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CA Senate floor, via govtech.com.

Bill To Create Cannabis Banking System Clears California Senate

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California recently moved up a notch in global economic ranking, pushing past the United Kingdom to claim the title of fifth-largest economy in the world. But the state's status wasn't built solely on cash-based transactions; sanctioned financial institutions are an integral part of the state's everyday commerce.

The Golden State's cannabis in-

dustry has managed to survive apart from the United States' federally-regulated banking system so far, but a cash-only system is not going to cut it in the long run with a large and lucrative legal market like California's.

In January, Senator Bob Hertzberg [D] introduced SB930, a bipartisan bill aimed at providing a way around the banking issue by allowing for "the licensure and regulation of cannabis limited charter banks and credit unions for the purpose of providing limited banking

services, as defined, to cannabis businesses."

The Department of Business Oversight would be responsible for the regulation of banks and credit unions established under SB930. Chartered financial institutions would issue checks which account holders could use for business expenses like rent, vendor payments, taxes, and other state fees. Checks could also be used to "purchase state and local bonds and other debt instruments."

Employers would not be able

to pay their workers with the checks due to federal income tax payments which would alert the federal government. The system proposed under SB930 would be isolated and would operate completely separate from FDIC territory.

"The status quo for our growing legal cannabis industry is unsustainable," Said Hertzberg in a press release. "It's not only impractical from an accounting perspective, but it also presents a tremendous public safety problem. This bill takes a limited approach to provide all parties with a safe and reliable way to move forward on this urgent issue."

Wednesday, after a third reading in the Senate, an amended version of SB930 passed with a 32 to 6 vote. Having gained Senate approval, the bill is now in Assembly where its first reading took place Friday.

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AI Robots, from killing bad weeds to killing weed jobs

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Artificial Intelligence is nothing new, and while cultivation-aiding robots serve to increase production, they pose a threat to the livelihood of workers. Swiss company ecoRobotix has developed an AI robot that can identify crops and selectively weed out undesirable plants.

The robots' artificial intelligence uses cameras to identify weeds, and two robotic arms to spray herbicide on the targeted nuisances. The technology is promising for farmers who focus on sustainability; the robots process

utilizes 20 percent less herbicide than traditional methods of spraying entire crop fields. Plus, these weed-killing robots can run for 12 hours without an operator.

EcoRobotix robots haven't been tested on cannabis farms yet, but cannabis companies have been experimenting with robots on various stages from seed to sale. Bloom Automation developed a robot that can trim a pound of bud in one day. Automated sensor systems can track temperature, humidity, and light to keep large-scale grows running smoothly. Hardcar Security offers robots that can guard cannabis crops, and they hope to provide pepper-spraying robots in the future. Delivery companies like Eaze have been working on delivery drones, though California banned cannabis delivery drones in 2017. Even the Cannabist has replaced its team of writers with content-aggregating bots. The list goes on.

Featured photo via CNBC.



Epileptic Georgia Child Taken From Family For Using Medicinal Cannabis

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The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) took custody of Suzeanna and Matthew Brill's son David recently after learning that the couple was using medicinal cannabis to treat his frequent daily seizures.

The Brills doctors tried putting him on many different medications, some at the same time. None of them were successful in relieving the boy's seizures,

and some of them put his life at risk. After researching the possible benefits of medical cannabis, Matthew and Suzeanna decided to try medical marijuana.

"Nothing else was working," Suzeanna told KVUE Austin. "I can't have my kid dying because no one wants to listen."

The couple tried giving their son cannabis oil at first, but when it was not effective at alleviating his seizures, they gave him the decision of whether he wanted to smoke some marijuana and see if it helped. David chose to smoke the medical cannabis daily and was seizure-free for seventy-one days with a dramatic improvement in his quality of life.

"I smoke it first; I know where it comes from," said Matthew. "I know where it comes from; I know my people. Made sure the bag was good, packed the bowl in my bowl, which I know ain't been

anywhere else, and told him that it was his decision."

