

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.101

Reps. Rabhi, Gay-Dagnogo, Lilly, Brixie, Tyrone Carter, Hoadley, Hertel, Sabo, Elder, Coleman, Lasinski, Hammoud, Brann, Marino, Inman, Mueller, Reilly, Warren, Cynthia Johnson, Chirkun, Clemente, Ellison, Garza, Haadsma, Liberati, Manoogian, Peterson, Pohutsky, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby and Stone offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the U.S. Congress to enact legislation
2 preventing federal regulators from sanctioning depository
3 institutions for providing financial services to legitimate
4 marijuana-related businesses in states where marijuana has been
5 legalized.

6 Whereas, The medical and recreational marijuana industries are
7 continually growing across states in the country, contributing
8 billions of dollars to the economy. Many states have legalized the
9 use of medical and/or recreational marijuana, while additional



1 states may do so in the future; and

2 Whereas, Voters of the state of Michigan have approved the
3 legalization of regulated medical and recreational marijuana use;
4 and

5 Whereas, Marijuana is still illegal under federal law,
6 creating confusion and uncertainty in banking, taxation, and other
7 matters. Because of the federal prohibition, there is an extreme
8 risk to provide financial services to marijuana-related businesses
9 and service providers, resulting in a cash-intensive industry. In
10 turn, it is very difficult for such businesses to accept noncash
11 payments from customers and make noncash payments to employees,
12 suppliers, governments, and others; and

13 Whereas, The proliferation of cash in the marijuana industry
14 has given rise to significant public safety risks, including in
15 Michigan's communities. Holding large amounts of cash heightens the
16 risk of robbery and violence; and

17 Whereas, Bringing the marijuana sector into the traditional
18 financial services system is in the interest of the state and its
19 residents. This development will increase public safety, grow the
20 economy, and create jobs. Moreover, it will make transacting
21 business with, and collecting taxes from, the marijuana industry
22 easier. The federal government should respect the authority of
23 Michigan and other states that have enacted policies concerning
24 marijuana use; and

25 Whereas, The Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act of
26 2019 has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R.
27 1595) to provide safe harbor from federal regulators for depository
28 institutions that provide financial services to marijuana-related
29 businesses and service providers in states that exercise



1 jurisdiction over the marijuana industry. The measure has received
2 bipartisan support; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
4 U.S. Congress to enact legislation preventing federal regulators
5 from sanctioning depository institutions for providing financial
6 services to legitimate marijuana-related businesses in states where
7 marijuana has been legalized; and be it further

8 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
9 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
10 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
11 congressional delegation.