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[Report No. 116-104, Part I]

To create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.

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TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. WATERS, and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, 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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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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Committee on the Judiciary discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 7, 2019]

A BILL

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To create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; PURPOSE.

5 SECTION I. SHORT TITLE, I ORI USE.

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Se5 cure And Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019" or the
6 "SAFE Banking Act of 2019".

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to increase
8 public safety by ensuring access to financial services to can9 nabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers
10 and reducing the amount of cash at such businesses.

11 SEC. 2. SAFE HARBOR FOR DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—A Federal banking regulator may
13 not—

14 (1) terminate or limit the deposit insurance 15 or share insurance of a depository institution 16 under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12) 17 U.S.C. 1811 et seq.), the Federal Credit Union 18 Act (12 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), or take any other 19 adverse action against a depository institution 20 under section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance 21 Act (12 U.S.C. 1818) solely because the deposi-22 tory institution provides or has provided finan-23 cial services to a cannabis-related legitimate 24 business or service provider;

1	(2) prohibit, penalize, or otherwise discour-
2	age a depository institution from providing fi-
3	nancial services to a cannabis-related legitimate
4	business or service provider or to a State, polit-
5	ical subdivision of a State, or Indian Tribe that
6	exercises jurisdiction over cannabis-related legiti-
7	mate businesses;
8	(3) recommend, incentivize, or encourage a
9	depository institution not to offer financial serv-
10	ices to an account holder, or to downgrade or
11	cancel the financial services offered to an account
12	holder solely because—
13	(A) the account holder is a cannabis-
14	related legitimate business or service pro-
15	vider, or is an employee, owner, or operator
16	of a cannabis-related legitimate business or
17	service provider;
18	(B) the account holder later becomes an
19	employee, owner, or operator of a cannabis-
20	related legitimate business or service pro-
21	vider; or
22	(C) the depository institution was not
23	aware that the account holder is an em-
24	ployee, owner, or operator of a cannabis-re-
25	lated legitimate business or service provider;

1	(4) take any adverse or corrective super-
2	visory action on a loan made to—
3	(A) a cannabis-related legitimate busi-
4	ness or service provider, solely because the
5	business is a cannabis-related legitimate
6	business or service provider;
7	(B) an employee, owner, or operator of
8	a cannabis-related legitimate business or
9	service provider, solely because the em-
10	ployee, owner, or operator is employed by,
11	owns, or operates a cannabis-related legiti-
12	mate business or service provider, as appli-
13	cable; or
14	(C) an owner or operator of real estate
15	or equipment that is leased to a cannabis-
16	related legitimate business or service pro-
17	vider, solely because the owner or operator
18	of the real estate or equipment leased the
19	equipment or real estate to a cannabis-re-
20	lated legitimate business or service provider,
21	as applicable; or
22	(5) prohibit or penalize a depository insti-
23	tution (or entity performing a financial service
24	for or in association with a depository institu-
25	tion) for, or otherwise discourage a depository

 institution (or entity performing a financial service for or in association with a depository institution) from, engaging in a financial service for a cannabis-related legitimate business or service provider.

6 (b) SAFE HARBOR APPLICABLE TO DE NOVO INSTITU7 TIONS.—Subsection (a) shall apply to an institution apply8 ing for a depository institution charter to the same extent
9 as such subsection applies to a depository institution.

10 SEC. 3. PROTECTIONS FOR ANCILLARY BUSINESSES.

For purposes of sections 1956 and 1957 of title 18, United States Code, and all other provisions of Federal law, the proceeds from a transaction conducted by a cannabisrelated legitimate business or service provider shall not be considered as proceeds from an unlawful activity solely because the transaction was conducted by a cannabis-related legitimate business or service provider, as applicable.

