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Marijuana Action Alert Push to Legalize Marijuana in Illinois



Sen. Heather Steans and Rep. Kelly Cassidy will change the legislation they introduced in March to legalize marijuana (SB 316 and HB 2353). "The bills were not brought to a vote before the end of the regular legislative session in June -- by design, to give the lawmakers time to gather feedback on the measure, Steans said."

The push to solve the state's budget crisis by legalizing and taxing marijuana will continue in January, with revenue earmarked for public schools and substance abuse prevention and treatment. [Read more](#)

Legal cannabis laws impact teen use

Science Daily reports a new study by researchers at Dartmouth has found that adolescents living in medical marijuana states with a plethora of dispensaries are more likely to have tried new methods of cannabis use, such as edibles and vaping, at a younger age than those living in states with fewer dispensaries.

... As cannabis legalization rapidly evolves, in both medical and recreational usage, **understanding the laws' effect on young people is crucial because this group is particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of marijuana and possesses an inherent elevated risk of developing a cannabis disorder.** [Read more](#)

Marijuana and Vulnerability to Psychosis

Going from an occasional user of marijuana to a weekly or daily user increases an adolescent's risk of having recurrent psychotic-like experiences by 159%, according to a new Canadian study published today in the *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*. [Read more](#)

Legal marijuana sells out quickly in Nevada

Less than two weeks after sales of recreational marijuana kicked off in Nevada, stores are running out of pot to sell, according to the state Department of Taxation. A spokesman for the department said "a collapsed marijuana market has far-reaching consequences", as marijuana revenue generates funds for public education. Read more: https://www.aol.com/article/news/2017/07/10/nevada-sold-out-of-legal-marijuana-so-quickly-the-governor-want/23024226/?target_url=https://www.aol.com/article/news/2017/07/10/nevada-sold-out-of-legal-marijuana-so-quickly-the-governor-want/23024226/

Marijuana and Other Drugs: A Link We Can't Ignore

MORE THAN FOUR in 10 people who ever use marijuana will go on to use other illicit drugs, per a large, nationally representative sample of U.S. adults.(1) The CDC also says that marijuana users are three times more likely to become addicted to heroin.(2) [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Contact your State [Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to oppose the legalization of marijuana. Tell them of your concerns and share this Alert with them.
2. [Contact](#) Gov. Rauner and ask him to oppose the legalization of marijuana. Legalizing another mind-altering drug will cause more harm and costs for residents and the State. **Call 217-782-6830 or 312-814-2121.**
3. Share this information with your faith community.
4. Forward to 10 others.

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