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## Medical Cannabis: USA

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### Federal: Legislation, Court Decisions and Commentaries

- [The Institute of Medicine. National Academy of Science - "Marijuana and Medicine: Assessing the Science Base"](#)
- [Chronic Cannabis Use in the Compassionate Investigational New Drug Program: An Examination of Benefits and Adverse Effects of Legal Clinical Cannabis](#)  
This study was proposed to investigate the therapeutic benefits and adverse effects of prolonged use of "medical marijuana" in a cohort of seriously ill patients. It looks at the long-term effects of cannabis on patients who have used a known dosage of a standardized, heat-sterilized quality-controlled supply of low-grade marijuana for 11 to 27 years. 2002

#### Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

- [Exposing the Myth of Medical Marijuana](#)

#### Drug Policy Alliance

- [Marijuana: The Facts](#)

#### Medical Marijuana ProCon.org

- [Medical Marijuana MJ/Drug History](#)

#### U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

- [Frequently Asked Questions on Drug Development and Investigational New Drug Applications](#)
- [United States General Accounting Office November 2002 Report to the Chairman, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, Committee on Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives called "MARIJUANA - Early Experiences with Four States' Laws That Allow Use for Medical Purposes"](#)

#### Federal Legislation

- [Controlled Substances Act](#)

#### USA Court Decisions

- [Supreme Court Decision. US Attorney General vs Raich et. al. June 2005](#)
- [National Conference of State Legislatures: US Supreme Court hears Ashcroft V. Raich](#)
- [US Attorney General V. Raich, et al. \(29 November 2004\) - oral transcript of the argument before the US Supreme Court](#)
- [Raich and Monson V. US Attorney General \(December 2003\). US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit - transcript of decision](#)
- [Appeals Court decision to protect doctors discussing the use of marijuana](#)  
A transcript of the decision handed down by the US Ninth Circuit Court in October 2002 about the US Federal Government's policy of revoking the licences of doctors who discuss the use of cannabis with their patients. In October 2003, the US Supreme Court decided to not review this decision.
- [United States v. Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative \(US Supreme Court– 14 May 2001\)](#)  
The US Supreme decided that there is no medical necessity exception to the Federal Government's Controlled Substances Act's prohibitions on manufacturing and distributing marijuana.

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## State: Legislation and Programs

### Active State medicinal marijuana laws

#### Alaska

- [SB94 \(effective 6 Feb, 1999\)](#)
- [Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics: Medical Marijuana Registry](#)

#### Arizona

- [Ballot Proposition 203 \(effective 5 Nov., 1996\) - The Drug Medicalization, Prevention and Control Act of 2002](#)

#### California

- [SB 420 \(effective 1 Jan., 2004\)](#)
- [Proposition 36. The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act](#)  
The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act, also known as Proposition 36, was passed by 61% of California voters on November 7, 2000. This initiative allows first- and second-time, non-violent, simple drug possession offenders the opportunity to receive substance abuse treatment instead of incarceration. From here you can access the full-text of the Act.
- [California Health & Safety Code Section 11362.5.](#)  
The California Compassionate Use Act (Proposition 215): Legislation
- [California Medical Marijuana Information](#)  
Information from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) about medical marijuana in California.
- [Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research \(CMCR\)](#)  
A Research Center that is part of the University of California

#### Colorado

- [Medical Use of Marijuana](#)
- [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#)

#### Hawaii

- [In Search of a Viable Distribution System for Hawaii's Medical Marijuana Program](#)

Honolulu, Hi., Legislative Reference Bureau, December 2004.

- Legislation
  - [HB398: A Bill relating to Medical Marijuana Status](#)
  - [SB1354: A Bill relating to Medical Marijuana Status](#)
  - [HB1046: Relating to Controlled Substances Status](#)
  - [SB128: Relating to Controlled Substances Status](#)
  - [SB128 SD1: Relating to Controlled Substances](#)
  - [SB128 SD1 HD1: Relating to Controlled Substances](#)
- [The Medical Use of Marijuana: A guide to Hawaii laws for physicians, patients and caregivers](#)

#### Maine

- [Medical Marijuana Act](#)

#### Montana

- [Initiative No. 148 \(effective 2 Nov. 2004\)](#)
- [Montana Medical Marijuana Program](#)

#### Nevada

- [NAC 453A \(Medical Use of Marijuana\)](#)
- [Medical Marijuana Initiative](#)

#### Oregon

- [Medical Marijuana Act - Chapter 475 - 2001 Edition](#)
- [Measure 33. Petition to Amend the Medical Marijuana Act](#)
- [Ballot Measure 33 - Explanatory Statement](#)
- [Oregon Medical Marijuana Program: Department of Human Services](#)
- [Oregon Judicial Department Appellate Court Opinions, Washburn v. Forest Products, Inc. \(12 Jan, 2005\)](#)

#### Vermont

- [H. 0441: 2005-2006 Legislative Session](#)  
Currently in the House
- [Vermont Criminal Information Center: A Guide for Patients and Physicians](#)

#### Washington State

- [SB5943 \(introduced 16 Feb, 2005\)](#)
- [Washington State Department of Health. Questions and Answers. Medical Marijuana](#)

#### States where legislation has been introduced or proposed

##### Alabama

- [HB703 \(introduced 31 March, 2005\)](#)

##### Illinois

- [Bill HB0407 \(introduced 26 Jan., 2005\)](#)  
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##### Minnesota

- [HF2151 \(introduced 29 March, 2005\)](#)
- [SF1973 \(introduced 29 March, 2005\)](#)

##### New Hampshire

- [HB0238 \(introduced 6 Jan., 2005\)](#)

##### New Jersey

- [SB2200 \(introduced 11 Jan., 2005\)](#)

##### New Mexico

- [SB492 - Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act](#)
- [SB795 - The Lynn Pierson Compassionate Use Act](#)
- [SB891- Medical Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Act](#)

##### New York

- [Bill S01062 \(introduced 24 Jan., 2005\)](#)

##### South Dakota

- [House Bill 1109 - An Act to provide for certain uses of medical marijuana. \(introduced 25 Jan., 2005\)](#)

##### Rhode Island

- [Bill H6052 \(introduced 1 March, 2005\)](#)

##### Texas

- [HB658 \(introduced 5 April, 2005\)](#)  
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##### Tennessee

- [HB968 \(introduced 3 Feb., 2005\)](#)
- [SB1942 \(introduced 8 Feb., 2005\)](#)

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