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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. DEGETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Respect States’ and  
5 Citizens’ Rights Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. IN GENERAL.**

7 Section 708 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
8 U.S.C. 903) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “No provision” and inserting  
2           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-  
3           section (b), no provision”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following:

5           “(b) SPECIAL RULE REGARDING STATE MARIHUANA  
6 LAWS.—In the case of any State law that pertains to mar-  
7 ihuana, no provision of this title shall be construed as indi-  
8 cating an intent on the part of the Congress to occupy  
9 the field in which that provision operates, including crimi-  
10 nal penalties, to the exclusion of State law on the same  
11 subject matter, nor shall any provision of this title be con-  
12 strued as preempting any such State law.”.