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Confusion on Question 2

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However, some are in favor of the decriminalization of marijuana and are trying to change federal law.

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank initiated a bill which would decriminalize possession of marijuana in amounts of 3.5 ounces or less anywhere in the U.S.

But Frank said he doesn't feel his proposal will be approved anytime in the near future because he feels other legislators have not made their minds up on the issue, according to The Boston Globe.

"I support [decriminalization]," said UMass junior and psychology major Jen Derwin. "I don't think it's that big of a deal."

"I was in favor [of decriminalization]. I felt like the penalties were a little harsh," said junior computer science major Craig Darmetko. "I heard some people are having a countdown until it passes."

Others students are anticipating the law's finalization.

"I think it's a little long to have to wait," said junior economics major Jill O'Loughlin.

Amanda Belcastro, also a junior psychology major, agreed,

"I think it should go into effect now," she said.

"It's really, really amazing that it passed by such a big margin," said senior Katherine Bickering a philosophy and linguistics double major. Bickering is a member of the Cannabis Reform Coalition at UMass, a Registered Student Organization made up of outspoken supporters of Question 2.

"I think it's a disservice to people to not have information on the time lapse [between the passing of the law and when it goes into effect]," she said.

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