

A slide with a dark blue background and white text. The title is "Decriminalization &amp; Descheduling: The Current State of Legislation". Below the title, it says "Presented by the Policy and Government Affairs Committee - ACNA (2021)". There is a small circular logo in the bottom right corner of the slide area.

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A slide with a white background and green text. The title is "American Cannabis Nurses Association". The main text consists of three bullet points: "Cannabis has a long history of being used successfully to treat medical conditions.", "Politics and greed led to its criminalization over the course of the 20th century.", and "The American Cannabis Nurses Association believes the time has come to deschedule and decriminalize cannabis based on the current science." There is a small circular logo in the bottom right corner.

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A slide with a white background and green text. The title is "American Cannabis Nurses Association". The main text consists of two bullet points: "A survey of membership in 2019 reflects these facts. Association members support for descheduling cannabis was 67% and 29% supported at least rescheduling it within the Controlled Substance Act (ANCA, 2019).", and "The American Cannabis Nurses Association (ACNA) is aligned with other organizations wishing to see changes made to current legislation." Below the second bullet point, there is a sub-list: "American Nurses Association", "Americans for Safe Access", and "NORML". There is a small circular logo in the bottom right corner.

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A slide with a white background and green text. The title is "American Cannabis Nurses Association" and "Current State of Cannabis". The main text consists of five bullet points: "Remains illegal at the federal level", "Greater than 60 bills presented in the current legislative session" (with a sub-bullet "Three primary bills of interest for ACNA"), "Legal medically in 37 states, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.", "Legal medically and recreationally in 18 states, Washington DC, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.", and "Americans overwhelmingly support the use of medical cannabis (Pew Research Center, 2021)". There is a small circular logo in the bottom right corner.

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A slide with a white background and green text. The title is "American Cannabis Nurses Association" and "Impact of current illegal status of Cannabis". The main text consists of four bullet points: "Research", "Education", "Social Justice and Equity", and "Safety and Quality". There is a small circular logo in the bottom right corner.


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A slide with a white background and green text. The title is "American Cannabis Nurses Association" and "Focused current legislation proposing descheduling". The main text consists of three bullet points: "H.B. 3617 - Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act of 2021 (MORE Act of 2021) Passed the House, presented to the Senate on 4/4/2022, referred to the Finance Committee", "H.R. 5977 - The States Reform Act, introduced 11/21, referred to several committees, last referral was to the Health committee 1/22. No additional action taken.", and "Pending submission of the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act (CAOA) by Senator Robert Schumer (New York)". There is a small circular logo in the bottom right corner.

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### Why Deschedule not Reschedule?


- Current legislation proposing rescheduling:
  - **H.R.365 - Marijuana 1-to-3 Act of 2021**
    - Rescheduling does little to alleviate the regulatory barriers for research
    - Leaves control of cannabis in the hands of the DEA.
    - Will still require a prescription from a qualified healthcare provider
    - Does little to remove barriers to access for patients




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“However, simply moving marijuana to a less restrictive Schedule would not protect existing state medical marijuana programs or change federal penalties for possessing, cultivating and distributing marijuana. It would not prevent people from being arrested and punished for using marijuana” Drug Policy Alliance (2019)




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### Why Deschedule and Decriminalize... not Reschedule?

- Descheduling benefits:
  - Adults are free to incorporate medical cannabis into the management of their chronic conditions without fear of repercussion.
  - Healthcare providers are able to openly discuss and recommend cannabis products without fear of repercussion.
  - Safety and quality can be addressed nationally to guard patients.
  - Opens the doors to research without the prohibitive costs and regulations currently in place.
  - Follows the will of the people.



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**April 2022 ACNA Webinar Chat Log  
Decriminalization & Descheduling:  
The Current State of Legislation**

*Presented by the Policy and Government Affairs Committee – ACNA  
Jen Fraser, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC*

00:53:49 Bradley Christian RN: No audio?

