of marijuana by persons age 21 and older. The "personal use amount of usable marijuana" includes 1 ounce or less of marijuana. Such persons may also cultivate six or fewer marijuana plants.	2/6/2015 – first reading and referred to Committees on Judiciary Proceedings and Budget and Taxation; hearing scheduled for 3/4/2014.
Michigan 2015 HB 4357	Provides an exception to prohibition against driving with any controlled substance in blood if the person is a qualifying patient who has been issued and possesses a registry identification card, and if he or she has in his or her body a tetrahydrocannabinol content of less than 5 nanograms per 1 milliliter of blood.	3/18/2015 – read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Mississippi 2015 HB 559	Adds provision that in the case of a second or subsequent offender who sells or possesses with the intent to sell less than one (1) kilogram but more than thirty (30) grams of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids as classified in Schedule I, as set out in Section 41-29-113, such person is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, may be imprisoned for not more than ten (10) years or fined not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both. Adds that "trafficking in controlled substances" includes possession with intent to sell (1) kilogram or more of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids.	3/3/2015 – died in Committee.
Missouri 2015 HJR 15	Joint resolution proposing a state constitutional amendment legalizing marijuana use for persons 21 years of age or older.	1/8/2015 – read second time.
Missouri 2015 HB 166	Allows marijuana convictions to be expunged for certain persons contingent upon the passage of a constitutional amendment or other statutory enactment legalizing marijuana.	1/8/2015 – read second time.
Missouri 2015 HB 1138	Places an excise tax on unauthorized substances possessed, either actually or constructively, transported, transferred, sold, or offered to be sold in violation of Missouri law, by dealers.	4/2/2015 – referred to Select Committee on General Law.
Missouri 2015 SB 560	This act allows a person to possess up to one ounce of marijuana and provides a licensure process for retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturers, and retail marijuana testing facilities. Licensees may possess, manufacture, and distribute marijuana in accordance with the provisions of the act and rules promulgated by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. Retail marijuana is subject to a sales tax of 12.9 percent.	3/18/2015 – second reading and referred to Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

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New Hampshire 2015 HB 150	This bill establishes a committee to study the legalization of marijuana.	3/26/2015 – Senate hearing scheduled for 3/31/2015.
New Jersey 2014 AB 2842	Voter Referendum - Legalizes possession of one ounce or less of marijuana, subject to voter approval.	3/10/2014 – referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.
New Jersey 2014 AB 3094	Legalizes the personal use of up to one ounce or less of marijuana by persons 21 years of age or older; provides for the operation of marijuana-related facilities; levies a tax upon marijuana sold or otherwise transferred by a marijuana cultivation facility; and otherwise regulates the sale and use of marijuana.	5/8/2014 – referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.
New Jersey 2014 SB 1896	Legalizes the personal use of up to one ounce or less of marijuana by persons 21 years of age or older. Provides for the operation of marijuana-related facilities; levies a tax upon marijuana sold or otherwise transferred by a marijuana cultivation facility; and otherwise regulates the sale and use of marijuana.	3/27/2014 – introduced in the senate and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.
New Mexico 2015 HB 120	Prohibits driving with specified amounts of controlled substances in the blood, including 2 nanograms per milliliter of blood for THC.	2/11/2015 - committee report adopted; do pass as amended.
New Mexico 2015 HB 160	"The Cannabis Revenue and Freedom Act." Provides duties and powers of the regulation and licensing department, the taxation and revenue department, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health.	1/22/2015 – referred to Health and Welfare and Appropriations and Finance Committees.

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New Mexico 2015 SJR 2	Proposes to amend Article 20 of the state constitution by adding a section to read: "possession and personal use of marijuana shall be lawful by persons twenty-one years of age or older. The legislature shall provide by law for the production, processing, transportation, sale, taxation and acceptable quantities and places of use of marijuana and hemp to protect public health and safety."	1/25/2015 – reported from Judiciary Committee do pass.
New York 2015 AB 3089	"Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act." Amends public health law to allow the growing of and use of marihuana by persons eighteen years of age or older. Amends certain offenses involving marihuana and to exempt certain persons from prosecution for the use, consumption, display, production or distribution of marihuana. Amends the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to providing for the licensure of persons authorized to produce, process and sell marihuana. Amends the tax law, in relation to providing for the levying of an excise tax on certain sales of marihuana.	3/2/2015 – amend and recommit to Committee on Assembly Codes.
New York 2015 AB 4579	Prohibits the sale of synthetic marijuana and provides a defense for sale in certain circumstances. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health ("Department") to establish and maintain a database of known synthetic cannabinoids that is published on the Department's website.	2/3/2015 – introduced and referred to Committee on Assembly Health.
Oregon 2015 HB 3095	Directs State Registrar of Center for Health Statistics to adopt rules requiring each report of death submitted to Center for Health Statistics to identify whether known cause of death is related to using marijuana or product into which cannabinoids have been incorporated. Becomes operative January 1, 2016.	3/2/2015 – referred to Health Care Committee.

