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GAY MARRIAGE

[Delaware becomes 11th US state to legalize same-sex marriage](#) - Governor Jack Markell signed the bill into law on May 7, 2013, overturning a legislative ban on gay marriage in force since 1996. 37 states now have gay marriage bans, while two states have no laws banning or legalizing it.

[Rhode Island becomes 10th US state to legalize same-sex marriage](#) - Governor Lincoln Chafee signed the bill into law on May 2, 2013, making Rhode Island the last state in New England to allow gay marriage.

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DRINKING AGE

[43 States That Allow Underage \(under 21\) Alcohol Consumption](#) - On May 7, 2013, Oklahoma became the 13th state (and DC) to set an exception for underage drinking when reporting a medical emergency due to underage drinking. See which states have this and other exceptions to minimum legal drinking age laws.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

[12 States with Pending Legislation to Legalize Medical Marijuana](#) - New bills were added in Minnesota, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, while the bills in Florida died in committee.

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