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In this post-election edition of the buzz, highlights include:

- How the Republican trifecta will impact the cannabis industry may largely depend on the leadership of federal departments like the DOJ, DEA, FDA, and DHHS.
- Ballot measures to legalize marijuana were defeated in Florida, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
- In state elections, cannabis-friendly governors and legislators were elected or re-elected in Hawaii, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania.
- The DEA cannabis rescheduling hearing is delayed until January or February due to "lack of information about the participants designated to testify."
- From the states: new licenses for medical use opened in Kentucky; adult-use of marijuana were awarded in Delaware; Pennsylvania enacted a state tax deduction for medical dispensaries; the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission has a new Executive Director.
- New efforts to regulate hemp-derived products are generating challenges.

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