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**130th Legislature (2020-2022)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1957 / HP1457

Original Title: An Act To Promote Equity and Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Removing Restrictions Related to Convictions for Drug Offenses and To Replace the Term "Marijuana" with the Term "Cannabis" in the Maine Revised Statutes. New Title: An Act To Promote Equity and Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Reducing Restrictions Related to Convictions for Drug Offenses and To Replace the Term "Marijuana" with the Term "Cannabis" in the Maine Revised Statutes. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Public Hearing 03/02/22. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 04/12/22. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-980. Final Disposition: Enacted, Unsigned 04/26/22, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 669.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1957 \(130th Legis. 2022\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

[LD 1957 / PL 2021, c. 669](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

- Master file available on request—please include citation: cf130-LD-1957.pdf  
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/02/2022\)](#)  
[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/11/2022\)](#)
- (Click audio link on committee page. Audio files may cover several bills.)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-0980\) \(LD 1957 2022\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, February 10, 2022 \(H-1070-1095\)](#)

p. H-1070

[SENATE, February 10, 2022 \(S-1441-1472\)](#)

p. S-1469

[HOUSE, April 11, 2022 \(H-1346-1374\)](#)

p. H-1373 (Amendment(s) H-980)

[HOUSE, April 12, 2022 \(H-1375-1400\)](#)

p. H-1389 (Amendment(s) H-980)

[SENATE, April 12, 2022 \(S-1848-1885\)](#)

p. S-1862 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) H-980)

[SENATE, April 13, 2022 \(S-1886-1905\)](#)

p. S-1892 (Amendment(s) H-980)

#### **Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 2021, c. 669](#)

#### **News Articles**

Racist history of the term 'marijuana' is why Maine now calls it cannabis (Alex McMahan)  
(Bangor Daily News, 5/21/2022, p. A7) • (Available on request—please include the  
following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1957/BDN 220521F.pdf)

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