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Penn State Develops New App That Shows How Cannabinoids Could Interact with Other Medications

Newswise — A new web-based application developed by Penn State researchers could help pharmacists and other health care providers improve patient safety by reducing unintended interactions between medical and recreational marijuana and cannabidiol (CBD) products and other medications.

Kent Vrana, Elliot S. Vesell Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and project leader, said it's important for health care professionals and patients to understand that cannabinoid products, whether prescribed or used recreationally, may influence the activity of other medications. "Some drugs can affect the way others are broken down by the body, which can be problematic in the case of medications with a narrow therapeutic index," Vrana said. "People may not realize that THC and CBD products have the ability to change the way other drugs are metabolized, and it's an important conversation for patients and health care providers to have with each other. [Read](#)

Bill to legalize marijuana passes U.S. House but faces dim prospects in Senate

The U.S. House of Representatives on Friday passed a bill to end the federal ban on marijuana, which has created legal headaches for users and businesses in the states that have legalized it, though the measure was seen as unlikely to pass the Senate. It passed by 220-204, with few Republicans supporting the measure The Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act, sponsored by Democratic Representative Jerrold Nadler of New York, which is in the process of legalizing the drug, removing marijuana from the list of controlled substances and eliminates criminal penalties for individuals who grow, distribute or possess it. **But the MORE act will need to gain 60 votes in the evenly divided Senate before moving to President Joe Biden's desk for his signature, an outcome**

widely seen as unlikely given the lack of Republican support for the measure. [Read](#)

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