

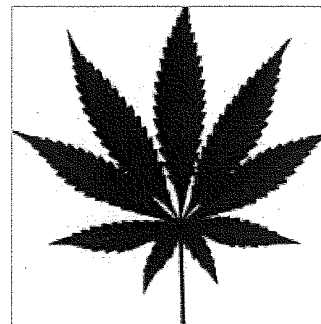


# ILCAAAP

Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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## **Marijuana Action Alert**



Medical marijuana patients would be able to keep their guns, under rule changes proposed by the state. However, federal law still prohibits users of marijuana from possessing a handgun.

### **Some of the proposed rules filed Friday:**

**Cultivation Centers in 21 State Police Districts:** One entity can be awarded licenses for up to 3 cultivation centers. A \$25,000 non-refundable application and proof of \$500,000 in liquid assets and documentation satisfying selection are required.

**60 Dispensaries:** One entity can receive permits in up to 5 districts. A \$5,000 non-refundable application fee, proof of \$400,000 in liquid assets, and documentation satisfying selection are required.

**Reduced registration fees:** Eligible patients will pay \$100 for a medical marijuana card; \$50 for those on Social Security, SSDI, and veterans; \$25 for caregivers.

**Taxes:** Cultivators will pay 7% tax on sales to dispensaries; patients/caregivers will pay 1% sales tax.

### **Marijuana use can cause harm:**

#### **New Research: Casual marijuana use changes the brain.**

A new study in the Journal of Neuroscience today finds that even casual pot smoking may have an effect on the size and structure of certain brain regions. The new research reports that for each additional joint a person smokes per week, the greater the odds of structural changes to areas involved in motivation, reward, and emotion. Though it seems like the country has embraced pot as a relatively harmless option in recent years, the authors of the study say that their findings suggest otherwise, especially for young people whose brains are still developing. [Read more:](#)

## **Crime: Man ate pot candy before shooting wife**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

To make comments about the proposed medical marijuana rules, E-mail the Joint Committee on Administration Rules **before May 31st.** (Legislators serve on this committee.)

Contact your State Representative in his/her District office to share your concerns about making the harm of making marijuana more available (**click here for a list of State Representatives**) and ask him/her to Vote NO on HB 4299 and HB 5708 to lower penalties for growing and possessing large amounts of marijuana.

Contact the Governor and to share the new study information about the harm of marijuana and ask him to oppose the decriminalization of marijuana. Phone: 800-642-3112 or **Click here to e-mail the Governor**

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