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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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**Marijuana Action Alert
SB 2636 Amended and ready for a
vote - call TODAY!**



SB Expands Medical Marijuana for children under 18 for ALL of the 31 disorders, not just seizures and epilepsy! The Unintended Consequences of Marijuana-infused products are death and illness.

- Marijuana is a Schedule I drug that has not undergone testing and regulation for safety, strength, or dosage. Did you know that a doctor will not prescribe marijuana or a dosage for children?
- **SB 2636 would allow a parent or legal guardian to apply for a medical marijuana card for children. Minors are eligible for a Colorado medical marijuana card if TWO physicians sign off on it.** SB 2636 does not have any requirements that a physician approve marijuana for children before getting a medical marijuana card.
- **Colorado allows those under 18 to have only medical cannabis infused products. The state is now re-thinking the rules for pot-infused food after two recent deaths.** During the Illinois debate to legalize marijuana as medicine, the sponsor said no one had ever died from marijuana. Now people have died after eating and/using marijuana.
- **Greater access to edible marijuana leads to an increase of children admitted to hospitals.** Many children in Colorado have been taken to the hospital after eating marijuana-infused food. A toddler in California was taken to the hospital after eating a piece of marijuana candy she found on the beach. An Illinois woman and her 1 year old son were taken to the hospital after eating cake infused with flakes of marijuana.
- **There is no prescription, no recommended dosage for marijuana. As one father has stated, "There is no prescribed solution yet. Even for the kids having a lot of success, they are all on different stuff."** Some parents had the marijuana they purchased for their children at dispensaries tested to make sure it did not contain pesticide, but individual testing is no longer available in Colorado.
- **Experts say the amount of marijuana in edibles can vary widely, and in some cases, the levels are so high people report extreme paranoia and anxiety bordering on psychotic behavior,** reported USA Today.

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- Lawmakers in Colorado will spend \$10 million to study the effects of marijuana use and will lower the amount of marijuana-infused oil or butter that can be sold. **The infused oils and butter contain concentrated marijuana levels far higher than contained in the plant itself,** reported USA Today.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Contact your State Representative (217-782-2000) ([click here for a list of State Representatives](#)) and ask him/her to Vote NO on SB 2636.

Contact your State Senator ([click for a list of State Senators](#)) and ask him/her to Vote **No on SB 2636.**

Contact the Governor by phone: 800-642-3112 or [Click here to e-mail the Governor](#)

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