18 SEC. 4. PROTECTIONS UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to providing a financial service to a cannabis-related legitimate business or
service provider within a State, political subdivision of a
State, or Indian country that allows the cultivation, production, manufacture, sale, transportation, display, dispensing, distribution, or purchase of cannabis pursuant to
a law or regulation of such State, political subdivision, or

Indian Tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian country, 1 as applicable, a depository institution, entity performing 2 3 a financial service for or in association with a depository 4 institution, or insurer that provides a financial service to a cannabis-related legitimate business or service provider, 5 6 and the officers, directors, and employees of that depository institution, entity, or insurer may not be held liable pursu-7 8 ant to any Federal law or regulation—

9 (1) solely for providing such a financial service;
10 or

11 (2) for further investing any income derived
12 from such a financial service.

13 (b) PROTECTIONS FOR FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.— 14 With respect to providing a service to a depository institu-15 tion that provides a financial service to a cannabis-related legitimate business or service provider (where such financial 16 service is provided within a State, political subdivision of 17 a State, or Indian country that allows the cultivation, pro-18 19 duction, manufacture, sale, transportation, display, dispensing, distribution, or purchase of cannabis pursuant to 20 21 a law or regulation of such State, political subdivision, or 22 Indian Tribe that has jurisdiction over the Indian country, 23 as applicable), a Federal reserve bank, and the officers, di-24 rectors, and employees of the Federal reserve bank, may not be held liable pursuant to any Federal law or regulation— 25

(1) solely for providing such a service; or

2 (2) for further investing any income derived
3 from such a service.

4 (c) FORFEITURE.—

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5 (1) DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.—A depository 6 institution that has a legal interest in the collateral 7 for a loan or another financial service provided to an 8 owner, employee, or operator of a cannabis-related le-9 gitimate business or service provider, or to an owner 10 or operator of real estate or equipment that is leased 11 or sold to a cannabis-related legitimate business or 12 service provider, shall not be subject to criminal, civil, 13 or administrative forfeiture of that legal interest pur-14 suant to any Federal law for providing such loan or 15 other financial service.

16 (2) Federal reserve banks.—A Federal re-17 serve bank that has a legal interest in the collateral 18 for a loan or another financial service provided to an 19 owner, employee, or operator of a depository institu-20 tion that provides a financial services to a cannabis-21 related legitimate business or service provider, or to 22 an owner or operator of real estate or equipment that is leased or sold to such a depository institution, shall 23 24 not be subject to criminal, civil, or administrative 25 forfeiture of that legal interest pursuant to any Federal law for providing such loan or other financial
 service.

3 SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act shall require a depository institution, entity performing a financial service for or in association with a depository institution, or insurer to provide financial services to a cannabis-related legitimate business
or service provider.

9 SEC. 6. REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY 10 REPORTS.

11 Section 5318(g) of title 31, United States Code, is
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

13 "(5) REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNABIS-RELATED
14 LEGITIMATE BUSINESSES.—

15 "(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a fi-16 nancial institution or any director, officer, em-17 ployee, or agent of a financial institution that 18 reports a suspicious transaction pursuant to this 19 subsection, if the reason for the report relates to 20 a cannabis-related legitimate business or service 21 provider, the report shall comply with appro-22 priate guidance issued by the Financial Crimes 23 Enforcement Network. The Secretary shall ensure 24 that the quidance is consistent with the purpose 25 and intent of the SAFE Banking Act of 2019

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1	and does not significantly inhibit the provision
2	of financial services to a cannabis-related legiti-
3	mate business or service provider in a State, po-
4	litical subdivision of a State, or Indian country
5	that has allowed the cultivation, production,
6	manufacture, transportation, display, dis-
7	pensing, distribution, sale, or purchase of can-
8	nabis pursuant to law or regulation of such
9	State, political subdivision, or Indian Tribe that
10	has jurisdiction over the Indian country.
11	"(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
12	paragraph:
13	"(i) CANNABIS.—The term 'cannabis'
14	has the meaning given the term 'mari-
15	huana' in section 102 of the Controlled Sub-
16	stances Act (21 U.S.C. 802).
17	"(ii) CANNABIS-RELATED LEGITIMATE
18	BUSINESS.—The term 'cannabis-related le-
19	gitimate business' has the meaning given
20	that term in section 11 of the SAFE Bank-
21	ing Act of 2019.
22	"(iii) Indian country.—The term
23	'Indian country' has the meaning given
24	that term in section 1151 of title 18.