00:54:02 ACNA: Good evening everyone! If you have any questions, please leave them here in the chat and Jen will answer at the end of the presentation!

00:54:03 Llewellyn Smith: I can hear it

00:54:17 Bradley Christian RN: Oop, nvm fixed

00:55:57 Llewellyn Smith: Amazing!

00:56:31 Virginia Tomarelli:

00:57:51 ACNA: Welcome to all who are logging on and joining tonight! If you have any questions, please leave them in the chat! We are recording tonight's webinar and it will be posted in the member section of the website for people to be able to access post-event as a resource and in case you wish to view any of the information again.

01:00:05 Elisabeth Mack: Happy 420 ACNA Family! Nourish your ECS today! 🥰 Thank you for presenting to us today Jen!

01:00:58 Ginae G.: Happy 4/20!!

01:01:41 Becky Casinger: 🌱❤️🌱❤️ Happy 420!!

01:01:49 Llewellyn Smith: Wow we have over 45 attendees/members. Thank you for coming! Happy 420!

01:02:14 torrmoore: New to here. Hello everyone and happy 4/20!

01:02:37 Lindsey McIntyre: Hey me too!

01:03:00 Virginia Tomarelli: Hello, thank you for the invitation, I'm very happy to be here!!

01:05:03 ACNA: Welcome to all who are joining us now! If you have any questions for speaker Jen Fraser, please post them in the chat!

01:06:10 ACNA: A recording of this webinar will be posted within the next weeks in the members section of the website in case anyone missed the start of the presentation or wishes to access again for reference.

01:11:48 Cannabis Nurse Wendy: CANNRA has updates on the MORE and Safe Banks acts. neither is going to be introduced until AUGUST—according to notes from Washington State: Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board April 2022 (WSLCB) Executive Management Team (EMT) meeting. (April 13, 2022) – Summary <https://cannabis.observer/app/uploads/2022/04/hys-ccrs-1024x1024.png>

01:12:10 18606: thanks Wendy

01:12:41 Ginae G.: Thanks Wendy!

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01:12:43 Llewellyn Smith: Awesome Wendy

01:15:23 Llewellyn Smith: De-scheduling!

01:16:25 Angelika: Can you speak about the scope of practice for the RN, specific to education?

01:16:26 Llewellyn Smith: Awesome Job Jen!

01:17:25 Debbie Scharoun: that's from cannabis nurse wendy

01:18:08 marie (she/her): Can you speak about dea licensing for NPs, specifically if NPs have to reapply for their DEA license in each state?

01:18:21 Angelika: WOHO

01:18:51 Haley Handera: This is amazing!!!

01:18:54 Cannabis Nurse Wendy: One of our certifying doctors got a measure passed last year to ask DOH to ask the DEA for a FEDERAL EXEMPTION to the Controlled Substances Act. We hope that other states will try to do the same rather than wait for Congress to act. Our DOH is refusing to do this but we are trying to put pressure.

01:18:55 Ginae G.: Yay!

01:19:16 Amy Dustin: This just put a huge grin on my face!!! Thank you Llew-

01:19:21 Jessica Astorga: Will there be a certification for cannabis nurses?

01:19:28 Lindsey McIntyre: ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

01:19:33 Angelika: Everyone start praying!!

01:19:36 Kim Poole: Crossing fingers . . . and toes!!

01:19:45 Emma's iPhone: That is amazing!

01:19:47 Amy Dustin: Yes mam!!

01:20:17 Bradley Christian RN: Oh wow

01:20:18 Angelika: YESSSSSS

01:20:33 Gail Pederson: Wonderful!

01:20:55 Cannabis Nurse Wendy: Exciting 4/20 news. Thanks Llewellyn!

01:21:05 Angelika: 🙏

01:21:14 ACNA: Jen, we had some additional questions:

01:21:16 Ginae G.: This is some great 4/20 news!! Thanks Llewellyn!

