

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2943

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2009

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROHRABACHER, and Mr. HINCHEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Personal Use of Mari-  
5 juana by Responsible Adults Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN MARIJUANA-RELATED**  
2 **PENALTIES.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no pen-  
4 alty may be imposed under an Act of Congress for the  
5 possession of marijuana for personal use, or for the not-  
6 for-profit transfer between adults of marijuana for per-  
7 sonal use. For the purposes of this section, possession of  
8 100 grams or less of marijuana shall be presumed to be  
9 for personal use, as shall the not-for-profit transfer of one  
10 ounce or less of marijuana, except that the civil penalty  
11 provided in section 405 of the Controlled Substances Act  
12 (21 U.S.C. 844a) may be imposed for the public use of  
13 marijuana if the amount of the penalty does not exceed  
14 \$100.

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