

Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems

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Marijuana Alert
SB 2228 to Decriminalize Marijuana



Sen. Heather Steans, sponsor of SB 2228 said the Rauner administration has assured her he will sign the bill but is waiting until next month to give law enforcement time to prepare for its implementation, according to the *Daily Herald*.

Greg Sullivan, the executive director of the Illinois Sheriff's Association, said the bill doesn't differentiate between minors and adults who are caught with small amounts of pot, and that the new approach may not bring proper attention to problem use by minors, the Daily Herald reported. [Read more](#)

Reducing penalties and allowing people to drive after using marijuana sends the wrong message that marijuana is harmless.

[Read about](#) a recent car crash involving marijuana DUI in Illinois. If the governor signs SB 2228 to decriminalize marijuana, there will probably be more car crashes and fatalities involving marijuana.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. [Contact](#) Gov. Rauner and ask him to **VETO SB 2228** to safeguard children and public safety. Share the information below on how children are harmed and targeted by a marijuana group. **Call 217-782-6830 or 312-814-2121.**
2. Share this information with your faith community.
3. Forward to 10 others.

Study Finds Sharp Increase in Marijuana Exposure Among Colorado Children [Read](#)

New Game App Normalizes Marijuana Industry for Children

Hemp Inc., a free download, looks like a children's game and teaches users to maneuver around the law to create their own marijuana empire.

"**The goal of the game right now is to grow weed, sell weed, and improve your standing in the community so you can help decriminalize cannabis** within our virtual world," said Danny Hammett, of HKA Digital Studios. [Read more](#)

More about the app - The game plays like "The Sims". **[Users are encouraged to sign a petition from NORML.](#)** They can interact with cannabis celebrities from marijuana magazine High Times. And soon, Hammett says they'll be able to listen to a live stream from Scottsdale-based CannabisRadio.com as they play." [Read more](#)

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