



# Marijuana – Personal Non-Medical Use: Bill Status Update

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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.	1/12/2015 – filed.
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.	1/15/2015 – filed.
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.
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.	11/24/2014 – pre-filed.

<sup>1</sup> The word "marijuana" (or "marihuana") is spelled as it is in the respective bill.

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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.
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 SB 189	Removes marijuana and its intrinsic cannabinoids from controlled substance Schedule I and requires the Department of Public Safety, in consultation with the Department of Health, to issue a recommendation for the rescheduling of marijuana.	1/26/2015 – referred to Senate Health, and Judiciary and Labor Committees; referred to House Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee.

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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.
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.
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.

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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.	2/11/2015 – assigned to Criminal Law Committee.
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.	2/3/2015 – referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.
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.	2/6/2015 – first reading; referred to Judiciary Committee; hearing scheduled for 2/24/2015.
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 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.
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.
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.	2/13/2015 - transmitted to Senate after passage in House.

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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.
New Hampshire 2015 HB 150	This bill establishes a committee to study the legalization of marijuana.	1/20/2015 – public hearing held.
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.

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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.	1/27/2015 – reported back from Judiciary Committee do pass.
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.
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	The "Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act." The intent of this act is to regulate, control, and tax marihuana in a manner similar to alcohol, generate millions of dollars in new revenue, prevent access to marihuana by those under the age of eighteen years, reduce the illegal drug market and reduce violent crime, reduce the racially disparate impact of existing marihuana laws, allow industrial hemp to be farmed in New York state, and create new industries and increase employment.	1/22/2015 – introduced and referred 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.

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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.
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.	2/11/2015 – introduced and passed first consideration.
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.	2/12/2015 – filed for introduction.
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.	2/12/2015 – filed for introduction.
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.	2/17/2015 – reported favorably (with amendment) from Committee on Government Operations.
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.

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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.
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.	2/9/2015 – public hearing in Committee on Commerce & Gaming; scheduled for executive session on 2/16/2015.
Washington 2015 SB 5105	Makes a a fourth driving under the influence offense a felony.	2/4/2015 – referred to Ways & Means Committee.
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.	2/13/2015 – referred to Judiciary Committee.

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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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