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Oregon 2015 SB 364	Requires court to consider marijuana offenses committed before July 1, 2013, to be classified as if conduct occurred on July 1, 2013, when determining if person is eligible for order setting aside conviction. Authorizes court to enter judgment of conviction for misdemeanor when person convicted of certain marijuana offenses successfully completes probation.	3/17/2015 – referred to House Judiciary Committee.
Oregon 2015 SB 545	Makes the offense of smoking in motor vehicle primary offense for which officer does not need to have stopped vehicle for another violation.	2/3/2015 – referred to Judiciary Committee.
Pennsylvania 2015 SB 528	"Regulate Marijuana Act." Provides for personal use of marijuana, for lawful operation of marijuana-related facilities, for general powers of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, for regulation of marijuana and for employers, minors and control of property; and making related repeals.	2/25/2015 – referred to Law and Justice Committee.
Rhode Island 2015 HB 5777	This act would remove the state's prohibition on adults using, possessing, and cultivating marijuana for personal use. It establishes a system of regulated marijuana retail distribution to adults twenty-one (21) and older and imposes taxes at both the wholesale and retail level.	3/4/2015 – introduced and referred to Judiciary Committee.
Rhode Island 2015 HB 6004	This act would transfer the jurisdiction of possession of one ounce (1 oz.) or less of marijuana by a person who is under the age of eighteen (18) years from the Rhode Island traffic tribunal to the Rhode Island family court. The act would also require the family court to order a substance abuse assessment and, if recommended, substance abuse treatment, for such violations.	3/27/2015 – introduced.

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Rhode Island 2015 SB 441	The act defines and regulates the use of electronic marijuana-delivery system products.	2/25/2015 – introduced, referred to Judiciary Committee.
Rhode Island 2015 SB 510	Removes the state's prohibition on adults using, possessing, and cultivating marijuana for personal use and establishes a system of regulated marijuana retail distribution to adults 21 and older & imposes taxes at both the wholesale and retail level.	2/26/2015 – introduced, referred to Judiciary Committee.
Tennessee 2015 HB 622	As introduced, changes the age group to which the offense of underage driving while impaired statute applies from age 16-21 to age 16-18 and gives the judge the authority to order the issuance of a restricted license, including interlock device, to 16-18 year olds committing underage driving while impaired.	3/25/2015 – placed behind budget in Finance Committee.
Tennessee 2015 HB 1173	As introduced, adds certain synthetic cannabinoids to the list for which it is an offense to knowingly produce, manufacture, distribute, possess, or possess with intent to produce, manufacture, or distribute.	4/8/2015 – recommendation for pass; referred to Calendar & Rules Committee.
Tennessee 2015 HB 1252	As introduced, specifies that handheld vaporizers and vape pens may be considered drug paraphernalia. Clarifies that marijuana concentrates and oils are included in the definition of marijuana.	2/24/2015 – assigned to Criminal Justice Committee.
Tennessee 2015 SB 1189	As introduced, specifies that handheld vaporizers and vape pens may be considered drug paraphernalia. Clarifies that marijuana concentrates and oils are included in the definition of marijuana.	3/23/2015 – assigned to General Subcommittee.