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1	"(iv) Indian tribe.—The term 'In-
2	dian Tribe' has the meaning given that
3	term in section 102 of the Federally Recog-
4	nized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25
5	U.S.C. 479a).
6	"(v) FINANCIAL SERVICE.—The term
7	'financial service' has the meaning given
8	that term in section 11 of the SAFE Bank-
9	ing Act of 2019.
10	"(vi) Service provider.—The term
11	'service provider' has the meaning given
12	that term in section 11 of the SAFE Bank-
13	ing Act of 2019.
14	"(vii) State.—The term 'State' means
15	each of the several States, the District of Co-
16	lumbia, Puerto Rico, and any territory or
17	possession of the United States.".
18	SEC. 7. GUIDANCE AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES.
19	Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
20	of this Act, the Financial Institutions Examination Council
21	shall develop uniform guidance and examination proce-
22	dures for depository institutions that provide financial
23	services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and serv-
24	ice providers.

2 The Federal banking regulators shall issue an annual
3 report to Congress containing—

4 (1) information and data on the availability of
5 access to financial services for minority-owned and
6 women-owned cannabis-related legitimate businesses;
7 and

8 (2) any regulatory or legislative recommenda-9 tions for expanding access to financial services for 10 minority-owned and women-owned cannabis-related 11 legitimate businesses.

12 SEC. 9. GAO STUDY ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
States shall carry out a study on the barriers to marketplace entry, including in the licensing process, and the access to financial services for potential and existing minority-owned and women-owned cannabis-related legitimate
businesses.

(b) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall issue a
report to the Congress—

(1) containing all findings and determinations
made in carrying out the study required under subsection (a); and

24 (2) containing any regulatory or legislative rec25 ommendations for removing barriers to marketplace
26 entry, including in the licensing process, and expand•HR 1595 RH

ing access to financial services for potential and exist ing minority-owned and women-owned cannabis-re lated legitimate businesses.

4 SEC. 10. GAO STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTAIN RE-5 PORTS ON FINDING CERTAIN PERSONS.

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PORTS ON FINDING CERTAIN PERSONS.

6 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment 7 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States 8 shall carry out a study on the effectiveness of reports on 9 suspicious transactions filed pursuant to section 5318(q) of title 31, United States Code, at finding individuals or orga-10 11 nizations suspected or known to be engaged with 12 transnational criminal organizations and whether any such engagement exists in a State, political subdivision, or In-13 dian Tribe that has jurisdiction over Indian country that 14 15 allows the cultivation, production, manufacture, sale, transportation, display, dispensing, distribution, or purchase of 16 cannabis. The study shall examine reports on suspicious 17 18 transactions as follows:

19 (1) During the period of 2014 until the date of
20 the enactment of this Act, reports relating to mari21 juana-related businesses.

(2) During the 1-year period after date of the enactment of this Act, reports relating to cannabis-related legitimate businesses.

1 SEC. 11. DEFINITIONS.

2 In this Act:

3	(1) BUSINESS OF INSURANCE.—The term "busi-
4	ness of insurance" has the meaning given such term
5	in section 1002 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Re-
6	form and Consumer Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 5481).
7	(2) CANNABIS.—The term "cannabis" has the
8	meaning given the term "marihuana" in section 102
9	of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802).
10	(3) CANNABIS PRODUCT.—The term "cannabis
11	product" means any article which contains cannabis,
12	including an article which is a concentrate, an edible,
13	a tincture, a cannabis-infused product, or a topical.
14	(4) CANNABIS-RELATED LEGITIMATE BUSI-
15	NESS.—The term "cannabis-related legitimate busi-
16	ness" means a manufacturer, producer, or any person
17	or company that—
18	(A) engages in any activity described in
19	subparagraph (B) pursuant to a law established
20	by a State or a political subdivision of a State,
21	as determined by such State or political subdivi-
22	sion; and
23	(B) participates in any business or orga-
24	nized activity that involves handling cannabis or
25	cannabis products, including cultivating, pro-
26	ducing, manufacturing, selling, transporting,

