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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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## **Medical Marijuana Action Alert**



SB 1955 amended for medical marijuana

While the amendments make some needed changes to driving under the influence of marijuana, the bill also expands the definition of "usable cannabis" to include **extracted resin**.

- SB 1955, as amended, gives Cultivation Centers permission to develop, process and sell extracted resin. This gummy substance, known as hashish can be waxy or a golden liquid. Whereas street grade marijuana can be 11% THC, hashish is easily double that and the chemical process can produce THC concentration of 30%.
- Wax marijuana is a medical marijuana product and is the purest form of cannabis. It contains anywhere from 80 to 90% THC, making it several times more potent than a marijuana bud on a cannabis plant.

Read this article about two medical marijuana patients and a teenager who were hospitalized with psychosis and other health related problems after using the extracted resin product. [Click to read the full article](#)

Medical Marijuana Dispensary information. [Click to read the full article](#)

- **SB 1955 allows a veteran receiving treatment at a VA facility to apply for a medical marijuana card, and the Veteran will not need to submit a written certification from a physician.** This makes it easy for veterans to gain access to medical marijuana without approval from their doctor. Many veterans are dealing with substance abuse and alcohol problems. Having 2.5 ounces of useable marijuana available every two weeks could lead to additional drug problems for veterans who obtain a medical marijuana card.

- **SB 1955 allows the Department of Agriculture to issue two registrations per each Illinois State Police District, so Chicago and Des Plaines can supply more marijuana to residents in the Chicago area.** Will downstate districts who are left out then ask for another change in law to increase the number of grow areas?

## FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. SB 1955 will be heard in the House Judiciary Committee this afternoon at 2:00. Contact your State Representative to ask him/her to vote NO on SB 1955. (**Click here for a list of State Representatives**)
2. Contact the Governor (**Click here to e-mail the Governor**) and ask him to oppose SB 1955, which expands medical marijuana.
3. Forward to 10 others.
4. PRAY

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