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February 3, 2015**Medical Marijuana Licenses Issued**

Governor Bruce Rauner granted licenses for companies to grow and sell medical marijuana in Illinois. Letter to 18 winning cultivation centers and 52 dispensaries were sent out Monday afternoon, Rauner spokesman Lance Trover told The Associated Press.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported: The surprise move came just one week after Rauner said no licenses would be issued until a legal review of the process initiated under former Governor Quinn was completed. The Rauner administration did not detail how the issue was resolved so quickly, saying only that it conducted an internal review of Quinn's work and also consulted with Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office, and found numerous problem areas that could open the state to legal action. [Read more](#)

More than 50 licenses were awarded to organizations to open dispensaries, with 5 of those pending further review. Eighteen companies were issued permits to grow medical marijuana, with 3 of those also pending further review. Gov. Bruce Rauner said Quinn left the state in legal jeopardy, prompting him to issue the licenses immediately. [Read more](#)

According to the governor's office, the highest-scoring firms not disqualified on the original recommendations were awarded licenses. [Read more](#)

NBC Chicago published the full list of licenses and permits [here](#).

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Contact your [State Representative](#) and [State Senator](#) in their District offices to ask them not to extend the pilot program for medical marijuana or decriminalize marijuana. If the Legislators are not in their District offices, ask the staffer to relay your message.

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