01:21:17 ACNA: Can you speak about dea

From Angelika to Everyone 07:25 PM  
WOHO

From Haley Handera to Everyone 07:26 PM  
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From Cannabis Nurse Wendy to Everyone 07:26 PM  
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01:21:45 Haley Handera: How close is NC from legalizing/decriminalizing and integrating medical cannabis?

01:23:32 Amy Dustin: NC does have a bill for Medical that is likely to pass.

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01:23:47 Ginae G.: Sign up for MJ Biz Daily newsletters, they're a great source of info for each state

01:23:48 Sandra Guynes MSN RN: Medical coming soon in NC

01:23:55 Bradley Christian RN: Super happy that NJ adult use sales start tomorrow

01:23:59 Taylor Bryan: Yay!!!!

01:24:00 Amy Dustin: It is not a very good bill but hoping we can amend in the future.

01:24:02 ACNA: We also had a question about: Can you speak about the scope of practice for the RN, specific to education?

01:24:04 Virginia Tomarelli: Is anyone present from NJ?

01:24:15 ACNA: That was me, sorry!

01:24:28 Haley Handera: Thanks everyone!  
They've passed a bill yearly.  
Hope it's this year that sticks.

01:24:56 ACNA: I'm here as the National Office support from NJ, but I'm not a nurse! :P

01:25:03 Bradley Christian RN: I'm from NJ

01:25:32 marie (she/her): Do you have any resources to help research policies and bills from each state?

01:25:43 Sherri Redmond: Thank you

01:25:46 Debbie Scharoun: Great presentation Jen

01:25:50 Amy Dustin: TY!

01:25:58 torrimoore: Does the proposal include exempting cannabis when drug tested

01:26:00 Sandra Guynes MSN RN: norml.org

01:26:06 Jessica Astorga: NORML for each state

01:26:12 Emma's iPhone: Thank you for this presentation!

01:26:14 Sandra Guynes MSN RN: Join your state norml

01:26:23 ACNA: <https://www.cannabisnurses.org/resources>

01:27:06 marie (she/her): <https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-medical-marijuana-laws.aspx>

01:27:16 Cannabis Nurse Wendy: new Jersey has some interesting Social Equity programs—Cannabis Regulatory Commission  
The Office of Minority, Disabled Veterans, and Women Business Development  
<https://www.nj.gov/cannabis/diversity-inclusion/?fbclid=IwAR0byqCOBRhObpt69drY5zFf9ctplo7aGMuiXuVP60YPtUCm-cjl5snLNvl>

01:27:22 marie (she/her): I think this is it! Thank you so much

01:27:45 lenora gonzales: NJ nurses should check out coalition for medical marijuana to keep informed of patient n cannabis issues

01:28:06 marie (she/her): Fantastic! Thank you

01:29:37 Bradley Christian RN: What are the thoughts regarding nurses being fired for consumption?

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01:30:06 Kim Poole: Americans for Safe Access also has resources for legal/policies state by state  
01:30:14 marie (she/her): Thank you so much!  
01:30:22 Kim Poole: Safeaccessnow.org  
01:30:37 Bradley Christian RN: Oh wow  
01:30:42 torrimoore: What state was she in  
01:31:00 Haley Handera: That's huge. I love hearing that. Progress!  
01:31:02 Lisa Cheatham: Awesome!!!  
01:31:03 Zoom user JennyDuos: Wow! That is huge!  
01:31:09 18606: Thank you for helping her  
01:31:14 Cannabis Nurse Wendy: Thank you.  
01:31:27 Lisa Cheatham: Thank you!  
01:31:30 Becky Casinger: Thank you Jen!  
01:31:34 ACNA: Thanks, everyone! Happy 4/20!  
01:31:34 18606: thank you very much  
01:31:36 Lindsey McIntyre: Thank you!!!!  
01:31:44 Bradley Christian RN: See y'all in October!  
01:31:45 Kim Poole: Thank you so much! This has been great.  
01:31:53 marie (she/her): Best wishes to everyone!

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