

## 2020 Legislative Forecast

### Federal

- Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment and Expungement (“MORE”) Act
  - H.R. 3884, sponsored by Rep. Jerry Nadler of New York, and S. 2227, sponsored by Sen. Kamala Harris of California
  - “Most comprehensive marijuana reform bill ever introduced in Congress” – NORML
- Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States (“STATES”) Act
  - H.R. 2093, and S. 1028, broad bipartisan sponsorship, led by Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado
  - “Probably will end up supporting” – President Trump

### Maine

#### *First Session in Review*

**26 bills were printed** this session that would amend Maine’s marijuana laws in some fashion.

**9 were enacted**, on par with the rate of passage of all bills this session (1 out of 3 printed):

- LD 538, An Act To Ensure Access to Medical Cannabis for Visiting Qualifying Patients
- LD 719, An Act To Amend the Adult Use Marijuana Law
- LD 1013, An Act To Clarify the Disqualification from Unemployment Benefits of a Person Who Is Terminated from Employment for Being Under the Influence of Marijuana
- LD 1129, An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act
- LD 1218, An Act To Allow Maine Medical Marijuana Caregivers To Measure Cultivation Limits by Plant Canopy Size
- LD 1505, An Act To Amend the Marijuana Laws To Correct Inconsistencies in Recently Enacted Laws
- LD 1652, An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Taxation of Marijuana
- LD 1735, An Act To Clarify the Pathway for a Registered Dispensary under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act To Become a For-profit Entity
- LD 1738, An Act Regarding Medical Marijuana

#### **6 were killed, including:**

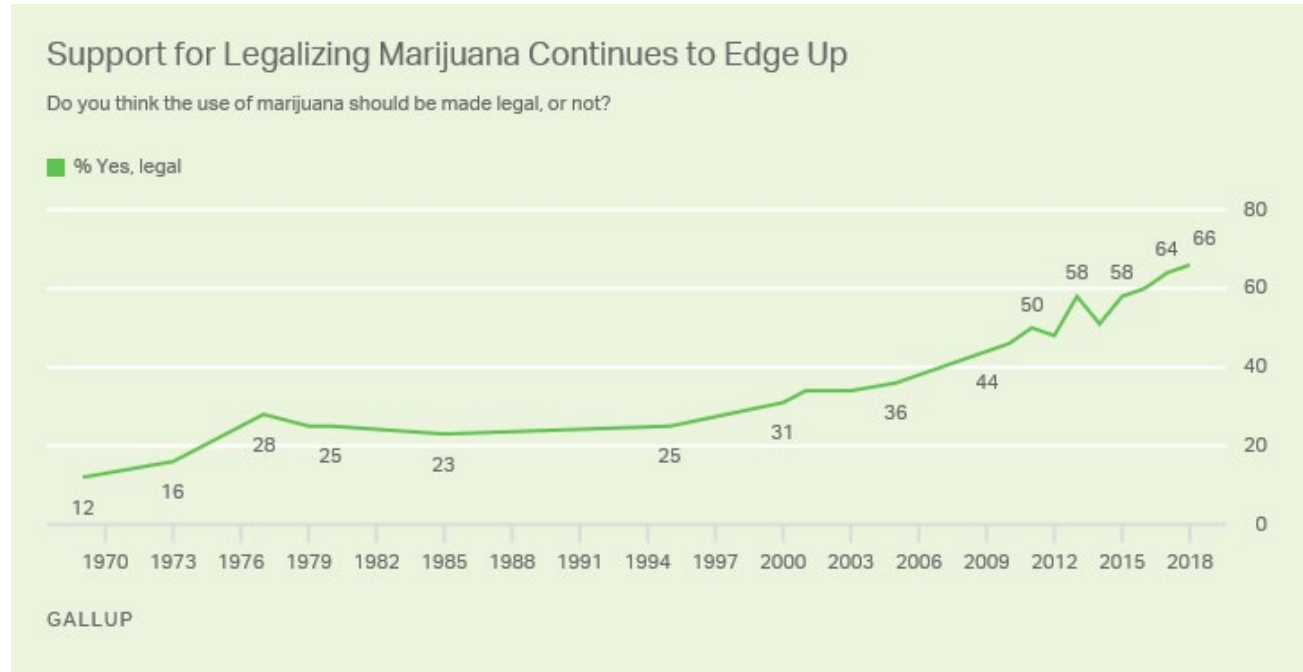
- LD 846, would have sealed records of convictions for marijuana-related violations that are no longer crimes, and LD 991, would have expunged criminal and civil records
- LD 942, would have required health insurance companies to reimburse for medical marijuana

- LD 1374, would have allowed medical caregivers operating retail stores to deliver marijuana grown by any caregiver, while only allowing medical caregivers without stores to deliver marijuana they grew
- LD 1402, would have allowed state-chartered credit unions to service medical and adult use marijuana business accounts under state law

### **11 were carried over for consideration in 2020:**

- [MMA platform bill LD 335](#), *An Act To Require the State To Distribute 12 Percent of Adult Use Marijuana Retail Sales and Excise Tax Revenue to Generating Municipalities*, sponsored by Rep. Charlotte Warren of Hallowell
  - The vehicle to determine whether or not the towns and cities where millions of dollars' worth of revenue are generated for the state deserve some portion of those tax revenues.
  - Maine is currently the only one, of eleven states to have legalized marijuana for non-medical purposes, that does not authorize local governments to recoup a reasonable return on their investments.
  - Municipal officials who are facing pressure from their residents to opt-in to allow adult use businesses but are concerned about the increased burden on their staff and budgeting are encouraged to contact their legislators prior to next session to encourage them to usher this across the finish line.
    - LD 335 has already been enacted in the House and Senate but needs some support from leadership and the Appropriations Committee to make it to the Governor's desk.
- LD 141, *An Act To Promote Highway Safety by Restricting the Use of Marijuana and Possession of an Open Marijuana Container in a Vehicle*
- LD 720, *An Act Regarding Maine's Adult Use Marijuana Law* - \*CD
- LD 999, *An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space*
- LD 1076, *An Act To Account for Market Change in the Adult Use Marijuana Excise Tax*
- LD 1081, *An Act To Impose Further Restrictions on where Marijuana May Be Smoked*
- LD 1432, *An Act To Improve the Adult Use Marijuana Laws* - \*CD
- LD 1444, *An Act To Make the Distance to Schools for Marijuana Establishments Consistent with the Liquor Laws*
- LD 1545, *An Act Regarding the Testing of Adult Use Marijuana and Marijuana Products*
- LD 1621, *An Act To Allow Delivery of Adult Use Marijuana and Adult Use Marijuana Products by an Approved Marijuana Store*
- LD 1837, *Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy*

## National Forecast



### Next States to Legalize?

- 27 state legislatures considered bills in 2019 to legalize possession and use
- Illinois only state to legalize adult use this year
- Washington D.C. under jurisdiction of U.S. House, which passed a budget “rider” that could allow the commercial sales residents have already voted for.
- New Jersey next? Connecticut, New York, New Mexico...