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Marijuana Action Alert

Rauner negotiating with Legislators on Marijuana Vetoes



Rep. Lou Lang said he is working with House Republican leader Jim Durking to strike an agreement to support an extension of the medical marijuana pilot program (**HB 3299**). Governor Rauner said 4 years was too long of an extension, and he used an amendatory veto to reduce the time to four months.

Rauner's spokeswoman confirmed that **the "administration agreed to negotiate with Rep. Lang in an effort to find common ground"**, according to the *Chicago Tribune*.

Rep. Kelly Cassidy, sponsor of **HB 218**--to decriminalize marijuana and allow those with marijuana in their system to drive--said she, too, is **hoping to reach a deal with Rauner**. **Since HB 218 passed with only 62 votes, an override vote is unlikely**. Cassidy said too much work was done to throw it all away! [Read more](#)

No decision yet on adding 11 more conditions for medical marijuana

The Rauner administration hasn't yet announced its decision on recommendations by a state panel to add **11 more conditions to the list of 35 qualifying medical conditions**. The governor also has not acted on **SB 33 to approve medical marijuana for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)** [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Contact Governor Rauner and ask him to **Veto SB 33** and to **not decriminalize marijuana or approve more qualifying conditions for medical marijuana**. **Lengthening the pilot program is another step toward full legalization of marijuana**.
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More College Students Use Marijuana Daily, Study Finds

Pot smoking on campus has been climbing since 2006, according to the research, and **the number of students who smoke it daily is at its highest level since 1980**, when the Monitoring the Future study began.

... Nearly **6% of college students** in 2014 reported smoking marijuana on a daily or near-daily basis, up from 3.5% in 2007. This came as fewer students see pot as a health threat: **Only 35% of high-school graduates surveyed in 2014 said regular pot use is dangerous**, down from 55% in 2006. About **one in every 17 high-school students uses marijuana on a daily or near-daily basis**. Read more:

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/more-college-students-use-marijuana-daily-study-finds-1441124840>

MARIJUANA IS CONNECTED TO PSYCHOSIS AND SCHIZOPHRENIA

A Finnish study of 18,478 psychosis patients found **the highest risk of schizophrenia (46%) was among those with cannabis-induced psychosis**, as compared to amphetamines (30%) and alcohol (5%). [iii]

An Australian study [iv] revealed that **4 out of 5 people with schizophrenia were heavy cannabis users during adolescence**. Dr. Campbell, who conducted the studies, said that "..... **many people used cannabis for years before succumbing to schizophrenia. The psych wards are full of these people.**"

The British Medical Journal article of 23 November 2002 - the best long-term study of marijuana and schizophrenia - proves that the mental illness susceptibility is not only a problem with the high-THC marijuana and "dabs" used today. It involved more than 50,000 Swedish men ages 18-20 and followed them 26 years. It factored in variables such as socio-economic status, low IQ, other drug usage, cigarette smoking and existing personality traits. **"Cannabis use is associated with an increased risk of developing schizophrenia consistent with causal relationship.** This association is not explained by use of other psychoactive drugs or personality traits." The study involved the low-THC cannabis of the '70s, '80s and '90s. **With the old-fashioned marijuana of that time, it was determined that the risk for developing schizophrenia increased once a person used pot 50 times. For those who never used pot at all, there was zero chance of developing schizophrenia.** [Read more](#)

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