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**Legislative Update**  
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## CONGRESSMAN ROHRABACHER'S 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Introducing legislation that would permit cities, counties, and states to **regulate sober homes** without running afoul of federal anti-discrimination laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act.
- Reintroducing the "**Save Christians from Genocide Act**," which would (1) declare Christians in certain Middle Eastern countries as victims of genocide, and (2) give them priority status for refugee and immigration visa processing.
- Reintroducing the "**Zero-Gravity, Zero Tax Act**," which would exempt from taxation any income earned as a result of the development and deployment of new technologies in space.
- Reintroducing the "**Respect State Marijuana Laws Act**," which would amend the Controlled Substances Act to make legal at the federal level any marijuana-related actions taken by individuals that are in compliance with their state's marijuana laws.
- Renewing the "**Rohrabacher-Farr**" provision, which prohibits the Department of Justice from using appropriated funds for the purpose of prosecuting those who are in compliance with their state's medical marijuana laws.
- Reintroducing legislation that would declare certain federal land off the coast of Orange County as part of the **California Coastal National Monument**.
- Reintroducing the "**No Social Security for Illegal Immigrants Act**," which prohibits those who are unlawfully employed in the United States from having their unauthorized work count toward future Social Security benefits.

## RECENTLY-CONSIDERED LEGISLATION

### January 2017

- **H.R.5- Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017-** would reform the rule-making process of federal agencies.  
*Status: under consideration*
- **Budget Resolution-** will set up the procedural process for repealing the Affordable Care Act. Importantly, this is not the repeal vote; rather, it is a vote that will allow Congress to move forward with a repeal of the Affordable Care Act in the future. Congressman Rohrabacher is committed to repealing and replacing the ACA, though he has thus far largely left the exact mechanics of such a repeal and replace to the House leadership. It is still unclear how the House will move forward, though continued input from constituents is certainly welcome.  
*Status: to be considered on Friday, January 13*
- **H.R.393 - To provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.** This bill amends current law to allow President-elect Trump's nominee for Defense Secretary to be confirmed to the position. Under current law, retired military personnel are prohibited from leading the Department of Defense for at least seven years after their separation from military service.  
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