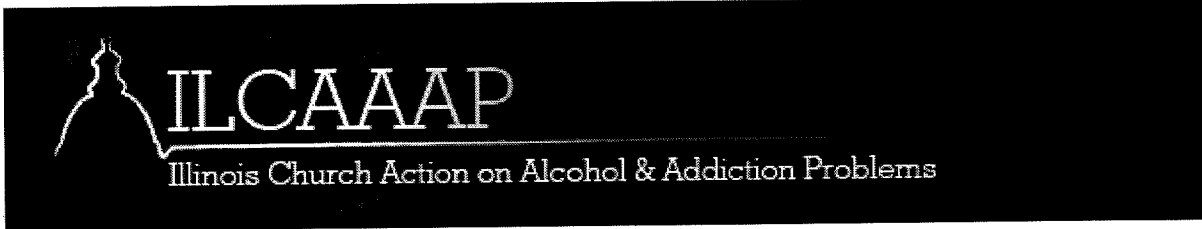


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Marijuana Alert - November 2, 2017

IMPORTANT: Legislative Hearing Nov. 28



The sponsors of identical bills to legalize marijuana for "recreational" purposes (SB 316/HB 2353) are Sen. Heather Steams, Chairperson of the Senate Appropriation 1 Committee, and Rep. Kelly Cassidy, Chairperson of the House Appropriations-Public Safety Committee. These committees held two hearings on the marijuana bills this summer.

A Joint Legislative Committee Subject Matter hearing on Economic Development and the Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28 in Chicago. **Five Legislative Committees will participate in this hearing:**

Senate Appropriation 1

Senate Commerce and Economic Development,

House Appropriations-Public Safety

House Economic Opportunity,

House Tourism, Hospitality, and Craft Industries Committees

Reasons to oppose taxing and regulating marijuana like alcohol:

Alcohol causes more problems than all illegal drugs combined. One reason people use or abuse alcohol is because it is legal, acceptable, and easily accessible.

One in 8 American adults (12.75) meets the diagnostic criteria for alcoholism; and nearly 1 in 4 adults younger than 30 meet the criteria for alcoholism.

88,000 people die each year from alcohol-related causes-more than twice the annual death rate of opiate overdoses.

The cost to society for alcohol-related problems was \$249 Billion a year in 2010, and the cost could be even higher today.

Regulation has not stopped underage youth from obtaining and using alcohol. Excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year. The cost of underage drinking in Illinois is \$2.16 million a year.

What has happened in other states that legalized marijuana for "recreational" use and taxes?

Increases in drugged driving crashes, homelessness, poison control calls and emergency room visits related to marijuana.

These states failed to shore up their budget shortfalls with marijuana taxes and continue to see a thriving illegal black market in marijuana, according to a recent report by SAM.

For Immediate Action

The Joint Hearing on Nov. 28 is at 10:00 a.m. in Room C-600, 6th floor of Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle in Chicago. Mark your calendars and attend the public hearing if you can.

1. Click on the committee links above to see if your Legislators are included. **Contact** your State Representative and Senator to share your concerns, and ask them to oppose the legalization of marijuana (SB 316 and HB 2353).
2. **Contact Governor Rauner** to voice your concerns and ask him to oppose the legalization of "recreational" marijuana. Phone: 217-782-6830
3. **Share** this Alert with your faith community and ask them to PRAY and CALL.
4. **Forward** to 10 others.

FDA warns companies marketing unproven products, derived from marijuana, that claim to treat or cure cancer

Unlike drugs approved by the FDA, the manufacture of these products has not been subject to FDA review as part of the drug approval process and there has been no FDA evaluation of whether they work, what the proper dosage is, how they could interact with other drugs, or whether they have dangerous side effects or other safety concerns.

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