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Senator Scott D. Wiener. (Photo: Kevin Sanders for California Globe)

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Wiener gives SB 519 a 50/50 chance to pass this year

By Evan Symon, January 12, 2022 2:09 am

Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) announced this week that he would be moving forward this year with a bill to **decriminalize** multiple psychedelic drugs and giving his odds of getting it passed at 50/50.

Senator Wiener authored **Senate Bill 519** last February, to decriminalize possession of psychedelic drugs such as dimethyltryptamine (DMT), ibogaine (psychedelic substance), lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), mescaline (psychedelic hallucinogen), psilocybin (magic mushrooms), and 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA, ecstasy, molly) for personal use and social sharing. **Possession of drug paraphernalia associated with psychedelics will no longer carry criminal penalties as long as they are owned by adults.** Those with prior criminal offenses for possession and use would have also have their records expunged under the bill, with the California Department of Public Health to come up with regulations and therapeutic uses of the legalized psychedelics by 2024.

SB 519 would also set strict limits on possession of the listed psychedelics, **penalizing those who are under the age of 21 for using drugs, as well as possessing the drugs on school property.** Legal amounts to possess would also be strictly set, with **limits being up to 15 grams for ibogaine, 4 grams of MDMA, 2 grams for DMT, psilocybin, and psilocyn, and only one-hundredth (0.01) of a gram for LCD.**

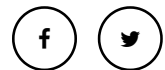
Throughout the first half of 2021 the bill was amended multiple times, with alterations such as **ketamine being dropped as a decriminalized drug** changing the bill in the hopes that it would attract more legislative supporters. Supporters also pushed forwards benefits of some of the drugs, specifically how they **could help mental illnesses such as PTSD**, in the hopes that they could attract the support of more middle of the road Democrats and Republicans.

However, during the **Senate vote in June**, SB 519 only passed 21-16 with 3 abstentions, with the **July Health Committee vote coming down to one vote before three Assembly members switched to abstaining on the vote.** These narrow approvals finally ran out with the Assembly Appropriations Committee vote. With not enough votes projected, Wiener pulled the bill and announced that it would be returning next session.

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trying to grow negative support and the senator hoping to make further amendments before the first committee vote

“The focus has been our coalition, our veterans who have been advocating and organizing around the bill. They’re meeting with Assembly members to build more support. That’s really what’s happening.”

“It’s too soon to say whether additional changes will be added. That process will happen in July or early August.”

Among the many issues currently pausing passage of the bill are concerns over which drugs are included in the final bill, what possession limits will be, and who exactly would be covered under SB 519.

“I understand the frustration from advocates over possession limits added to the bill, and my preference would have been not to have possession limits at all,” added Senator Wiener. However, the opposition against the bill would be stronger with no limits, with Wiener concluding, “But sometimes you have a choice about, do you want to pass a meaningful bill, or do you want to insist on the perfect and pass no bill?”

Wiener also noted that he thinks with the renewed effort, the bill will have a 50/50 chance of reaching Governor Gavin Newsom’s desk later this year.

However, advocates of decriminalization, spearheaded by the Decriminalize California group, are not putting all their eggs in one basket and currently have a **signature campaign for the legalization of psilocybin mushrooms**. If enough signatures are gathered by March, it will be a proposition to be decided on by voters in November.

“There has been more and more of a push here in the last few years to start making other drugs legal following marijuana,” explained former police officer and drug counselor Marty Ribera to the Globe on Tuesday. “They’re obviously getting impatient with legislative action, so they’re trying more and more different things to get it done.”

SB 519 is expected to be reheard in the Legislature in the coming months.

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Showandtell

January 12, 2022 at 11:29 am

In addition to apparently being in bed with the rich developers who seem to be funding him, which explains his never-ending push of rabbit hutch housing for all (which finally paid off for him and his backers), is Sen Wiener also in bed with Big Pharma, who apparently wants to get in on the action of Big Money to be made mainstreaming this stuff, whether or not it actually works and not caring at all if it further damages damaged people? Just look at the pharmaceutical companies' record --- haven't we been through enough hell as it is because of their bottomless greed? Is this why Wiener is endlessly pushing psychedelics to fill his campaign (or possibly other) coffers? Kinda smells like it, doesn't it?

Reply

Marilyn Midura

January 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm

No good end to this, just look at Philadelphia and Oregon zombielands, totally irresponsible. The goal is to end homelessness, not create it. His previous desire to normalize pedophilia is another red flag... is his intent to numb children for prostitution, abuse and indoctrination. Weiner is the poster boy for "Mental health" deficiency. Show and Tell, love the "Rabbit Hutch housing" reference, nailed it!

Reply

Showandtell

January 12, 2022 at 2:05 pm

Thanks, Marilyn Midura. Never miss and always appreciate your great posts, by the way. "A free range for chickens, storage lockers for humans and LSD for everybody!" would be a much more honest campaign slogan for some of these CA politicians. 😊

Reply

John The Patriot

January 12, 2022 at 7:46 pm

Just what we need more legalized drugs. And DANGEROUS DRUGS at that. In 2021 we had 100,000 drug overdose deaths in the US. And this pervert Weeeeeeeeeeeeeeneer wants to legalize more drugs. He also has introduced past legislation that would keep bars and taverns open all night. We don't need this and we don't need Weeeeeeeeeeeeeeneer! Thanks SF voters for electing this pervert!

Reply

Showandtell

January 13, 2022 at 11:52 am

No kidding, John, and how contemptuous of reality and common sense do Scott Wiener et al have to be to continually push legalization of psychotropic substances --- whose effects can mirror psychosis --- at the same time Californians are confronted daily with hordes of often-violent psycho-zombies on our streets as if we were navigating a real-life version of "Night of the Living Dead?" Wouldn't you think that under these circumstances Scott and the Crew would consider giving this bill a rest for AT LEAST a couple of years instead of bringing back the same dead thing every year. But Noooo..... not even THAT. Wow.

Reply

Samantha

January 13, 2022 at 12:33 pm

Democrat Senator Scott Wiener seems to be only push bills that involve deviant sex or recreational drugs? Beware of Harvard trained lawyers from back east who are gay/Jewish and their destructive deep state/dark cult agenda?



Akira

January 13, 2022 at 4:01 pm

The ability to use psychedelics and explore ourselves is our birthright. Nuff said.

Reply

John The Patriot

January 13, 2022 at 6:50 pm

Hmmm. I have not heard that psychedelics are a birthright and to explore ourselves. But I will pass that information on to my son in law who is a police officer. Perhaps that will help him when he investigates the next accident of a motorist driving against traffic on the wrong side of the freeway while high on pot or some other drug. There seems to be a lot of those type of accidents these days especially with legal marijuana. Nuff said.

Reply

Showandtell

January 15, 2022 at 3:04 pm

Thank you for your very powerful comment, John.

Reply

J

January 14, 2022 at 9:21 am

I'm confused.
Vaccine – I have the right to decide what I put in my body.
Hardcore drugs – You DON'T have the right to decide what you put in your body.
Be consistent people, please.

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