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Tennessee 2015 SB 1317	As introduced, changes the age group to which the offense of underage driving while impaired statute applies from age 16-21 to age 16-18 and gives the judge the authority to order the issuance of a restricted license, including interlock device, to 16-18 year olds committing underage driving while impaired.	4/1/2015 – received in House after Senate passage.
Vermont 2015 HB 228	Amends driving under the influence statute to include instance when the driver has "any detectable amount" of any regulated drug, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29) in his or her body.	2/17/2015 – read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation.
Vermont 2015 HB 277	This bill proposes to: (1) permit a person who is 21 years of age or older to possess limited amounts of marijuana for personal use, while retaining civil and criminal penalties for possession above the limits and for unauthorized dispensing or sale of marijuana; (2) provide civil penalties for a person who is under 21 years of age who possesses marijuana or attempts to procure marijuana from a registered marijuana establishment; and (3) establish a Marijuana Control Board within the Department of Public Safety. The Board would be responsible for rulemaking and administering registrations for marijuana establishments.	2/24/2015 – read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
Vermont 2015 HB 429	This bill proposes to task the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health with recommending to the General Assembly a standard of marijuana-induced impairment; and to task the Department of Health, the Agency of Education, and the Department of Public Safety with recommending enhanced driving under the influence prevention programming to the General Assembly.	3/10/2015 – read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Vermont 2015 SB 14	This bill proposes to require that marijuana-infused edible or potable products be contained in single dose, child-resistant packaging and be labeled with the amount of tetrahydrocannabinol in each dose. The act also makes a technical amendment to the definition of registered caregiver to conform to 2014 amendments to the chapter.	2/26/2015 – read first time in House and referred to Committee on Human Services.
Vermont 2015 SB 95	This bill proposes to, among other things: (1) permit a person who is 21 years of age or older to possess limited amounts of marijuana for personal use, while retaining civil and criminal penalties for possession above the limits and for unauthorized dispensing or sale of marijuana; (2) provide civil penalties for a person who is under 21 years of age who possesses marijuana or attempts to procure marijuana from a registered marijuana establishment; (3) establish a Marijuana Control Board within the Department of Public Safety; (4) create a regulatory structure for the cultivation, production, testing, and sale of marijuana that includes oversight by the Marijuana Control Board and the Department of Public Safety; (5) permit municipalities to prohibit or regulate marijuana establishments; (6) establish an excise tax of \$40.00 per ounce on marijuana flowers, \$15.00 per ounce on any other marijuana, and \$25.00 on each immature marijuana plant sold by a cultivator.	2/18/2015 – read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
Virginia 2014 HB 1500	Establishes an affirmative defense to prosecution of an individual for (i) simple possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, or controlled paraphernalia; (ii) intoxication in public; or (iii) the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol if such individual sought or obtained emergency medical attention for himself or for another individual because of a drug- or alcohol-related overdose and if the evidence for the charge was obtained as a result of the individual seeking or obtaining emergency medical attention.	3/23/2015 – approved by Governor; effective 7/1/2015.

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Virginia 2014 SB 892	Establishes an affirmative defense to prosecution of an individual for (i) simple possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, or controlled paraphernalia; (ii) intoxication in public; or (iii) the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol if such individual sought or obtained emergency medical attention for himself or for another individual because of a drug- or alcohol-related overdose and if the evidence for the charge was obtained as a result of the individual seeking or obtaining emergency medical attention.	3/23/2015 – approved by Governor; effective 7/1/2015.
Virginia 2014 SB 1444	Revises the existing provision that a person loses his driver's license for six months when convicted of or placed on deferred disposition for a drug offense to provide that the provision does not apply to simple possession of marijuana. The exception applies only to adults; juveniles will still be subject to license suspension.	2/4/2015 – failed to report (defeated) in Committee on Courts of Justice.
Washington 2015 HB 1461	Introduced by title and introductory section only. Committee analysis of bill provides that bill revises numerous regulatory provisions regarding recreational and medical marijuana, including those pertaining to: excise taxes and exemptions; the allocation of revenues derived from excise tax proceeds; the siting of recreational marijuana businesses; municipal bans and moratoria regarding marijuana businesses; using marijuana in public places; acquisition of marijuana by minors; eradicating illegal marijuana-growing operations; seizure and auction of illegal marijuana by law enforcement agencies; repealing Initiative 502 and all of the medical marijuana statutes; cannabis-based health and beauty aids; and common carrier transportation and delivery services for marijuana businesses. Creates two alternative regulatory systems for medical cannabis.	2/3/2015 – public hearing in Committee on Commerce & Gaming; executive session scheduled for 2/12/2015.

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Washington 2015 HB 1965	Proposes that as of July 1, 2015, a nonrefundable additional fee is imposed on all applications and renewals of licenses relating to marijuana required under chapter 69.50 RCW. The provision would expire June 30, 2017.	3/13/2015 – returned to Rules Committee for second reading.
Washington 2015 SB 5105	Makes a fourth driving under the influence offense a felony.	4/7/2015 – first reading in House; referred to Committee on Public Safety.
West Virginia 2015 HB 2104	Terminates the Tax Commissioner's authority to issue business licenses to sell paraphernalia for use with controlled substances. Revokes licenses previously issued by the Tax Commissioner.	3/14/2015 – introduced and referred to Committee on Health and Human Resources.
West Virginia 2015 HB 2180	Terminates the Tax Commissioner's authority to issue business licenses to sell paraphernalia for use with controlled substances. Revokes licenses previously issued by the Tax Commissioner.	1/21/2015 – introduced and referred to Health and Humans Resources Committee.
West Virginia 2015 HB 2529	Adds Section 19-1-4e to the West Virginia Code requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture to develop a pilot program for the cultivation of marijuana to be sold in states where sales are legal.	2/2/2015 – introduced and referred to Judiciary Committee.
Wyoming 2015 HB 187	Directs that the state undertake a study of the effects and impacts of legalizing marihuana.	2/6/2015 – failed in vote by Committee on the Whole.

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