



## Texas House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 6th, 2021

The House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee will meet to consider a number of marijuana bills which aim to reduce penalties for possession. In 2019, Texas arrested more than 45,000 people for marijuana possession. Of those arrested, an estimated 30,000 people were convicted and will carry a permanent criminal record. More than 46% of those arrested are high school and college age youth or younger. **We encourage the 87th Texas Legislature to reduce/remove penalties for low level marijuana flower\*, THC concentrates, and paraphernalia possession. This should include enacting provisions to eliminate the threat of arrest, loss of drivers license, criminal record, and discrimination.**

Bill Number	Eliminates Arrest	Prevents Loss of Drivers License	Prevents Criminal Record	Lowers Penalties for Possession of Flower	Lowers Penalties for Possession of THC Concentrates**	Removes Penalties for Paraphernalia
<b>99</b> (Rep. Toth)	✓	✓		2oz or less (Class C Misd.)		
<b>HB 169</b> (Rep. S. Thompson)				2oz or less (Class C Misd.)	1 gram (Class A Misd.)	
<b>HB 441</b> (Rep. Zwiener)	✓	✓	✓	1oz or less (Class C Misd.)		
<b>HB 439</b> (Rep. Canales)					10 grams or less (Class B Misd.)  10-20 grams (Class A Misd.) Excluding additives/dilutants.	
<b>HB 498</b> (Rep. Wu)				1oz or less (Class C Misd.)		
<b>HB 1178</b> (Rep. Crockett)						✓
<b>HB 1609</b> (Rep. Crockett)				4oz or less (Class C Misd.)		
<b>HB 2593</b> (Rep. Moody)					2oz or less (Class B Misd.)	

### How to Support:

- 1) NEW: Submit your support and/or written comment electronically: <https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c220>
- 2) Register your support at the Capitol: <https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>
  - a) COVID Guidelines: <https://house.texas.gov/committees/public-access-house-committee-meetings/>

\*Marijuana flowers are commonly known as the buds of a cannabis plant which contain more than .3% THC.

\*\*Current laws include any additives and/or dilutants in the weight