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**July 31, 2014****Marijuana Action Alert****Medical Marijuana Update****Marijuana growing and dispensary companies and their agents going from town to town**

The State will soon have applications available for the 21 marijuana cultivation centers-one in each State Police District-and 60 dispensaries (13 in Chicago). Local officials in college towns, communities with hospitals/medical districts, and rural areas are being approached by aspiring marijuana companies and their agents with offers of jobs and money for local schools.

The goal, according to Quantum 9 CEO Michael Mayes is a letter of recommendation to the State of Illinois. "Many companies considering competing for permits have already begun filing paperwork, and some say if you don't already have property, local support and a special use permit, you'll be showing up to the race far behind," according to the [Quantum 9 blog](#).

**Green Thumb Industries wants to grow marijuana in Rock Island and Normal**

Green Thumb Industries (GTI) has aligned itself with The Clinic Colorado, a Denver-based medical and recreational marijuana dispensary, reported *Quad-City Times*. Rock Island received inquiries from more than six businesses seeking land to launch a medical marijuana growing facility, according to the newspaper. This week Aldermen approved the sale of a 10-acre city-owned parcel of land for \$135,000. The newspaper also reported that GTI has leased a 100,000 square foot building in Normal near the Mitsubishi Motors North America for a potential medical marijuana growing center. [Read more:](#)

## Chicago plans for strict limits on medical pot sites go up in smoke

Chicago medical marijuana dispensaries are likely coming to busy shopping areas, despite the city's initial attempt to hide them away at the edges of the city, according to the *Chicago Sun-Times*. A marijuana cultivation center in Chicago will be treated as an "urban farm" zoned to a manufacturing district and require a special-use permit, reported the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Essentially most business and commercial strips are fair game. [Read more:](#)

## Effingham Mayor concerned about negative effects of Marijuana

Mayor Merv Gillenwater doesn't believe Effingham should host any state-monitored operations. He also believes potential jobs that could be created from marijuana cultivation may be overestimated, reported the *Effingham Daily News*. Even if they aren't, he said it's not a risk he is willing to take. [Read more:](#)

## Former top Capitol cop turns to pot security

Terry Gainer, a former Chicago police detective, director of the Illinois State Police, chief of the U. S. Capitol Police in Washington, D.C. and the U. S. Senate's longest-serving sergeants at arms, was hired as a security consultant for a Chicago-based company seeking medical marijuana growing facilities in Illinois. [Read more:](#)

## Doctor Could Lose His License After Approving Medical Marijuana Certificate Before Form Became Available

According to the complaint filed with the IDFPR, a doctor charged a patient \$250 to make an appointment with his privately operated medical cannabis clinic. He did not perform an eye exam, but promised the patient would receive the official Illinois medical cannabis license in the mail. [Read more:](#)

## Homeowners' Associations and Marijuana Conflicts

Neighborhood Associations cannot ban members from using marijuana in their homes if the drug is legal, reported the Associated Press. They can, however, regulate its use as a nuisance or as a threat to children if neighbors can see or smell marijuana. [Read more:](#)

## FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

**CONTACT** your city and county officials to ask if zoning changes are being discussed to allow the growing or selling of medical marijuana.

**SHARE** these [talking points](#) about the impact of marijuana in communities with local officials, neighbors, and faith communities.

## PRAY

**FORWARD** to 10 others.