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# H. R. 1265

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 “Medical Marijuana De-  
5 terrence Act of 1997”.

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1 **SEC. 2. DENIAL OF FEDERAL BENEFITS TO PERSONS CON-**  
2 **VICTED OF CERTAIN DRUG OFFENSES.**

3 Section 421 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
4 U.S.C. 862) is amended by adding at the end the follow-  
5 ing:

6 “(i) SPECIAL RULE FOR CONVICTIONS IN CERTAIN  
7 STATES.—In any State in which it is not unlawful under  
8 State law for a person to use marijuana for medicinal pur-  
9 poses, an individual who is convicted of a State offense  
10 after the date of the enactment of this subsection shall  
11 be ineligible for benefits as provided in subsection (a) or  
12 (b) without regard to any discretion of the court.”.

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