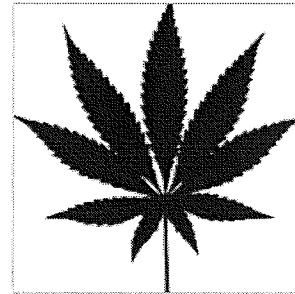


Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems

July 1, 2016 Marijuana Action Alert

Program Director Resigns - Gov Signs SB 10 into Law



Earlier this week, a Cook County **judge ordered the state to add post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of conditions that qualify for medical marijuana.** [Read more](#)

The governor signed SB 10 into law on June 30th, and extended the "pilot" medical marijuana program until 2020.. The bill added PTSD and terminal illness to the list of qualifying conditions and will also make it easier for people to get a medical marijuana card, as a "recommendation" is no longer required from a physician. Marijuana is the most used illicit drugs in the United States, according to [SAMHSA](#).

Director of medical marijuana program resigns to seek other opportunities, possibly in the medical cannabis industry

If Joseph Wright, 32, lands a job in the medical marijuana industry, he will be following in the footsteps of the first director Bob Morgan. Morgan now advises clients in the marijuana industry, writes "Pot Czar Blog," and is president of the Illinois Cannabis Bar Association, according to the Associated Press. [Read more](#)

SB 2228 to decriminalize marijuana was sent to the Governor on June 16th. The Governor has 60 days to sign or Veto the bill. **SB 2228 reduces penalties for possession of marijuana and changes zero tolerance driving laws for marijuana.**

SB 2228 reduces the penalty for possession of **10 grams of cannabis, (approximately 25 "joints") to a fine of \$100 to \$200.** In 2014, about 13% of the driving fatalities involved marijuana high drivers. **It is expected that the percentages will rise to 15.6% and increase the yearly number of fatalities to about 133,** according to a report, *The Involvement of Marijuana Drivers in Illinois Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes*.

New research has established a link between cannabis and psychosis among young people. Youths who are especially at risk are those with a family history of mental illness, or who have suffered sexual or physical abuse. "When people start smoking before the age of 16, there is a higher risk of having a psychotic experience. We know that early use is dangerous," said Dr. Romina Mizrahi, a psychiatrist and director of the Focus on Youth Psychosis Prevention Clinic at CAMH. "The brain continues to develop until the age of 25." [Read more](#)

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Contact the [Governor](#) the Governor and ask him to **VETO SB 2228 to decriminalize marijuana.** Call 217-782-6830 or 312-814-2121.

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