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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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## **Marijuana Action Alert**

**Call your State Representative**



### **Call your State Representative to Vote NO on SB 2228**

**SB 2228 to reduce penalties on the possession of marijuana and change zero-tolerance for marijuana and driving passed out of committee and will be voted on in the House.**

Current law makes it illegal to possess marijuana unless someone has a medical marijuana card. **SB 2228 treats the possession of 10 grams of marijuana, (approximately 25 "joints"), like a speeding ticket.** The person receives a citation, pays a fine of \$100 to \$200 and pleads guilty. There is no age limit--middle school or high school age and up could possess marijuana. **More people will use and deliver marijuana if the penalties are reduced.**

**Any mind-altering substance impacts driving.** While nearly 80 per cent of us believe alcohol impairs drivers, only 30 per cent believe pot causes impairment. Yet like alcohol, **pot affects brain functions required for safe driving (judgment, attention, vision, reaction time, motor coordination), rendering pot-impaired drivers less able to adapt to sudden changes while driving.** [Read more](#)

More than 100 people died in traffic crashes involving marijuana in 2014. With full implementation of the Medical Marijuana program, it is expected the number of fatalities will increase. Those numbers could increase even more if SB 2228 becomes law.

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

**Call your [State Representative](#) at 217-782-2000 (capitol switchboard) and ask him/her to **Vote NO on SB 2228 to safeguard the highways and prevent an increase in marijuana use and abuse.****

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