Diligent in keeping her son's medical team current on his condition, Suzeanna discussed with them what she and her husband were doing because she felt like "his entire medical team truly cared for him and wanted the same things" that she did.

But the team felt differently and contacted authorities. On April 20, Twiggs County Sheriff deputies arrested Matthew and Suzeanna and DFCS took custody of their son. According to a police report the couple is being charged with reckless conduct.

The boy's service dog was also taken and placed into the city pound without giving the Brills enough time to find someone to take custody of her.

"While my son fought for his life, officially in DCFS custody and flatlining 15 times according to medical records," writes Suzeanna on a GoFundMe page created to help the family find and pay for a lawyer. "My husband was arrested, they tore me from my baby's side and told me they were going to take custody of him as I was arrested too."

Even facing jail time, the couple says that they would do it again to protect their son.

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Terp Smoothie 1st week of vegetative growth plants are around 4"-6" tall.

Confessions of a Home Grow: Vegetative Growth

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Featured photo: Terp Smoothie 1st week of vegetative growth plants are around 4"-6" tall.

Our little plants are growing so fast! It only took them about 1.5 weeks to outgrow their little pots. It is now time to place them in their final pot and location. I have selected what I think is the easiest, cheapest, and best way to grow any plant; a felt/fabric pot. I found my 5-gallon pots with handles (very useful!) on Amazon (\$6.99). You will need more of your Fox Farms organic soil

and perlite; you can do a 1:1 ratio or a 2:1; I have selected the 2:1. I will also add in ½ cup of Dr. Earth Home Grow Organic tomato fertilizer. Mix the soil well then add you plant gently in the middle of the pot. Make sure to fill your pot all the way to the top, the soil will settle as you water; DO NOT PACK SOIL. I love to also shake some diatomaceous earth on top of the soil. I made a shaker out of an old cinnamon spice bottle, it works perfectly! Diatomaceous earth has so many uses, its worth a google.

Once you have them all potted (hehe). Give them a light watering around the plant root base. I judge it by looking down on the leaves and pouring around the leaves as if it is natural rain falling off the leaves, but do not water the leaves. This will promote the roots to grow out toward the moist soil.

This is always the best technique to not over water when re-potting a plant. If you water at the trunk/stem, the plant it will have slower rooting.

Now place them back into your tent, with your lights on for 18 hours of daylight and 6 hours of night. Because my tent is long I want to make sure I have adequate light coverage, so I will be using 2 600-Watt LED lights placed about 10-12 inches above the plants. My lights have a VEG mode, so I have kept them on that as to not stress them out. Keep your tent warm 72 - 78(80 max) and the humidity at 60 %.

Additionally, you will note that I have 1 Calico Jack in a much larger pot, it is in a 10-gallon pot. My plan is to let it grow outside once it is a little bigger.



Calico Jacks on the left and Terp Smoothies on the right.



Image via CNN.

Resigning Missouri Governor Signs Hemp Bill

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As one of his final acts before stepping down from office, Governor Eric Greitens signed HB2034 into law Friday, making Missouri the next state to legalize industrial hemp.

The bill, which was introduced by Representative Paul Curtman [R] in January, passed the House with a 141-4 vote in February before gaining the Senate's approval with a 29-3 vote in May

The new law creates "an industrial hemp agricultural pilot program, in accordance with federal law, to be implemented by the department to study the growth, cultivation, processing, feeding, and marketing of industrial hemp."

Those who receive a license from the Department of Agriculture

will be able to cultivate, harvest, and process industrial hemp which the bill defines as "Cannabis sativa L. containing no greater than 0.3% THC, from the definition of marijuana and the list of controlled substances."

Licenses issued under the program will be valid for a three-year period before they require renewal. Those who wish to participate in the program must meet statutory requirements and will be subject to a criminal history background check.

