

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Resolution 36 Printer's No. 508

Prime Sponsor: Senator Folmer Committee: State Government

SYNOPSIS:

Resolution urging the US Congress to reauthorize the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment.

SUMMARY:

The Rohrabacher-Farr amendment prevents the US Department of Justice from spending funds to interfere with the implementation of state medical marijuana laws. Rohrabacher-Farr does not change the status of marijuana with respect to Federal law (it remains a Schedule 1 drug).

Rohrabacher-Farr must be reauthorized each fiscal year in order to remain in effect, and is set to expire in April 2017.

Therefore, since in 2016 Pennsylvania became the 24th state to enact a state medical marijuana law, the resolution directs the Senate of Pennsylvania to urge Congressional reauthorization, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

AMENDMENT A00461

Technical amendment to correct an improperly used quote and to conform a term.

BILL HISTORY:

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