
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 36 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY FOLMER, SCARNATI, LEACH, WHITE, FONTANA,
TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, VOGEL, McILHINNEY, ARGALL,
RESCHENTHALER AND BARTOLOTTA, MARCH 16, 2017

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 16, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the
2 Rohrabacher-Farr amendment to prevent the United States
3 Department of Justice from spending funds to interfere with
4 the implementation of state medical marijuana laws.

5 WHEREAS, The Rohrabacher-Farr amendment prevents the United
6 States Department of Justice from spending funds to interfere
7 with the implementation of state medical marijuana laws; and

8 WHEREAS, The Rohrabacher-Farr amendment does not change the
9 status of marijuana with respect to Federal law; and

10 WHEREAS, The Rohrabacher-Farr amendment states, "None of the
11 funds made available in this Act to the Department of Justice
12 may be used, with respect to any of the States of Alabama,
13 Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware,
14 Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana,
15 Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota,
16 Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New
17 Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon,
18 Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont,

1 Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin, or with respect to either
2 the District of Columbia or Guam, to prevent any of them from
3 implementing their own laws that authorize the use,
4 distribution, possession, or cultivation of medical marijuana";
5 and

6 WHEREAS, On December 16, 2014, the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment
7 was initially signed into Federal law as part of an omnibus
8 spending bill; and

9 WHEREAS, On December 18, 2015, the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment
10 was reauthorized as part of the fiscal year 2016 Federal omnibus
11 appropriations bill; and

12 WHEREAS, In September 2016, the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment
13 was reauthorized again as a part of a short-term spending bill;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Rohrabacher-Farr amendment must be reauthorized
16 each fiscal year in order to remain in effect; and

17 WHEREAS, The Rohrabacher-Farr expires on April 28, 2017;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
20 urge the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the
21 Rohrabacher-Farr amendment to prevent the United States
22 Department of Justice from spending funds to interfere with the
23 implementation of state medical marijuana laws; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
26 President of the United States, the presiding officers of each
27 house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
28 Pennsylvania.