Individuals convicted of felony offenses involving the possession, distribution, manufacturing, cultivation, or use of a controlled substance within the past five years will not be eligible for licenses in the program.

Under the new law, institutions of higher learning may collaborate with the Department of Agriculture to study the cultivation and marketing of industrial hemp and hemp seed. Additionally, the Missouri Crop Improvement Association will be allowed to establish and run a seed certification program which would be voluntary for industrial hemp farmers.

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Banned Pesticide Use Increasing At Illegal California Farms

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A rise in the use of dangerous banned pesticides at many illegal marijuana growing sites in California is prompting state and federal authorities to combine efforts to try and gain control of the situation.

Cannabis is legal in California but still federally illegal, though officials say that they will only be targeting unlicensed marijuana operations in California and not legal ones.

The concentrated insecticide, Carbofuran is banned in the United States because of its high toxicity, but it is still used in illegal cultivation. According to Integral Ecology Research Center (IERC) senior ecologist Mourad Gabriel in an interview with Associated Press, a quarter-teaspoon is strong enough to kill a three-hundred pound bear.

Over half of California's water supply flows through national forests, and IERC research is showing contamination in 40 percent of downstream water samples. Traces of Carbofuran are also showing up in cannabis samples.

"They're using it, not even for the purpose it was designed to be used for," said U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott. "They're using it as a rodenticide instead to kill all the animals. So that's what's

different; this is a game changer to me."

According to Scott, cartels are smuggling Carbofuran in from Mexico and trekking it deep into the forest where they clear trees and set up guerrilla cultivation sites. The pesticide is popular because of its potency; less of it needs to be hiked in for the growing season.

"It's gone to a different level," says Scott. "And if we don't reverse the environmental effects of what's going on here, we're gonna be reaping that."

In a Tuesday press conference, officials announced that they would be appropriating \$2.5 million in federal funds to combat unlicensed cultivation operations that are threatening California forests and wildlife.



1 kg of cannabis removed from a woman's body, via Hollywood Unlocked

She Hid The Weed Where?

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Doctors at the Reuben Lenero hospital in Mexico City are used to delivering babies, but when a 36-year-old woman, Gloria C. came in complaining of abdominal pains and that she couldn't feel her baby, a different kind of delivery was made.

After doctors could not detect a baby's heartbeat, they transferred Gloria to a specialist women's hospital where they decided to operate.

When doctors were operating on

the woman, they discovered 1 kilogram of recently-harvested cannabis in her vagina and abdomen. According to reports, the marijuana was wrapped in masking tape that had broken and clumps of earth were still attached.

The operating physician, Lourdes Yanez, removed the cannabis from the woman's body and turned it over to the Public Ministry as evidence.

Authorities arrested Gloria and charged her with crimes against health but released her after they determined that they couldn't legally detain her.

Gloria would not disclose where the marijuana came from but authorities are continuing to investigate the woman as she was convicted of similar crimes in 2010 and 2015.



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Colorado To Allow School Nurses To Administer Medical Cannabis

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The state of Colorado has allowed parents and caregivers to bring and administer non-smokable medicinal cannabis to children at school since June of 2016 when Governor John Hickenlooper signed HB16-1373, also known as Jack's Law.

The bill was a milestone for school-aged medical cannabis patients in the state, but even still, it did not make any provisions to allow school nurses to keep and administer marijuana as they normally do with other medications.

On March 8, Representative Dylan Roberts [D] introduced



Image via MerryJane.

HB 18-1286, a measure to allow a primary caregiver, school nurse, or someone selected by the nurse to voluntarily administer medicinal cannabis to a student with a valid recommendation.

The bill, also known as Quintin's Amendment, passed the House in April with a 47 to 17 vote before the Senate approved an amended version of the measure in May with a final 49 to 12 vote.

Hickenlooper added his signature to HB 18-1286 on Monday, making it state law.

