

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S 2022-2025 PRO-MARIJUANA REFORM TIMELINE

2022

1. **Oct. 6, 2022:** President Joe Biden's White House public statement in support for marijuana reform, directing his attorney general, Merrick Garland, and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) secretary, Xavier Becerra, to review how marijuana is scheduled, and for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to pardon all convicted federally of simple marijuana possession. Biden also urged state governors to do the same.

2. **Oct. 6, 2022:** Biden's marijuana pardon **Proclamation 10467** granted federal pardons for marijuana possession offenses.

3. **Oct. 7, 2022:** Biden's public service announcement (PSA), a 1.5-minute video featured on YouTube in support of marijuana reform, called out how minorities are arrested and convicted of possession offenses disproportionately more than white Americans.

4. **Dec. 2, 2022:** Biden signed into law bipartisan legislation to expand medical marijuana research, the **Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research Expansion Act**, Public Law No. 117-215.

2023

5. **Aug. 29, 2023:** Biden's HHS issues a **formal recommendation to reclassify marijuana** as a Schedule III drug.

6. **Dec. 22, 2023:** Biden expanded his 2022 marijuana pardon policy with Pardon Proclamation 10688 to include collateral (attempt) offenses and pardoning marijuana use on federal property, lands and the federal District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.).

2024

7. **May 16, 2024:** Biden's attorney general submitted to the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to reschedule marijuana. This formally initiated the process of moving marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule III drug under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

8. **May 16, 2024:** Biden issued a public service announcement (PSA) on social media, featuring a 45-second video in support of marijuana rescheduling.

9. **Aug. 26, 2024:** Biden's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) administrator, Anne Milgram, granted an administrative law judge hearing to allow pro- and anti-rescheduling parties to debate the merits of the proposed rule in public before issuing a final rule.

2025

10. **Dec. 2, 2024:** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) held a preliminary administrative hearing on rescheduling at the DEA building in Arlington, Va., with then-DEA Administrative Law Judge John J. Mulrooney presiding. The judge set marijuana's rescheduling hearings to continue on Jan. 21, 2025.

11. **Jan. 13, 2025:** One week before Trump's inauguration, the Biden Schedule III rescheduling hearings set to begin on Jan. 21, 2025, were stayed indefinitely (stopped) by DEA Judge Mulrooney.