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Senior Counsel Andrew Kline Quoted in Law360—Cannabis Bill Roundup: Calif. Passes Sweeping Hemp Bill

Andrew Kline was quoted in the *Law360** article, "Cannabis Bill Roundup: Calif. Passes Sweeping Hemp Bill," regarding the controversial California bill to regulate hemp and CBD products that passed both chambers of the state legislature this week.

At a webinar Thursday sponsored by Perkins Coie LLP, cannabis policy experts warned on that if Congress does not expressly exempt marijuana from the dormant commerce clause, a constitutional principle limiting states' authority over interstate commerce, federal legalization could trigger a regulatory crisis.

Panel moderator Andrew Kline, former director of public policy for the National Cannabis Industry Association, said that despite the draft bill's silence on the dormant commerce clause and the industry's concerns about an interstate market, stakeholders agreed that descheduling cannabis should have happened "yesterday."

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