"Their message was overwhelmingly persuasive," wrote Hickenlooper in a letter to the House of Representatives, referring to Hannah Lovato and her son Quintin who inspired the new bill. "And we sign this bill today with much admiration for Quintin and expect great things in the future

from this impressive young man."

Hickenlooper writes that, along with the new school nurse administration policy, the legislation includes safety measures dealing with the transport, handling, and storage of medicinal cannabis so that other students do not come into contact with it.





Image via Eaze.

dosist x LA Pride

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dosist announced their #healthandhappiness4all partnership with non-profit LA Pride to celebrate inclusion, equality, and LGBTQ+ rights. Until June 12th, the proceeds from every dosist product purchased at participating retailers will be donated to LA Pride.

dosist, formerly hmbldt, was named one of the World's Top 50 Most Innovative Companies by Fast Company.

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Man Kicked Out Of Knesset After Drinking Cannabis Oil

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An unnamed man was ejected from an Israeli parliament committee meeting Monday when he consumed cannabis oil in front of everyone to illustrate a point about the safety of medicinal marijuana.

The Knesset Health Committee was debating a new medical cannabis policy which will allegedly increase costs for patients and do away with the labeling of medical cannabis strains by name.

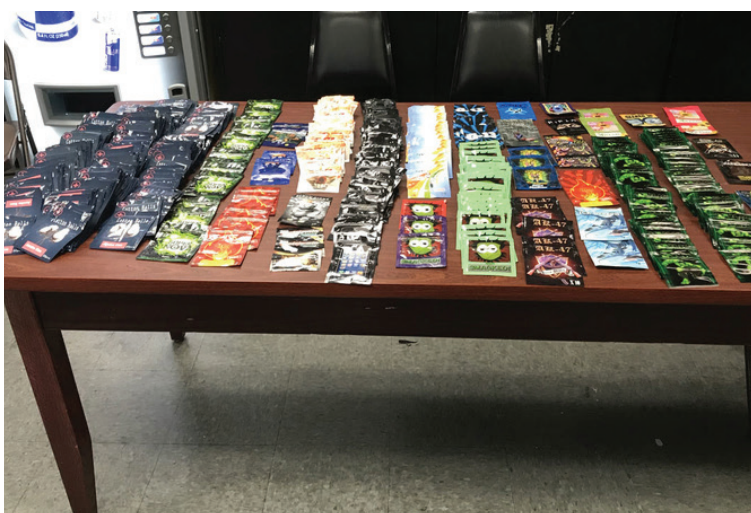
But the meeting came to an abrupt end when a man who was said to be in his twenties was speaking passionately to lawmakers about the safety of marijuana-based medicine and produced a small bottle of cannabis oil from his pocket.

"I have cannabis oil that contains thirty-percent THC," said the man. "You say it's a dangerous drug. What will happen to me if I consume it?"

"You can't overdose on medical cannabis oil," he said as he opened the bottle and poured its entire contents into his mouth.

The man explained that he had PTSD resulting from his military service and that if lawmakers did not fully legalize cannabis, they were all murderers.

As security personnel tried to take the man by the arms to remove him from the room, he jerked away from them and drank a second bottle of cannabis oil. He jumped over the desk in front of him before officers managed to grab hold of him and escort him away. The committee adjourned the meeting following the incident.



New York Raid Nets Cache Of Spice Packets

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A Thursday police raid of an apartment in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, New York turned up over 1,000 packets of synthetic marijuana, also known as Spice or K2. Officers also confiscated seven 9mm cartridges, three bags of cocaine, 31 Clonazepam tablets, and a variety of packaging that they found at the scene.

Cotton Ball, Incredible Hulk, and Smacked are some of the counterfeit cannabis varieties that officers found during the raid.

Police officers executed a search warrant at 1769 Park Place on

Thursday morning and arrested four individuals in the apartment.