1	displaying, dispensing, distributing, or pur-
2	chasing cannabis or cannabis products.
3	(5) Depository institution.—The term "de-
4	pository institution" means—
5	(A) a depository institution as defined in
6	section 3(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act
7	(12 U.S.C. 1813(c));
8	(B) a Federal credit union as defined in
9	section 101 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12
10	U.S.C. 1752); or
11	(C) a State credit union as defined in sec-
12	tion 101 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12
13	U.S.C. 1752).
14	(6) FEDERAL BANKING REGULATOR.—The term
15	"Federal banking regulator" means each of the Board
16	of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Bu-
17	reau of Consumer Financial Protection, the Federal
18	Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Financial Crimes
19	Enforcement Network, the Office of Foreign Asset
20	Control, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency,
21	the National Credit Union Administration, the De-
22	partment of the Treasury, or any Federal agency or
23	department that regulates banking or financial serv-
24	ices, as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

1	(7) FINANCIAL SERVICE.—The term "financial
2	service"—
3	(A) means a financial product or service, as
4	defined in section 1002 of the Dodd-Frank Wall
5	Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (12
6	U.S.C. 5481);
7	(B) includes the business of insurance;
8	(C) includes, whether performed directly or
9	indirectly, the authorizing, processing, clearing,
10	settling, billing, transferring for deposit, trans-
11	mitting, delivering, instructing to be delivered,
12	reconciling, collecting, or otherwise effectuating
13	or facilitating of payments or funds, where such
14	payments or funds are made or transferred by
15	any means, including by the use of credit cards,
16	debit cards, other payment cards, or other access
17	devices, accounts, original or substitute checks, or
18	electronic funds transfers;
19	(D) includes acting as a money transmit-
20	ting business which directly or indirectly makes
21	use of a depository institution in connection
22	with effectuating or facilitating a payment for a
23	cannabis-related legitimate business or service
24	provider in compliance with section 5330 of title

1	31, United States Code, and any applicable
2	State law; and
3	(E) includes acting as an armored car serv-
4	ice for processing and depositing with a deposi-
5	tory institution or the Board of Governors of the
6	Federal Reserve System with respect to any
7	monetary instruments (as defined under section
8	1956(c)(5) of title 18, United States Code.
9	(8) INDIAN COUNTRY.—The term "Indian coun-
10	try" has the meaning given that term in section 1151
11	of title 18.
12	(9) Indian tribe.—The term "Indian Tribe"
13	has the meaning given that term in section 102 of the
14	Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994
15	(25 U.S.C. 479a).
16	(10) INSURER.—The term "insurer" has the
17	meaning given that term under section $313(r)$ of title
18	31, United States Code.
19	(11) MANUFACTURER.—The term "manufac-
20	turer" means a person who manufactures, compounds,
21	converts, processes, prepares, or packages cannabis or
22	cannabis products.
23	(12) PRODUCER.—The term "producer" means a
24	person who plants, cultivates, harvests, or in any way
25	facilitates the natural growth of cannabis.

1	(13) Service provider.—The term "service
2	provider''—
3	(A) means a business, organization, or other
4	person that—
5	(i) sells goods or services to a cannabis-
6	related legitimate business; or
7	(ii) provides any business services, in-
8	cluding the sale or lease of real or any other
9	property, legal or other licensed services, or
10	any other ancillary service, relating to can-
11	nabis; and
12	(B) does not include a business, organiza-
13	tion, or other person that participates in any
14	business or organized activity that involves han-
15	dling cannabis or cannabis products, including
16	cultivating, producing, manufacturing, selling,
17	transporting, displaying, dispensing, distrib-
18	uting, or purchasing cannabis or cannabis prod-
19	ucts.
20	(14) State.—The term "State" means each of
21	the several States, the District of Columbia, Puerto
22	Rico, and any territory or possession of the United
23	States.

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