The arrested suspects Carlos Alvarez-40, Pablo Morales-29, Jessica Rodriguez-31, and Jamie Harrison 19 are facing charges of "criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminal use of drug paraphernalia, and unlawful manufacture, distribution or sale of a synthetic cannabinoid."

The raid and arrests are part of an effort by the NYPD and the New York City Department of Health to raise awareness about the dangers of fake cannabis and crack down on those who make and sell it. Recent surges in overdoses from the drug have prompted officials to take action and address the problem.

Between May 19 and May 21, there were eighty-four visits to emergency rooms as a result of K2 overdoses, the most reported in the city in a three-day period since July 2016





Legislation Introduced To Protect States' Rights

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Senators Cory Gardner [R-CO] and Elizabeth Warren [D-MA] introduced a bill into Congress Thursday that, if passed, would protect legal cannabis states from federal intervention and prosecution.

Representatives David Joyce [R-OH] and Earl Blumenauer [D-OR] also introduced a companion bill into the House.

“We should trust the people of the states, like Ohio, who have voted to implement responsible, common-sense regulations and requirements for the use, productions, and sale of cannabis,” said Joyce in a news release. “If the people of these states have decided to provide help for those veterans and others suffering from pain and other health issues, we should allow them access without government interference.”

Also known as the Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States (STATES) Act of 2018, the measure exempts states, U.S. territories, and Native American tribes with cannabis laws on the books, or those wishing to enact them, from the scheduling restrictions of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

While medical and adult-use states would be protected, the

federal government would still be able to intervene in cases of interstate marijuana trafficking, unsafe conditions, and underage purchases and employment in the cannabis industry.

“The STATES Act retains important federal protections to promote the responsible use of marijuana by adults,” wrote NORML in a letter to Gardner and Warren. “We also support the STATES Act’s inclusion of language removing industrial hemp from the CSA.

In addition to giving states more freedom to enact marijuana laws that are aligned with the will of the voters, the STATES Act also addresses the current financial issues of the cash-based cannabis industry by stating that any transaction conducted in compliance with the Act and state regulations will not be considered unlawful.



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Mom's Formula, an Oral Daily Cannabis Tablet

By Lorna Donohoe

Mom's Formula was born when Dr. Robert Flannery's own mother was going through cancer treatment and sought recommendations for safely medicating with cannabis to alleviate her heightened levels of stress and anxiety. The first PhD in the U.S. with certified technical expertise in growing commercial cannabis, Dr. Flannery found that no existing products on the market met his high standards for his mom, so he decided to make his own clean product.

"Cannabis is a great alternative to [highly addictive] opiates for anxiety and pain. Especially CBD, since it treats and heals without the psychoactive effects" says Dr. Robert Flannery, PhD.

"For those who are seeking the health benefits of cannabis but are not keen on lighting up or getting high, Dr. Mom's Formula addresses those concerns with commitment to the highest standards and cultivation and of course all informed by good science", he continued.

Dr. Robb Farms' Mom's Formula is an accurate and safe daily tablet, - think of it as your once-a-day multivitamin that promotes a feeling of well-being and can decrease anxiety levels while also serving up strong anti-inflammatories and a number of other health benefits. Four different scientifically-measured formulas



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feature pesticide-free THC and cannabidiol (CBD) extractions in a precise dosage: 1:1 CBD to THC, 5:1 CBD to THC, 1:5 CBD to THC, and CBD Isolate.

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About Dr Robert Flannery PhD: Dr. Robert Flannery is the first PhD in the United States with certified technical training and expertise in growing commercial cannabis. He has been a pioneer in the field for nearly two decades, committed to clean production from the start. He utilized his education and years of experience to inform his proprietary growing methods and create the cleanest and highest quality flower for Dr. Robb Farms. Dr. Flannery remains active in the community, serving as a Chair of the Agriculture Committee for the California Cannabis Industry Association, a mentor at Gateway, a startup incubator focused on launching companies in the cannabis industry, and is an advisor to the Dean of Agricultural Sciences at UC Davis.

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